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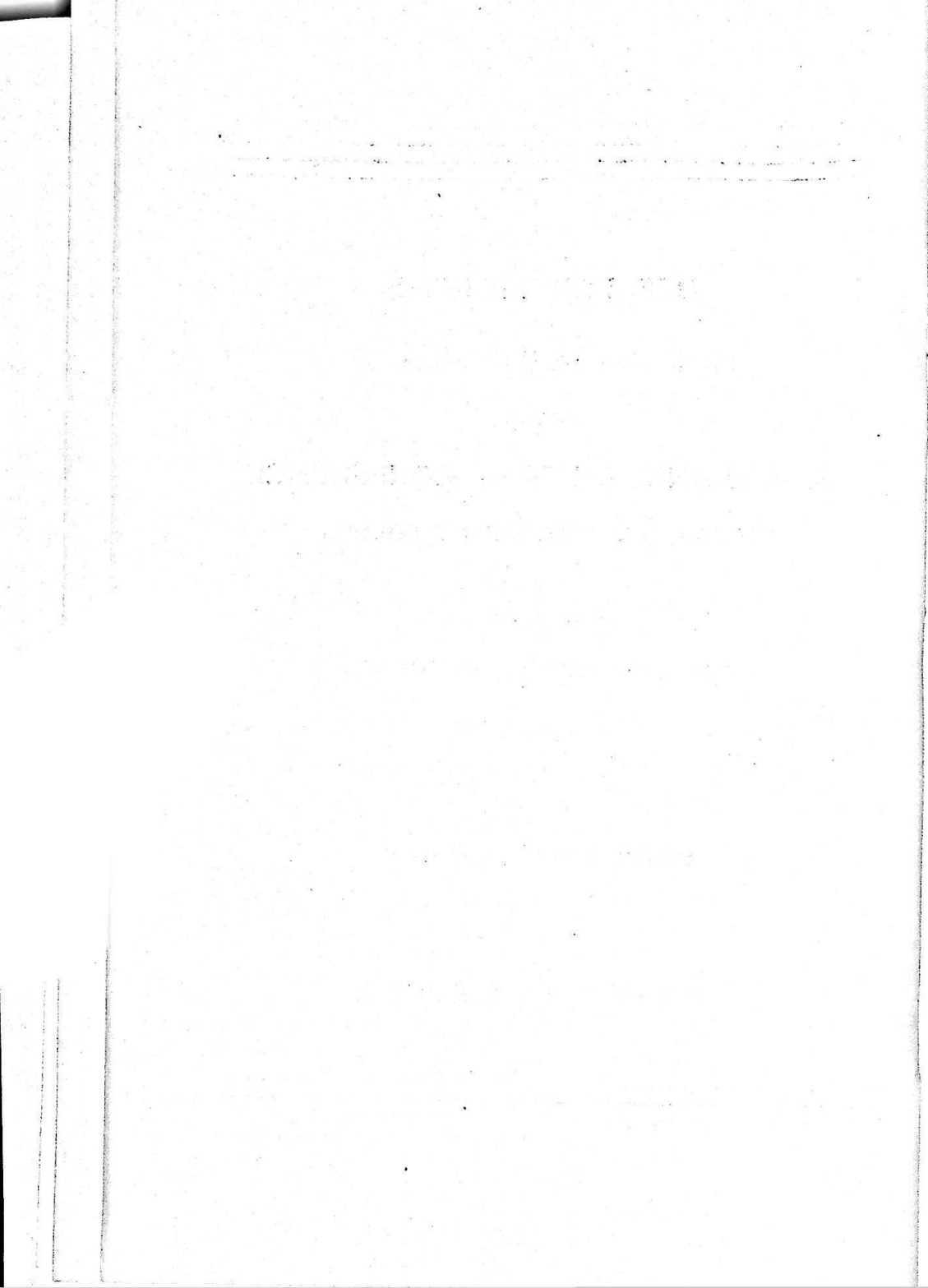
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176	W. M. Strayer.....	1858 1860	380	F. A. Holland.....	1896 1897
194	J. W. Gray	1861 1863	381	E. D. Stone.....	1896 1898
248	J. G. Sullivan	1871|1873	382	G. H. Stocksdale.....	1896|1899
252	F. T. Little	1872|1873	387	W. A. Melvin.....	1897|1898
255	T. O. Crouse	1872|1874	388	E. T. Read.....	1897|1899
260	G. F. Farring	1873|1876	389	J. L. Ward.....	1897|1899
261	F. H. Mullineaux	1873|1876	394	B. F. Ruley.....	1899|1900
265	G. Q. Bacchus	1874|1877	396	T. R. Woodford	1899|1900
270	J. M. Sheridan	1875|1877	397	G. E. Brown	1899|1904
277	T. H. Lewis	1876|1876	400	F. J. Phillips.....	1900|1903
278	J. W. Trout	1876|1879	403	E. H. Jones.....	1900|1905
285	D. W. Anstine	1879|1882	405	J. H. Straughn.....	1901|1903
289	J. L. Elderdice	1880|1883	406	C. R. Strausburg.....	1901|1904
294	J. W. Balderston	1881|1883	409	P. W. Crosby.....	1903|1904
297	J. M. Gill	1882|1885	411	G. J. Hooker.....	1903|1904
299	S. F. Cassen	1883|1886	413	Clayborne Phillips.....	1903|1905
308	J. W. Kirk	1885|1886	415	R. L. Shipley.....	1903|1905
309	B. W. Kindley.....	1885|1887	416	B. A. Bryan.....	1904|1906
310	H. L. Elderdice	1885|1885	417	G. I. Humphreys.....	1904|1906
312	F. T. Benson	1886|1887	421	F. M. Clift.....	1904|1906
315	J. F. Wooden	1886|1889	423	J. T. Bailey	1905|1907
321	G. W. Haddaway.....	1888|1890	424	N. C. Clough	1905|1907
324	H. W. D. Johnson.....	1888|1891	425	Carroll Maddox	1905|1908
338	L. F. Warner.....	1891|1893	426	W. P. Roberts	1905|1907
339	J. W. Parris.....	1891|1891	428	C. M. Elderdice.....	1906|1907
340	Avery Donovan	1891|1892	429	W. L. Hoffman.....	1906|1908
341	S. W. Coe	1891|Tr.	432	L. B. Smith.....	1906|1907
342	Dorsey Blake	1892|1893	434	W. S. Hanks	1906|Tr.
343	L. A. Bennett	1892|1892	436	E. L. Bunce.....	1907|1907
344	C. M. Cullum.....	1892|1893	437	H. B. Jester	1907|1909
345	G. R. Donaldson.....	1892|1895	438	P. L. Rice.....	1907|1909
347	A. H. Green	1892|1894	439	F. D. Reynolds.....	1907|Tr.
350	C. K. McCaslin.....	1892|1893	440	G. A. Ogg.....	1907|Tr.
352	Louis Randall	1892|1894	441	E. A. Sexsmith.....	1907|Tr.
354	J. A. Wright.....	1892|1892	442	J. L. Nichols.....	1908|Tr.
355	G. M. Clayton.....	1893|1896	447	M. E. Hungerford.....	1909|1911
356	J. McLain Brown.....	1893|1894	448	J. R. Wright	1909|1911
357	George Hines	1893|1896	457	V. A. Miller.....	1911|1913
358	W. B. Judefind.....	1893|1896	459	R. Y. Nicholson.....	1911|1912
359	E. C. Makosky.....	1893|1895	461	W. C. Mumford.....	1911|1912
363	A. S. Beane.....	1893|1891	462	C. M. Adams.....	1912|1914
364	G. J. Hill	1894|1894	463	W. F. Bauscher.....	1912|1913
365	W. H. Litsinger.....	1894|1896	464	J. A. Dudley.....	1912|1912
369	F. S. Cain.....	1895|1898	465	A. W. Ewell.....	1912|1913
370	H. L. Schlincke.....	1895|1897	466	E. W. Sinums.....	1912|1913
371	C. E. Dryden.....	1895|1897	467	W. F. Wright.....	1912|1914
372	H. O. Keen	1895|1898	468	Ziba Adams	1913|Tr.
373	G. A. Morris.....	1895|1898	471	C. C. Day.....	1913|1914
376	A. N. Ward.....	1895|1897	472	W. M. Snyder.....	1913|1914
378	J. F. Bryan.....	1896 1897	473	T. C. Jones.....	1914 Tr.
379	N. O. Gibson	1896 1898	474	J. N. Link.....	1914 1916

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478	I. S. Owens.....	1915	1917	528	M. E. Dearholt.....	1922	1922
480	E. T. Kirkley.....	1915	1916	529	Thomas Turkington. ..	1922	1922
481	J. P. Adams.....	1916	1917	530	J. L. Marker.....	1922	1922
483	J. P. George.....	1916	1918	531	T. G. Betschler.....	1922	1922
491	J. H. Lynch.....	1917	1919	532	T. C. Mulligan.....	1922	1922
493	C. H. Dobson.....	1917	1919	533	A. W. Simms.....	1922	1922
494	H. L. Murphy.....	1917	1919	534	O. G. Brewer.....	1922	1922
495	L. E. Haddaway.....	1917	1919	536	G. W. Ports.....	1922	1922
496	A. F. T. Raum.....	1917	1919	537	P. M. Cassen.....	1923	1923
497	P. M. R. Schauer.....	1917	1918	538	L. C. Randall.....	1923	1923
498	Gilbert S. Ross.....	1918	1918	539	J. G. Trader.....	1923	1923
500	L. W. Gordon.....	1918	Tr.	540	H. A. Kester.....	1923	Tr.
501	G. E. McDorman.....	1919	1919	541	Wm. Schmeiser	1923	1926
502	J. W. Townsend.....	1919	1919	542	F. B. Bailey.....	1923	1924
503	R. W. White.....	1919	1919	543	W. B. Sanders.....	1924	Tr.
504	K. H. Wareheim.....	1919	1919	544	C. B. Robey.....	1925	1925
506	J. R. McKeawn.....	1919	1919	545	R. W. Sapp.....	1925	1925
507	G. E. Leister.....	1919	1919	546	C. L. Dawson.....	1925	1926
508	J. Leas Green.....	1919	1919	547	J. G. Eaton.....	1926	1926
509	J. W. Baxley.....	1919	1919	548	E. E. Coleman	1926	1926
511	F. K. McCorkle.....	1919	1920	549	W. A. Donaway.....	1926	1926
513	E. C. Graham.....	1920	Tr.	550	Edwin Keehner	1926	1926
515	G. E. Turner.....	1920	1920	551	D. F. Galloway.....	1926	
516	F. M. Volk.....	1920	1920	552	C. F. Cummins.....	1926	1926
519	C. P. Butler.....	1920	Tr.	553	G. E. Wunder	1927	1927
518	C. M. Jenkins.....	1920		554	H. C. Burkins.....	1927	1927
520	J. Earl Cummings.....	1921	1921	555	H. E. Hudgins.....	1927	1927
521	J. Tracey Fenby.....	1921	1921	556	D. K. Sturgis.....	1927	1927
522	W. H. Hodges.....	1921	Tr.	557	H. G. Hager.....	1927	1927
523	F. G. Holloway.....	1921	1921	558	J. G. Lynn.....	1927	1927
524	C. M. Kelser.....	1921	1921	589	Stephen Galley.....	1927	1927
525	Paul F. Warner.....	1921	1921	590	J. C. Russell.....	1927	Tr.
526	Robert Browne	1922	1924				

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SPECIAL DAYS

Second Sunday in October, "Rally Day."

Second Sunday in December, "Men for the Ministry Sunday."

First two weeks in March, Campaign for the "Methodist Protestant."

CONFERENCE EXAMINERS AND EXAMINATIONS

1. Beginning with the Conference of 1923 the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders shall consist of a chairman and four other ministers; the chairman to be appointed for a four year's term and the other ministers annually by the President of the Conference and announced at least three months preceding the meeting of Conference.

2. In announcing the appointment of the four ministers as members of this Committee, the President shall designate one of them to examine applicants for admission into the Itinerancy on the English Bible; one on Christian graces and gifts for the ministry; one on Systematic Theology; and one on the Law and Usages of the Methodist Protestant Church. The result of these examinations shall be considered by the whole Committee and reported to the Conference with a recommendation in each case. No person shall be considered by the Conference for admission into the Itinerancy until he has been subjected to this examination, irrespective of previous educational training or ministerial standing, and has been recommended by this Committee.

3. The four ministers designated as Examiners shall continue to serve for the First, Second and Third Year classes successively, accompanying the same class through the entire course. During this period they shall not be eligible for appointment as members of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders. The Examiners of each class shall join in a report to the Conference annually of the results of their examinations, and their report shall, after adoption by the Conference, be sent to the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders. After the Examiners have reported on the Third Year class their office shall terminate. In case of a vacancy prior to the termination of the period the President shall fill it with a new appointment.

4. The Examiners of each class may arrange by mutual agreement the assignment of the studies to the Examiners, except in the Preparatory Course. They shall also assign one of the books of the course to be examined during the first week of July, October, January and at Conference respectively. These assignments shall be announced in their report to Conference.

The Course of Study for each year shall be as follows:

PREPARATORY COURSE

(a) The English Bible-New Testament, with the contents of which the applicant will be expected to show a familiarity that will justify his employment in the ministry.

(b) Christian graces and gifts for the ministry, which will be an

examination of the applicant's experience. The applicant will also be expected to present and read to this examiner an original sermon, a selection from our Psalter and a hymn.

(c) Tillett's "Personal Salvation."

(d) Lewis' Hand book. The Discipline of the Methodist Protestant Church, including the preface. The applicant must show that he has studied these books and that he is especially familiar with our ministerial functions and procedure.

All persons applying for admission into the Conference will write to the President of the Conference for official blanks, on which application should be made. All persons seeking license to administer the ordinances must have recommendation from Quarterly Conference and must personally appear before the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

First year.

E. D. Stone (a) Drinkhouse's "History of Methodist Reform." Vol. 1, chapters I, III, X, XVI, XVII, XXI. Vol. 2, chapters, II, IV, IX, XV, XXVII, XXXV.

L. B. Smith (b) Lewis' Divine Credentials.

H. L. Elderdice (c) Lewis' "The minister and His Own Soul" and Elderdice's "The Preachers' Problems."

J. M. Sheridan (d) Curtis' "Christian Faith." 1-180.

(e) An examination before the four examiners in the English Bible—the Historical Books of the Old Testament. (Genesis to Second Chronicles) The examination shall be conducted by the examiner who was assigned to (b) in the Preparatory Course, but any examiner may participate.

Students—

Second Year.

C. M. Elderdice (a) Curtis' "Christian Faith." 180-344.

A. W. Ewell (b) Fisher's "History of the Christian Church." 1-286.

C. C. Day (c) Broadus' "Preparation and Delivery of Sermons."

R. Y. Nicholson (d) Gladden's "Christian Pastor."

(e) An examination before the four Examiners in the English Bible—the books from Ezra to Ecclesiastes. The examination shall be conducted by the Examiner who was assigned to (c) in the Preparatory Course, but any examiner may participate.

Students—C. F. Cummins, D. F. Galloway.

Third Year

N. O. Gobson (a) Curtis' "Christian Faith." 347 to end of book.

W. B. Judefind (b) Fisher's "History of the Christian Church." 286 to end.

W. H. Hodges (c) Calkin's "Historical Geography of the Bible."

J. F. Bryan (d) Squire's "Parish Program of Religious Education."

(e) An examination before the four examiners in the English Bible—the Prophetical Book—Isaiah to Malachi. The examination shall be conducted by the examiner who was assigned to (d) in the Preparatory Course, but any examiner may participate. The student must also present

and read to these examiners an original sermon.

Students—Leon A. Smith, Miss Grace G. Jones.

Third Year (Old Course).

H. L. Elderdice—Curtis Theology, Vol. I. Last Half. A written sermon submitted by January 1st.

J. W. Trout—Lewis' "Divine Credentials."

B. W. Kindley—The following books are to be read and a written syllabus presented.

Miller's "Christian Ministry," submitted November 1st.

Buckey's "Theory and Practice of Extemporaneous Preaching," submitted February 1st.

Students—H. L. Murphy (C. M. Jenkins).

Correct answers to two-thirds of the questions asked will be required to pass a candidate either for reception on trial or into any class of the course or for orders. All students receiving 100 will be so reported to the Conference.

All who are placed in the hands of the President are to understand that this action must not be necessarily construed as giving encouragement to the hope of a future reception into the conference.

Students who fail to meet the requirements of their year's class regarding the submission of sermons and the attainment of the necessary percentage in studies shall not be advanced to ordination or passed through the course.

J. M. GILL, Chairman.

Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

JOURNAL

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY

Baltimore, Maryland, April 6, 1927.

The Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church opened its 99th session in Starr Methodist Protestant Church, Baltimore, Maryland, on the above date at 9 A. M. E. C. Makosky, President, called the Conference to order and conducted the devotional services. Hymn No. 152—"We may not climb the heavenly steps" was sung. I Peter 1:3-25 was read by the President, and prayer was made by H. L. Elderdice.

The roll of the Conference was called by the Secretary, and on motion the names of W. N. Sherwood, A. W. Mather, F. C. Klein, C. P. Nowlin were transferred to the Memorial Roll.

J. H. Straughn made a statement relative to his visit to A. N. Ward. Dr. Ward sent, through Dr. Straughn, his love to the Conference. It was moved and adopted that a committee be appointed to visit Dr. Ward. The President appointed as a committee—J. H. Straughn, W. H. Litsinger and J. P. Wantz.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was read and adopted.

The Memorial Roll was called by T. O. Crouse. Obituaries for W. N. Sherwood, A. W. Mather, F. C. Klein, C. P. Nowlin and W. S. Simms were read respectively by L. B. Smith, J. H. Straughn, H. L. Elderdice, George Hines and G. W. Haddaway.

T. O. Crouse moved that the obituary of W. S. Simms be published in the Minutes. It was carried.

Conference then recessed for five minutes.

Conference again convened. Hymn No. 61—"Lord with glowing heart I'd praise Thee" was then sung; prayer was offered by Louis Randall, and G. W. Clayton read II Cor. 5:14-21; 6:1-10. The Conference Sermon was preached by George Hines, his theme being "The Paradox of the Cross". Hymn No. 343—"O could I speak the matchless worth" was sung, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the President, assisted by F. T. Little, T. O. Crouse, G. Q. Bacchus, J. McLain Brown, J. L. Elderdice, S. W. Coe, G. F. Farring and S. F. Cassen.

Benediction by J. W. Trout.

AFTERNOON

The President called Conference to order at 2 P. M. J. W. Gray was called to the chair and the President read his Annual Report (Report A). At the conclusion of its reading, his character was passed.

President read the list of Standing Committees.

Report of Program Committee (Report Q) was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Full-time Conference Treasurer (Report BB) was read. In view of the death of our Treasurer, C. P. Nowlin, and it being necessary at this time to elect a Treasurer, the following recommendations were made:

1. That we defer the election of a full-time Treasurer until financial conditions can be met.
2. That until provision can be made for the employment of a full-time Treasurer, the office be combined with that of the Superintendent of Church Extension, or that the present plan be continued.
3. Recommending the discharge of the Committee.

Motion was made to strike out Article 2 so as to read "the present plan be continued". J. H. Straughn, G. W. Haddaway, J. L. Nichols, J. M. Gill, E. B. Fenby and J. M. Sheridan spoke. A substitute was offered by G. I. Humphreys that "the report be deferred for one year". It was adopted.

Rev. A. G. Dixon, President of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and Rev. F. L. Brown, of the Ohio Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

J. F. Bryan informed the Conference that by telegram he had been told that the liquor bill to repeal the Loose and Clair laws had been killed 26—6. This refers to the state of Delaware.

On motion the bar of the Conference was fixed at and including the first six pews. Adopted.

The order of the day having come,—the election of officers—the President appointed the following tellers on election of President: J. L. Nichols, J. N. Link, T. D. Bowers, W. G. Monroe. The result of the ballot was as follows: number of ballots cast 192—necessary to a choice 97; E. C. Makosky 165—R. L. Shipley 13—L. B. Smith 4—J. H. Straughn 3—W. H. Litsinger 2—J. F. Bryan 1—G. I. Humphreys 1—R. Y. Nicholson 1—P. W. Crosby 1—C. E. Dryden 1. E. C. Makosky was re-elected, and in a few well chosen words accepted the office.

The election of Secretary was then the order of the day. R. L. Shipley, the present Secretary, asked that his name be not considered. On motion the Assistant Secretary cast the ballot for E. L. Bunce for Secretary. It was adopted.

H. L. Elderdice nominated for Treasurer of the Conference J. P. Wantz. W. G. Monroe nominated Chas. F. Cummins for Treasurer of the Conference. On motion the nominations were closed. The ballots were cast for Treasurer, and the result was as follows: ballots cast 183—necessary to a choice 92. C. F. Cummins received 134; J. P. Wantz received 49. C. F. Cummins was declared elected Treasurer.

On motion the Secretary cast the ballot for R. W. White as Conference Steward. Adopted. He named as his assistants Wm. Schmeiser and J. G. Eaton.

The Treasurer named as his assistant Guy Leister.

The ballot was taken for Standing District Committee, and the tellers were permitted to retire and count the ballots.

The President appointed the following tellers for Committee on Appeals: B. F. Ruley, G. A. Morris, Lee Johnson and Jesse Thompson. The ballot was taken and the tellers permitted to retire and count the ballots.

Secretary called the roll of Pastors for the depositing of their reports. The roll of Charges for communications was called.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by G. Q. Bacchus.

EVENING

Conference session with emphasis on Denominational Fraternity. The President of the Conference presided. Rev. J. C. Broomfield, D. D., President of the Pittsburgh Annual Conference, made an address on the theme "Apprehending Our Task".

Rev. J. H. Straughn, D. D., Conference Group-Leader, gave a Pictorial Survey, showing in pictures many of the churches and conditions that exist in the South.

The benediction was pronounced by P. W. Crosby.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY

Conference opened at 9:30 A. M. with President Makosky presiding. The Minutes were read and adopted.

L. A. Bennett was reported ill, and a committee of three appointed to visit him.

J. W. Kirk and J. W. Townsend were excused that they might attend funerals.

J. R. McKeawn and G. S. Ross were appointed to collect dues for Westminster Theological Seminary.

J. M. Sheridan moved that a committee be appointed to wait on H. K. Muller in his illness.

The Secretary called the roll of Charges for Communications.

Partial Report of the Secretary (Report B) was read concerning date of Conference. G. I. Humphreys spoke and made a motion that Rule 1—Organization of Conference, be revised so as to read—"Conference shall convene on the second Wednesday in September". Those who spoke on the subject were G. W. Haddaway, C. C. Day, J. P. Dodge, J. L. Nichols, R. L. Shipley, L. B. Smith, E. A. Sexsmith, J. W. Baxley, J. A. Dudley, Colvin Randall, C. M. Elderdice, J. W. Kirk. C. M. Elderdice moved that the subject be referred to the Quarterly Conferences. It was seconded by J. W. Kirk. F. W. Whitaker spoke relative to the amendment, also C. H. Dobson, C. C. Day, J. H. Straughn, J. H. Lynch. The amendment was lost. Question was called for and the original motion prevailed.

The order of the day having come, E. T. Read led the devotionals—theme, "Prayer for the World-Wide Advancement of the Kingdom of God."

Resolution (1) by B. F. Ruley that George Hines submit his Conference sermon for publication in the minutes. It was adopted.

T. H. Lewis, President of the General Conference, addressed the Conference. He outlined the plan of a Centennial offering under the direction of J. H. Straughn; he taught the Conference the five words of the new effort—Methodist Protestant Centennial Gratitude Gift. He asked for action on the program. A Resolution (Resolution 2) signed by J. M. Gill and E. L. Bunce was offered endorsing the program. J. M. Gill spoke. H. L. Elderdice moved to adopt the resolution by a rising vote. The resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote. Dr. Lewis made a statement relative to the contributions for the Southern work.

The order of the day for 2:30 P. M. was for subscriptions to the Southern work.

The benediction was pronounced by J. L. Ward.

AFTERNOON

Conference convened at 2 P. M. with President presiding.

Report of tellers of Standing District Committee was made showing the election of L. F. Warner, F. T. Little, J. M. Sheridan, J. H. Baker, T. P. Fisher and T. A. Murray.

Letter was received from D. W. Anstine expressing his regret at not being present, but on account of his wife's illness he could not attend. The Secretary was asked to reply to this letter.

A letter of greeting from C. M. Compher was also read, and the Secretary asked to reply.

Letters were also received from Wilbur M. Snyder, J. R. Wright, T. R. Woodford, Paul F. Warner, Paul M. Cassen, W. P. Roberts and W. L. Hoffman. The letters were referred to the Committee on Official Relations. It was moved and adopted that a letter be sent to Dr. Orrin of Seattle expressing our appreciation of his work. J. H. Straughn moved that a letter be sent to Paul Warner in response to his splendid letter.

Mr. Ira Champion, Assistant to Wayne B. Wheeler of the Anti-Saloon League, and Mr. Bookmeyer, of the Pocket Testament League, were introduced to the Conference.

T. H. Lewis, President of the General Conference, spoke to the Conference about the Group Leader for the Southern Conferences, explaining that Dr. Straughn had been asked by the Centennial Committee of the General Conference to divide his time between the Southern work and the raising of funds for the Centennial. A subscription was then taken for the work, amount to be published later.

In view of the change of date of Conference from April to September, it will be necessary to elect delegates to the General Conference at this session. It will be done on Friday at 2 P. M.

S. F. Cassen who has served this Conference faithfully and well, asked through W. H. Litsinger, that he be placed on the Superannuate List. On motion his request was received and referred to the Committee on Superannuates.

Resolution (3) that whereas the service of W. S. Simms was unusual in length of time and faithfulness in service, be it resolved:

1. That the Secretary be instructed to enter his name on the Memorial Roll.
2. That the Committee on Superannuates be instructed to receive the application of Mrs. W. S. Simms for an appropriation, and if it be illegal to use the income from the invested fund, that the appropriation be made from the Conference collections for Superannuates.

On motion the resolution was referred to the Committee on Superannuates.

Report of tellers on Committee of Appeals showed the election of J. M. Gill, J. W. Kirk, J. H. Straughn, W. O. Atwood, W. E. Cain and W. G. Monroe.

Letter from J. S. Eddins, President of the Alabama Conference, was read expressing his appreciation of the splendid work done by J. H. Straughn. The Secretary was asked to reply to the letter.

Resolution (4) by G. I. Humphreys was:

RESOLVED, That Rule 1, Section 1, of the Manual, entitled "Organization of Conference," be and the same hereby is amended to read: "Conference shall convene in annual session on the second Wednesday in September. (The first date for annual session under this rule being Wednesday, September 14, 1928.) The current Conference year shall end on Monday following the first Sunday of September." Adopted.

The Chairman of the Board of Finance asked that the Board have the privilege of inserting in the Minutes the amount of per cent asked for each interest of the General Conference, instead of the figures as now published. It was adopted.

A resolution by Louis Randall relative to changing Regulation 20—Plan of Conference Entertainment—was read. G. I. Humphreys, G. W. Haddaway, L. B. Smith, C. C. Day, R. L. Shipley, J. A. Dudley, B. A. Bryan and W. H. Litsinger spoke on the resolution. On motion the resolution was lost.

Mr. Bookmeyer, of the Pocket Testament League, was given the privilege of addressing the Conference.

Report of Examiner J. L. Ward showed that J. G. Lynn had passed his examination in Fisher's Church History. E. T. Read, examiner, reported that J. G. Lynn had received 100 in Curtis' Theology.

E. L. Bunce, who was elected Secretary, resigned on account of the pressing demands on his time and strength in a new building enterprise on his charge. Resignation was accepted.

On motion the Assistant Secretary was asked to cast the ballot for G. J. Hooker for Secretary.

Invitations for the next session of the Conference to be held in their churches were read from Lynchburg M. P. Church, First Church, Milford, Delaware, and Rhode Island Avenue Church in Washington, D. C. According to rule these invitations will lie on the table for twenty-four hours.

J. L. Nichols, who served several years ago, had to leave the Conference and go South because of illness in his family. His name is now recorded as having come to the Maryland Conference by transfer. He

asked that a true status of his case be made. On motion the case was referred to the Committee on Official Relations.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by G. E. Brown.

EVENING

Conference session was held at 8 P. M. in the interest of Evangelism. G. W. Haddaway presided. The Committee on Evangelism not being ready to report, a hymn was sung and prayer was offered by W. B. Judefind.

Dr. Haddaway then introduced Rev. John W. Langdale, D. D., Superintendent Brooklyn, N. Y. District, M. E. Church, who made a wonderful address on the subject of Evangelism.

Service closed with the benediction by Dr. Langdale.

THIRD DAY, FRIDAY

Conference opened at 9:30 A. M. with the President in the chair. The Minutes were read and adopted. The Secretary called the roll of those who had not previously answered to their names.

Report of the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference was read and adopted. The names of those whose terms expire at this session were read.

On motion the Secretary cast the vote of the Conference for the re-election of L. F. Warner, E. C. Makosky, J. P. Dodge, T. W. Donohoe for Trustees of the Conference.

J. Franklin Bryan, Examiner, reported that Miss Grace G. Jones made 100% in "Christian Pastor," and has passed to the third year.

G. Ernest Wunder reported that he had collected \$40.50 for the Janitor. Report was adopted, and the amount ordered paid to the Pastor of Conference Church.

The President called G. I. Humphreys to the chair.

Report of the Committee on Missions (Report N) was read, and while report was pending, the report of the Home Missionary Society of the Washington and Virginia Branch was read. Mrs. Armstrong, the newly elected President of the Maryland Branch Foreign Missionary Society, and Mrs. Craig, President of the Maryland Branch Home Missionary Society, and Dr. Roberta Fleagle, a relieved Branch Missionary from China, were introduced, and each of them addressed the Conference, after which the report was adopted.

Report of the Committee (Report T) to complete collection of Superannuate Fund Subscriptions was read and the report adopted.

The special report of the Committee on Statistics (See Tables) was read showing a membership of 33,816. The report was adopted.

J. M. Sheridan, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, Lawrence Little, Secretary of the Board of Young People's Work, Frank W. Stephenson, Secretary of the Board of Education, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

Resolution (5) by J. H. Straughn, that on account of the next Conference year running seventeen months that we add 5-12 to our assessments. Adopted.

Drs. Watson, Baldwin and Neal, fraternal messengers from the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, were introduced and each addressed the Conference.

T. H. Lewis, President of the General Conference, responded to the addresses.

Report of the Pulpit Supply Committee was read and approved.
Benediction by J. L. Elderdice.

AFTERNOON

Conference convened at 2:00 P. M. with the President in the chair.

The Conference proceeded to elect representatives to the General Conference.

On motion of G. I. Humphreys, the Secretary cast the unanimous vote of the Conference for T. H. Lewis as delegate to the General Conference.

It was moved and carried that the President appoint six tellers. T. H. Lewis moved that the President appoint two more tellers. Motion carried.

The President appointed as tellers: Louis Randall, E. A. Sexsmith, J. N. Link, B. F. Ruley, W. E. Cain, Russell Smith, J. P. Wantz and C. C. Sanner.

Ballots were distributed by tellers, vote taken, and tellers allowed to retire to count the vote.

Resolution (Res. 6) by J. A. Dudley to amend Regulation 21, Section 2, Part 1, to regulate the distribution of the Budget. It was moved that the Amendment be adopted. Motion carried.

A partial report (Report H) of the Committee on Superannuates was read, in which it stated its inability to determine the stand of Mrs. W. S. Simms, and referred the matter back to the Conference.

R. L. Shipley called for a re-reading of the resolution on which the above report was made. After the resolution was read, R. L. Shipley, J. M. Gill, W. B. Judefind and T. H. Lewis spoke on the resolution.

On motion of T. H. Lewis the report was referred back to the Committee.

The report of the Committee on Itinerary and Orders (Report G) was read and taken up by items for action.

1. That G. E. Wunder, H. C. Burkins, H. E. Hudgins, D. K. Sturgis, H. G. Hagar and Stephen Galley, Graduates of the Theological Seminary, be received in the Conference and ordained.

G. E. Wunder—Motion prevailed to receive him.

H. C. Burkins Motion prevailed to receive him.

D. K. Sturgis—Motion prevailed to receive him.

H. G. Hagar—Motion prevailed to receive him.

Stephen Galley—Motion prevailed to receive him.

H. E. Hudgins—Motion prevailed to receive him.

Item one was adopted as a whole.

2. That J. G. Lynn, having passed the Conference course, be received and ordained. Item was adopted.

3. That C. M. Jenkins be given license to administer the ordinances. Item was adopted.

4. That H. L. Murphy be continued in the studies of the third year. T. H. Lewis moved that the Chairman of the Committee interview Brother Murphy and report. J. M. Gill, Chairman of the Committee on Itineracy and Orders, reported that he had interviewed H. L. Murphy, and that he promises to make due preparation of the third year's studies for next Conference.

5. That D. F. Galloway be continued in the second year, and given license to administer the ordinances.

Moved by G. I. Humphreys that item 5 be referred back to the Committee. Carried.

6. That W. D. Wilson, A. W. Betts, C. O. Quillen, C. S. Marshall and Ira M. Dinkel be placed in the hands of the President and given license to administer the ordinances, provided they are given an appointment. Item was adopted.

7. That Miss Grace G. Jones has passed to the third year.

On motion the report as amended was adopted.

J. L. Ward, Chairman of the Committee on Evangelism, read his report. (Report U.) On motion the report was recommitted to the Committee in order that L. B. Smith might make certain suggestions relative to our Centenary celebration.

G. I. Humphreys moved that the next ballot for representatives to the General Conference be taken at ten o'clock Saturday morning. Motion was carried.

J. H. Straughn read a very interesting report of his work among the Southern Conferences. G. I. Humphreys moved that the report be received, and that the Editor of the "*Methodist Protestant*" be requested to print in the paper such portions of the report as Dr. Straughn may desire. Motion was carried.

On motion of G. I. Humphreys, the Conference adjourned.

Benediction by J. F. Wooden.

EVENING

The evening service was presided over by G. W. Haddaway. The emphasis was on Temperance.

Prayer was offered by J. F. Bryan.

Dr. Howard A. Kelly, of Baltimore, in well chosen remarks, introduced the speaker of the evening, Professor Irving Fisher, of Yale University.

Benediction by R. L. Shipley.

FOURTH DAY, SATURDAY

The Conference convened at 9.30 A. M. with the President in the chair. The Minutes were read and approved.

A letter from F. H. Mullineaux was read and referred to the Committee on Official Relations.

H. L. Elderdice moved that the name of Ira M. Dinkle be inserted in the report of the Committee on Itineracy and Orders. Motion carried.

The Conference gave way to a meeting of the Mutual Relief Association.

Conference again resumed session.

The Secretary appointed as his assistants, E. L. Bunce, C. R. Strasburg, J. W. Townsend and E. C. Graham.

L. F. Warner reported for the Chairman, F. T. Little, that the Committee had visited L. A. Bennett during his recent illness and had prayer with him.

C. C. Day, Examiner, reported that C. O. Quillen had passed 100% on Lewis' "The Minister and His Own Soul" and Elderdice's "The Preacher's Problems."

The report (Report H) of the Committee on Superannuates was read and laid on the table for twenty-four hours.

The delegate from Snow Hill Charge was excused from further attendance.

Conference proceeded to consider the invitations for the next session of the Conference. F. W. Whitaker and J. H. Lynch spoke for Lynchburg. J. P. Dodge and R. Y. Nicholson spoke for Rhode Island Avenue, Washington. R. E. Pettijohn and J. F. Bryan spoke for Milford, Delaware.

The President appointed as tellers: N. O. Gibson, W. F. Wright, W. E. Kindley and T. P. Fisher. The result of the ballots were as follows: Lynchburg, 73; Rhode Island Avenue, 62; and Milford, 45.

It was moved by T. H. Lewis and seconded by R. Y. Nicholson, that the invitation of Lynchburg be accepted. Motion carried.

J. F. Bryan moved that the Lynchburg invitation be accepted by unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Tellers reported the following elected as representatives to the General Conference:

Ministers: T. H. Lewis, E. C. Makosky, J. H. Straughn, H. L. Elderdice, L. B. Smith, G. I. Humphreys, G. W. Haddaway, J. M. Gill, L. F. Warner, J. M. Sheridan, E. A. Sexsmith, F. T. Benson, R. L. Shipley.

Laymen: W. O. Atwood, T. P. Fisher, Fred. P. Adkins, J. P. Dodge, F. W. Whitaker, W. E. Cain, T. D. Bowers, J. P. Wantz, W. G. Monroe, W. C. Scott, Roland Watts, J. H. Baker, M. L. Veasey.

Ballots were again distributed for the election of four ministers and four laymen to the General Conference. The tellers retired to count the vote.

The devotional service was led by E. L. Bunce.

On motion the following were received into the Conference by the President of the Conference: G. E. Wunder, H. C. Burkins, H. E. Hudgins, D. K. Sturgis, H. G. Hagar, Stephen Galley and J. G. Lynn.

G. W. Haddaway moved that G. W. Crabbe, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Maryland, and Dr. W. W. Davis, of the Lord's Day Alliance, be given an opportunity to address the Conference at this time. Motion carried.

It was moved that the report of the Committee on Literature and Education be read Monday morning. Carried.

Moved by C. C. Day that the Conference hold a session Saturday afternoon. Motion lost.

Motion to adjourn prevailed.

Benediction by Clayborne Phillips.

FIFTH DAY, SUNDAY

Service opened at 11.00 A. M. Special music was rendered by the choir of the Conference Church.

Hymn No. 159, "O Master It Is Good To Be," was sung.

Prayer was offered by T. H. Lewis, and G. W. Haddaway led in the Responsive Reading.

F. T. Benson read the Scripture Lesson. Hymn No. 158, "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee" was then sung.

The Ordination Sermon was preached by J. W. Kirk. Following the sermon, G. E. Wunder, H. C. Burkins, H. E. Hudgins, D. K. Sturgis, H. G. Hagar and J. G. Lynn were ordained Elders in the Church of Christ. The President was assisted in the service by T. H. Lewis, E. D. Stone, F. T. Benson, G. W. Haddaway, J. W. Kirk and G. J. Hooker, Secretary.

Owing to illness Stephen Galley was unable to be ordained at this service.

The service closed with benediction by the President.

EVENING

The service opened in the Conference Church at 8.00 P. M. The sermon was preached by L. B. Smith, whose theme was "Why Did Jesus Die?"

SIXTH DAY, MONDAY

Conference convened at 9.30 A. M. with the President presiding. Minutes were read and approved.

Letter from H. K. Muller was read, stating his appreciation of the visit of the Committee. T. D. Bowers, for the Chairman, reported their visit to H. K. Muller, stating that a short devotional service was held. Report adopted.

The report of the Committee on President's Report was read (Report A). Report was adopted as a whole.

The committee on Conference Arrangements Report (Report Z) was read and adopted.

The chairman of tellers on election of representatives to General Conference reported no election of ministers and two laymen elected, —laymen, H. C. Staley and F. L. Ball. Ballots for four ministers and two laymen were distributed, collected, and tellers retired to count the ballot.

E. D. Stone offered a resolution (Resolution 7) that the President ordain Stephen Galley as soon after adjournment of Conference as possible. Carried.

T. H. Lewis stated that he believed he had enough money in view to cover the subscription of \$2500.00 to the Southern Work.

T. H. Lewis offered a resolution (Resolution 8) requesting that the Conference call upon some laymen to have the Ordination Sermon printed. Resolution prevailed.

The Report of the Committee on Headquarters Building (Report V) was read and adopted.

It was moved by J. H. Straughn that the Secretary cast the ballot of the Conference for T. W. Donohoe, H. E. Gilbert and the President of the Conference for Managers of Headquarters Building. Carried.

F. T. Little spoke in the interest of the management of Headquarters Building. The President stated that Mr. Charles Reiner had served the Committee of Headquarters Building gratis during the year. J. H. Straughn moved the Conference give Mr. Reiner a rising vote of thanks for his services.

The report of the Committee on Group Life Insurance (Report W) was read, showing that 143 ministers had joined the group, and recommending that \$1500.00 be laid on the Conference District.

G. W. Haddaway moved to amend the above report to include two years' appropriation. Amendment passed.

The report of the Committee as amended was adopted.

The Devotional service was led by R. W. White.

The delegate from Milford, by request, was excused from further attendance.

J. M. Sheridan moved that E. A. Sexsmith be the Conference representative of Group Insurance. Adopted.

Report of Tellers on vote for Representatives to General Conference showed W. H. Litsinger and A. N. Ward, ministers, and Russell Smith and T. A. Murray, laymen, elected to the General Conference.

Ballots for two ministers were distributed, collected, and the tellers read.

Report of Committee on Literature and Education (Report I) was read.

H. L. Elderdice commented on the report, mentioning the splendid work of the faculty. He also spoke of the enlarged sphere of the work of the Seminary.

F. T. Benson, Editor of the "*Methodist Protestant*," spoke in the interest of our church paper.

The Report of the President of Western Maryland College was read, stating that the enrollment is 506, the largest in the history of the College.

J. L. Green read a report on the Campaign for increased endowment, by consent of the President of the College, stating that it is necessary to collect in full the subscription to this fund.

The Conference adopted the report of the Committee on Literature and Education.

The report of J. L. Green was referred to the Committee on Literature and Education.

The tellers reported E. D. Stone and Louis Randall elected as Representatives of the General Conference.

J. H. Straughn moved that one ballot be taken for ten alternates to the General Conference. Carried.

Ballots were distributed by the tellers, votes collected, and tellers allowed to retire to count the votes.

The Committee on Literature and Education reported on Item 1 of Report that permission had already been given, and that Item 2 be concurred in. Report adopted.

On motion Conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON

Conference convened at 2.00 P. M. with the President presiding.

Report of Committee on Superannuates was read, and on motion adopted as a whole.

Committee on Itinerary and Orders Report (Report F) was read and adopted.

The Report of Committee on Stewardship and Tithing (Report X) was read, stating their efforts to increase the number of tithers, and recommending that someone be put in the field to put on a Campaign of Stewardship and Tithing. It further recommended the employment of Miss Grace G. Jones, the Committee assuming her salary, and requesting that \$350.00 be appropriated to defray the expenses of said Campaign.

It was moved that the Report be adopted as a whole, and that the Committee be continued. J. M. Gill, Chairman of the Committee, spoke on the report. Report adopted.

N. O. Gibson, Examiner, reported that Miss Grace G. Jones had passed 100 per cent on Curtis' "Christian Faith."

W. B. Judefind, Examiner, reported that Miss Grace G. Jones had passed 100 per cent on Fisher's "Church History."

Report of Budget Council was read (Report AA) and adopted.

A resolution (9) relating to adjournment of Conference at 10.00 P. M. was read. Resolution was amended to read 11.00 P. M. Resolution adopted.

Resolution relating to the auditing of Treasurer's Accounts (Resolution 10) was read. W. O. Atwood spoke. Resolution adopted.

G. A. Morris moved that sermon of J. W. Kirk be distributed on basis of distributing Minutes. Motion carried.

Report of Committee on Statistics was read (See Tables). J. H. Lynch, J. McLain Brown, L. B. Smith, J. A. Dudley, R. L. Shipley, Avery Donovan, J. M. Gill, T. C. Jones, K. H. Wareheim, Chairman of the Committee, and G. A. Morris spoke. Report adopted.

Chairman of tellers on General Conference Representatives reported the vote for alternates as follows: Ministers elected, E. L. Bunce, J. W. Kirk; Laymen, E. B. Fenby, Henry Gilligan, E. G. Cover.

It was moved that the Secretary cast the vote of Conference for the nine highest ministers and eight highest laymen for alternate representatives to the General Conference. Carried. The names are: Ministers—R. Y. Nicholson, N. O. Gibson, W. B. Judefind, F. T. Little, J. N. Link, T. R. Woodford, J. F. Bryan, W. A. Melvin, P. D. Crosby; Laymen—C. C. Sanner, Geo. Mather, E. E. Wooden, T. W. Donoho, A. R. Lewis, Jas. H. Roberts, Daniel MacLea, F. G. Reineker.

Report of Committee on Conference Librarian (Report Y) was read and adopted.

B. F. Ruley, Chairman of Committee on Benevolent Agencies, read the report of the Committee. (Report L.)

The report deplored the declining condition of the Deaconess work, and asked the Conference to devise some plan looking toward a solution of the problem.

1. The usual appropriation of \$2,500 be laid on the Conference for the coming year.

2. Committee be appointed by President to study the work.

3. Pastors to keep the work before their people.

The report commended the work of the Maryland Tract Society.

Moved that action on above report be deferred until the report of the Board of Survey and Extension be considered. Adopted.

J. H. Straughn read a partial report of the Board of Survey and Extension. (Report G.) Recommended that the President give his active attention to the Centenary Church for Washington, and that the Churches of the Conference be opened to the Superintendent of Church Extension for the presentation of the work.

E. A. Sexsmith, Superintendent of Board of Church Extension G. Q. Bacchus, G. H. Otwell, T. H. Lewis spoke on the motion. The report was adopted.

It was moved that T. H. Lewis that the President of the Conference be the officer to notify the alternates that they will be expected to attend General Conference.

It was moved that we endorse the first and second Sundays of March as "Methodist Protestant" Campaign Sundays. Adopted.

Moved that Conference convene at 7.30. Carried.

Benediction by F. T. Little.

EVENING

Conference convened at 7.30 P. M. with G. W. Haddaway presiding. Conference gave way for a meeting of the Superannuated Fund Society.

Conference again resumed session.

Conference gave way for a meeting of the Church Extension Society.

Conference resumed session.

The Chairman of the Board of Finance read the report (Report E) relating to the proportioning of the Budget. Report adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Evangelism (Report U) was read, and adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Young People's Work (Report J) was read. W. H. Litsinger, President of the Summer Conference, spoke. The report as a whole was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Benevolent Agencies (Report L) was taken up. J. L. Ward offered a substitute for Recommendation 2.

B. F. Ruley, Chairman of the Committee, favoring the substitute, the substitute prevailed. The report as a whole was adopted.

Conference reelected the present Board of Managers for the Deaconess Home.—W. A. Melvin, President; W. F. White, A. R. Lewis, Mrs. W. B. Gilligan and Mrs. Mary Sudman.

The Steward of the Conference, R. W. White, read his report. (See Tables.) G. I. Humphreys spoke on the report, and the report was adopted. G. I. Humphreys offered a resolution (Resolution 13) that pastors be required to collect monies for benevolences and remit to the Conference Treasurer on October 1, 1927, and April 1, 1928, such amount of monies as shall equal one-third of the assessment. The resolution was adopted.

The Treasurer read his report (Report C) and the report was adopted.

Report of the Committee on President's Parsonage (Report A) was read and the same was adopted.

The Conference gave way to a meeting of the Superannuated Fund Society.

Conference again resumed session.

The Report of the Committee on the Home for the Aged (Report O) was read and showed a fine condition of the Home. Report was adopted. W. A. Melvin moved that the Secretary cast the ballot of the Conference for the three persons, members of the Board, whose terms expire at this session. The motion carried.

Committee on Audit read its report, and the same was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Official Relations was read. (Report M.) The following spoke to the Report,—P. W. Crosby, Chairman; H. L. Schlincke, E. T. Kirkley, R. L. Shipley, C. L. Dawson, J. W. Kirk, G. I. Humphreys and J. A. Dudley. The report was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Moral Reform and Social Service (Report K) was read and the same adopted. P. W. Crosby asked for permission to insert the following charges and churches in the report as follows—Wesley Chapel and Raum Chapel of Wesley Chapel of Kent—100 per cent on Benevolences. Hebron Church, on Union Charge 100 per cent. Stewartstown Church, on Stewartstown Charge—100 per cent.

J. P. Dodge spoke of the new work to be carried on by the Committee on Stewardship and Tithing during the coming Conference year.

The Board of Survey and Extension submitted its report (Report G) through J. H. Straughn, Secretary, and the report was adopted as a whole.

J. H. Straughn reported that A. N. Ward was somewhat better; that he is fighting to pull through, and that he sends the Conference his love and affection. T. O. Crouse offered prayer for the recovery of Dr. Ward.

J. H. Straughn was granted the privilege of the floor, and spoke of his contemplated work on the Conference District during the coming year, relating to our Centennial celebration next year.

G. I. Humphreys offered a resolution (Resolution 12) authorizing the Treasurer to procure a desk, filing cabinet, and such other accessories as are necessary to the proper conduct of an office. The resolution was adopted.

J. W. Kirk moved to reconsider the Report of the Committee on Official Relations. The motion prevailed. C. M. Elderdice then moved as a substitute for one of the items of the report that F. K. McCorkle be left without appointment for one year to engage in evangelistic work. T. O. Crouse and C. M. Jenkins spoke to the motion. Also P. W. Crosby, Chairman of the Committee. The motion was lost.

It was then moved and carried that the report of the Committee on Official Relations be adopted. The motion was carried.

The Chairman of the Committee on Official Relations announced that Alnutt Memorial Church is a Gold Star Church, and will so be noted in the printed report in the Minutes.

The following resolution (Resolution 10) was offered by E. C. Graham, Chairman of the Committee on Audit:

Whereas, the responsibilities and bookkeeping of the Conference Treasurer, having attained such large proportions due to the increasing amount of monies passing through the Treasurer's hands, and the consequent necessity of securing for the Treasurer full assistance and protection in the performance of his duties,

Resolved, that the accounts of the Treasurer of the Maryland Annual Conference be audited by a certified public accountant at the end of each fiscal year of the Conference: said accountant to be selected by the President of the Conference and the Committee on Audit. The report of such accountant shall be made to the President of the Conference and the Board of Trustees, who will report same to the next annual conference. Resolved further, that the expense of said audit or audits be paid out of the funds of the Conference. The resolution was adopted.

The Secretary read the following names of those elected as Representatives and Alternates to the General Conference:

REPRESENTATIVES

MINISTERS

T. H. Lewis
 E. C. Makosky
 J. H. Straughn
 H. L. Elderdice
 L. B. Smith
 G. I. Humphreys
 G. W. Haddaway
 J. M. Gill
 L. F. Warner
 J. M. Sheridan
 E. A. Sexsmith
 F. T. Benson
 R. L. Shipley
 W. H. Litsinger
 A. N. Ward
 E. D. Stone
 Louis Randall

LAYMEN

W. O. Atwood
 T. P. Fisher
 Fred P. Adkins
 J. P. Dodge
 F. W. Whitaker
 W. E. Cain
 T. D. Bowers
 J. P. Wantz
 W. G. Monroe
 W. C. Scott
 Roland Watts
 J. H. Baker
 M. L. Veasey
 H. C. Staley
 F. L. Ball
 Russell Smith
 T. A. Murray

ALTERNATES

MINISTERS

E. L. Bunce
 J. W. Kirk
 R. Y. Nicholson
 N. O. Gibson
 W. B. Judefind
 F. T. Little
 J. N. Link
 T. R. Woodford
 J. F. Bryan
 W. A. Melvin
 P. W. Crosby

LAYMEN

E. B. Fenby
 Henry Gilligan
 E. G. Cover
 C. C. Sanner
 Geo. Mather
 E. E. Wooden
 T. W. Donoho
 A. R. Lewis
 Jas. H. Roberts
 Daniel MacLea
 F. G. Reineker

The Minutes of the Conference were then read and approved.

J. M. Sheridan reported that the President of the Conference cannot read the plan of appointments until Tuesday morning. On motion the Conference adjourned to meet at nine o'clock Tuesday morning.

J. M. Sheridan pronounced the benediction.

SEVENTH DAY, TUESDAY

On motion the Conference convened at 9.45 with F. T. Little in the chair.

R. L. Shipley offered a resolution (Resolution 14) that the Committee on Official Relations shall make a list of all charges paying the full amount of the assessments for Maryland and General Conference, and incorporate this list in their report as having paid the assessments in the aggregate, though not making the distribution according to our rule. Motion prevailed to lay the above resolution on the table.

On motion the Committee on Stewardship and Tithing is to be inserted in the record as an ad interim Committee.

The President made a few remarks and then read the Plan of Appointments.

Conference adjourned with benediction by R. L. Shipley.

E. C. MAKOSKY, President,
 G. J. HOOKER, Secretary,
 E. C. GRAHAM, Journal Secretary

REPORTS

REPORT A

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(See Journal, page 21)

The Maryland Annual Conference,
of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Dear Fellow-Laborers:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in Christ has blessed us with every spiritual blessing! He chose us in Him ere the world was founded, to be consecrated and unblemished in His sight, destining us in love to be his sons through Jesus Christ.

So richly has God lavished His grace upon us! He granted us complete insight and understanding of the open secret of His will, showing us how it was the purpose of His design so to order it in the fulness of the ages that all things in heaven and earth alike should be gathered up in Christ—in the Christ in whom we have had our heritage allotted us to make us redound to the praise of His glory by being first to put our hope in Christ.

We are here in our ninety-ninth session to recount the abundant mercies of our Heavenly Father, to report work done, and to plan for the further extension of the kingdom of Christ. Not all who started the year are here to answer the roll call. Some have joined the "general assembly and church of the first-born in heaven".

THOSE WHO HAVE GONE TO THEIR REWARD

Rev. William N. Sherwood was released from the weakness and pain of his flesh on Sunday morning, June 6th, 1926. He gave nineteen years of active service to the Conference and was willing to do more, but could not. For seven years the shadows closed in upon him and then God brought him into the realm of light.

Rev. Augustus Webster Mather left this life November 15th, 1926. He was a member of our Conference for more than sixty years. For forty-nine years he engaged in the active pastorate; and then, surrounded by those who loved him, he waited for the plaudit of the Master, "Well done thou good and faithful servant!" The evening of his life was peaceful and he departed in the triumph of Christian faith, loved by all who knew him.

Rev. Frederick C. Klein, D. D., after laboring faithfully for more than 47 years at home and in the Foreign Mission field, as our first or-

dained missionary, was given the crown of eternal life December 27th, 1926, "God's finger touched him and he slept."

Rev. Charles Price Nowlin, treasurer of the Conference for many years, and a consecrated pastor since 1893, was stricken suddenly amid his activities; and departed from this life January 29th, 1927. He was vigorous in body and mind, consecrated to His Master and loyal to every interest of our Conference. He had hoped for many more years of activity, but God called him, and he was ready.

Mrs. Fannie Lee Williams Sexsmith, beloved wife of Rev. F. A. Sexsmith, D. D., peacefully passed into the life beyond on November 11th, 1926. For more than twenty-five years she had shared the varying experiences of the itinerant's life and had proven herself a true helpmeet to our brother. While frail in body, she had been strong in faith. Her going was in the peaceful assurance of a soul walking on with her Lord to the Heavenly Mansion.

Mrs. Alice Fletcher Hanks, the wife of Rev. W. S. Hanks, D. D., after an illness of several months, "died in the Lord" on December 7th, 1926. She was a devoted wife and mother, a faithful worker in the Missionary and other causes of her Lord and Master,—and "faithful unto death".

Mrs. Ella Virginia Hoblitzell, the widow of Rev. Solomon Asbury Hoblitzell, died February 26th, 1927. She survived her husband by sixteen years and lived to be eighty-three years of age. Her children and all who knew her intimately rise up to call her blessed.

Obituary Committees were promptly appointed.

In addition to these who have been removed from our Conference Membership, there have been others of our fellow laborers in the work of the Conference who have heard the summons of their Lord. "They rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

Rev. William S. Simms, a supply preacher in our conference work for thirty years, went to his reward October 15th, 1926. From the time President Kinzer assigned him to Patapsco until the day of his death, while pastor of Deer Creek charge, Brother Simms did the work committed to his hands with faithfulness and energy, showing a consecration that was beautiful and worthy of note. I have departed from our usual custom and have appointed an Obituary Committee in his case that we might recognize the zeal and service of the thirty years this brother gave to our Conference.

Rev. Oliver P. Betton, a seminary student and assistant pastor of West Baltimore Station, died suddenly October 12th, 1926.

Rev. Howard L. Adams, a local preacher of Clayton Quarterly Conference and supply pastor of Dagsboro charge, departed this life December 9th, 1926.

Rev. Edwin Gardner, a local preacher of Emmanuel church, Philadelphia, and supply pastor of Crumpton charge, died February 12th, 1927.

While the time of service these brethren gave to the Conference work was brief, it proved conclusively that they were efficient laborers, and we feel their loss.

We pay our tribute of love to these eleven departed and hold their memory dear, but we sorrow not even as others who have no hope.

As the sun goes down, it banks the heavens around about it with most radiant colors, and the sun going down here is rising always somewhere else, for sunset is sunrise.

"Their Lent is over, and their Easter won,
Waiting till over paradise the sun
Shall rise in majesty, and life begun
Shall grow in glory,—as the perfect day
Moves on, to hold its endless deathless sway."

While we mourn the departure of these companions and fellow-laborers in the Vineyard of the Lord, we rejoice over the restoration to health and vigor of Dr. Thomas H. Lewis, an honored member of this body, and President of the General Conference. At our last Conference session, he was in precarious health with an operation confronting him. Our prayers that his life be spared and that he be given health and vigor have been answered. We thank God for this blessing. Like Caleb, he has never hesitated to encounter giants; and the difficulty of the task has only called him to more energetic endeavor. In him Christian courage, good judgment and consecration are combined. He is to us the illustration of the fulfillment of the Divine promise: "As thy days, so shall thy strength be".

May God grant His richest blessing to our brother, and that these years may be among the most happy and fruitful of his life. This Conference wishes him to know that he commands not only our support, but our affection, and that we rejoice with him in his health, and in his pre-eminently useful life.

OFFICIAL ACTS

Changes: Immediately after the adjournment of Conference by mutual agreement of all parties concerned, Rev. J. Franklin Bryan was assigned to Milford, Del., and Rev. Carroll Maddox to Emmanuel Church, Philadelphia. Rev. L. E. Haddaway was assigned to Conquest Church of Hallwood, Va., and Rev. J. Peyton Adams to Mt. Nebo charge.

On November 25th by mutual agreement of pastors and official boards of both charges, Rev. G. E. Leister was appointed to Federalsburg and Rev. C. H. Dobson to Greenbush and Tasley. This change became effective December 15th.

Soon after the rise of the Annual Conference, the following were appointed to charges left unsupplied:

Concord.....	Rev. J. G. Lynn
Fairfax.....	Rev. D. K. Sturgis
Felton.....	Rev. R. R. Richards
Lewes.....	Rev. W. D. Wilson
Middleway.....	Rev. I. M. Dinkle
Oak Grove and Prince George.....	Rev. A. A. Pierce
Patapsco.....	Rev. Earl Slayton

Quantico.....	Rev. H. G. Hager
Smyrna.....	Rev. J. H. Ryan
West Wilmington.....	Rev. A. H. Lynch

Deer Creek charge since the death of Rev. W. S. Simms has been supplied by Rev. Kelvin McCray of the Seminary. Quantico, since the illness of Rev. H. G. Hager, has been supplied by Rev. Lewis Bangerten, also of the seminary. Dagsboro church, since the death of Rev. H. L. Adams, has been supplied by Rev. M. E. Hungerford, in connection with Georgetown, Delaware and Providence, the other church on Dagsboro charge, has been cared for by Rev. G. S. Ross in connection with his work at Cannon, Del. Rev. Carey Baker retired from the pastorate of Tyreanna early in this Conference year, and that charge has been supplied by Rev. J. H. Lynch, in conjunction with his work at Lynchburg. Leeds, since the death of Brother Nowlin, has been supplied by brethren from Baltimore, who generously came to the help of the president of the Conference. This charge gladly complied with the request of the president that Mrs. Nowlin be permitted to occupy the parsonage until Conference, and that the full salary for the year be paid her. I desire in this way to express my appreciation of the great kindness and sympathy to the family of our deceased brother.

Life Insurance: Two days after the rise of our last Conference, I received a telephone message that the Group Insurance Policy was ready for my signature. Fearful, lest by sudden death some one of our number might be barred from the benefits of said insurance, I came at once to Baltimore to sign the certificate and such other papers as were necessary to make the insurance operative.

On January 21st, I received an official communication from Tioga Heights Mission in Philadelphia, stating their purpose to withdraw from the denomination. Dr. Sexsmith and I visited them in the interest of a settlement of their debt to the Conference amounting to six hundred dollars. They pledged themselves not to withdraw from our Conference until said debt is paid. This pledge has since been renewed, with the promise to pay every dollar as soon after Easter as is possible.

West Wilmington Church: Item 5, of the recommendations in the report of the Board of Survey and Extension at last Conference session read thus: "We have received a paper from the Second Church, Wilmington, concerning a new church enterprise. We recommend that the First and Second churches consider the advisability of uniting their properties and resources in a new location." When this proposal was made to the First church it was temporarily postponed, pending the results of a new resident pastor at said church. The Second church however sought affiliation with the Peninsula church by which the pastor of Peninsula church could help solve their program for a new church, in return for certain routine work, the pastor of Second church could give to Peninsula church. This action was heartily approved by the Board of Survey and Extension.

In a short time a new site was secured at Broome and Banning Sts., with the hearty approval of the Board of Survey and Extension, whose

committee on Wilmington church went to that city to view the location and recommended the new enterprise. The matter of consolidating the First and Second church properties was again opened and assurances were given of the possibility of this consolidation, thereby guaranteeing the financial security of the new enterprise. Public notice was given of the purchase of the new lot two blocks away from the present location of the Second church at Fifth Ave. and Anchorage St. So what had been a perplexing problem in our church life in Wilmington, seemed in a fair way of being solved. However, in less than two weeks after our lot had been secured and a sign announcing this to be the future site of the church erected, the Methodist Episcopal Church purchased the lot immediately across the street in front of the new location of our Second church, and they announced through the press their purpose of erecting at once a new church.

Protests upon the part of Dr. Smith to the City Missionary Society of the M. E. Church of Wilmington were unavailing. The Presiding Elder and the Secretary of the City Missionary Society however agreed to a conference upon the subject between their organization and representatives of the Second Methodist Protestant Church and the Conference. Accordingly on June 9th, this meeting was held in Asbury M. E. Church. It was attended by the pastors of the Second and Peninsula churches and Mrs. Fannie Hay of First Church, Wilmington, and the Committee from the Board of Survey, on Wilmington church, consisting of Doctors Sexsmith, Shipley, Haddaway, and the President of the Conference. It was apparent from the beginning of this conference that there was no disposition on the part of the fifteen or more representatives of the M. E. Church to take into consideration any claim of our prior rights to the field by reason of the fact that we had been at work in the community since 1894. In order to bring the matter to a satisfactory conclusion, your president proposed that both sides submit the facts in the case to Bishop William F. McDowell presiding over the area wherein the Wilmington Conference is located, and to abide by his decision. Their response was that the Bishop would hardly be willing to act as arbitrator by himself. To overcome this objection it was suggested that Dr. T. H. Lewis, president of our General Conference, be asked to act in conjunction with Bishop McDowell; and in case they could not agree, that they should have power to select a third person; but that the verdict should be final. This proposition was taken under consideration, but was later in the month declined by Drs. Colona and Alderson, representing the Wilmington City Missionary Society of the M. E. Church. This, too, when Bishop McDowell had indicated his willingness to go to Wilmington, possess himself of the facts and advise with the brethren concerning the matters under dispute. Their reason for this declination was summed up in the sentence that "this matter had gone too far to be reconsidered under any circumstances."

The Board of Survey and Extension met on July 15th, and after hearing the evidence from Dr. L. B. Smith, unanimously adopted the following: "In view of these facts the Board of Survey and Extension of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, while recog-

nizing the right of Second Church to build, as it had planned to do, at Broome and Banning Sts., just two blocks from its present location, and while sympathizing deeply with our brethren there, nevertheless cannot encourage it to build one of two churches in a neighborhood which does not need and is not able to support two Protestant churches, much less to build on the opposite side of the street, in front of another church."

The Trustees of Second Church, Wilmington, met on July 19th and voted to abide by the recommendation of the Board of Survey and Extension and to surrender the new site in the interest of Christian fraternity and church comity.

So far no church has been built at the corner of Broome and Banning Streets.

Presidential Itinerary: I started the visitation of the churches the Sunday following the close of Conference session by combining the last service in the First Church, Newark, with the official visit to that charge. During the year I have visited every charge in the Maryland Annual Conference which is supplied with a pastor, some of these I visited two and three times and one charge five times on official business. I attended eleven (11) receptions to pastors, have held thirty-eight (38) Quarterly Conferences and membership meetings. I have preached three times on thirty-seven Sundays and my brethren have been kind enough to arrange for my official visit to their charges on Prayer Meeting nights where I could not visit on Sundays. In this way, I have been able to visit every charge in our Conference which is regularly supplied. In addition to Group Meetings in each of the seven districts of the Conference, like meetings were held at Leemont, New Church, Laurel Circuit, Howard and Belair. These meetings discussed Church Organization, Practical Plans, Eangelism, Stewardship and Tithing, the Collection of the Subscriptions for Superannuate Fund and the Conference Assessment. Doubtless much good was accomplished through their agency.

THE INTERESTS OF THE GENERAL CHURCH

Teaching and preaching have always gone together in the program of the church of Christ. So we rejoice in the continued prosperity of our educational institutions.

WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE

Enrollment: The enrollment for this college, including students in extension courses, is the largest in the history of the college.

Curriculum: An important revision of the curriculum to meet the needs of present day education has been put into effect, necessitating an enlargement of the faculty.

Finances: With the expansion of the college, it would seem that the finances ought to be easier, but expenses increase faster than receipts, and it is only with the greatest economy that the balance will be on the right side. The Legislature acted favorably on an increased annual appropriation, which will help materially on another year.

Campaign Fund: While the payments on subscriptions to this fund have been gratifying, there is still a considerable shortage, to be made up before July 1st to meet the conditions in order to secure the State's grant of \$125,000.

Dr. Ward's Illness: President Ward is in the University of Maryland Hospital for treatment. His case has baffled the doctors, but we hope he will be restored to perfect health in the near future. His illness is most unfortunate on his own account and for the best interests of the college.

I know I am voicing the sentiment of this Conference when I say that we miss him in this gathering and devoutly pray that God may bless the remedies, nurses and doctors in their ministry of healing, so that he may be able to resume his place at the head of this great institution of learning of our church.

WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Enrollment: The enrollment for this year is forty-six. Of this number, twelve are Juniors, fourteen are Middlers and nine are Seniors.

Denominations Represented: Seven of the students are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Seven belong to the United Brethren church and one to the Reformed church. The remaining thirty-one are Methodist Protestants.

All of the students are a fine type of men. Nine will be graduated in May. Six of these will apply for admission into our Conference at this session.

Financial Condition: The President's house has been built, furnished and paid for. The only debt on the whole plant is fifteen thousand dollars, subscribed by the Board of Education. This is being paid by regular installments by the board.

Dr. Elderdice and faculty are devoting their time and great talents to the furtherance of God's kingdom in the earth, through the perpetuation of their kind in the Gospel ministry.

No educational institution in the entire denomination is of more vital importance in these days, when infidelity, atheism and kindred isms parade themselves unabashed and make their seductive appeals to men. The truth must have valiant and efficient defenders. The pulpit must give forth no uncertain sound. "For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" So we ought to rejoice that this school of the prophets is training our men—men who are to be our successors tomorrow,—in the true knowledge of God and in the proper interpretation and proclamation of His Word.

THE METHODIST PROTESTANT

This valuable champion of Democratic Church government is older than our beloved church. In part at least it was the cause of the organization of our denomination. It has always been the medium for the spread of church news and the holding forth of church ideals. Today it is regarded as one of the very best religious papers published in this nation.

The trenchant pen of its versatile editor is recognized everywhere in the church-world. We are profoundly grateful to Almighty God for restoring to health Dr. F. T. Benson, and he with his associate editors are giving their powers to the task of providing for us the best paper we have ever had.

"The Methodist Protestant" is truly the pastor's assistant. By its twenty-four pages of valuable information, each week it brings to our people the impress of our denominational polity and sheds abroad the light and truth for which our church stands. There are still 8000 homes in our Conference district into which the paper does not enter. Every official member should prepare himself for leadership by constantly, through its pages, keeping in touch with what is going on in his denomination. The pastor can do himself and his church no greater service than to become the zealous agent for the circulation among his people of "The Methodist Protestant". The month of March has been designated as the time for special effort in gaining new subscribers and making renewal of old subscriptions. Let us celebrate our Centennial by making an herculean effort to double the present list of subscribers. It can be done if we will see to it that every subscriber now on the roll is kept upon the books and then go out to put the paper into every home where the subscription price is not a hardship or an impossibility. I suggest that this year the Conference project an extra-ordinary campaign for subscribers to our church paper, and that this be one of the ways in which we shall worthily commemorate our hundredth anniversary as a Conference and a church.

The Book Concern: For the first time since moving to our new location, our Book Store shows a profit accruing from its business. The net profits for the last year amount to \$2,593.52.

The printing plant has been a paying venture from the beginning. Mr. Charles Reiner, Jr., our faithful, wide-awake agent, is doing every thing possible to make our Book Concern a helpful and successful arm of the church, in disseminating light and truth to the farthest bounds of our denomination. The Conference should fully appreciate what this great store and printing plant means to us as a church, and should loyally support them in every way possible. They exist to serve us if we will call upon them. While they are receiving generous patronage from other people, they have a right to expect first consideration from our own pastors and people; for they are of the church, by the church and for the church.

Missions: The Missionary ideal is the foundation of the church and the motive for its perpetuation. The church that shines farthest away shines brightest at home. No church has a right to expect the blessing or leadership of the Christ who said: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world," unless it is willing to obey this command. Missions are not a luxury but a necessity; the very life of the church depends upon the missionary spirit.

Dr. Klein, the secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, has gone from labor to reward. His was a great life of activity and usefulness. Through his service in Japan, as our first ordained missionary, he began the work of our church, and equipped himself for the executive duties that were his in the office of secretary since 1908. He served us faithfully and well. "God buries His workmen, but the work goes on." Dr. S. W. Rosenberger, of the Ohio Conference, has been elected to fill out the unexpired term of Dr. Klein and is to take charge of the office May 1st next. We must not falter nor fall in this great work of sending the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

The President of the Board of Foreign Missions, Rev. J. C. Broomfield, D. D., is appealing to the church to so generously give through our next Children's Day offering, that funds sufficient may be provided to augment the sum already collected toward a memorial church in connection with our great college in Japan. This church is to be named "The Klein-Coulbourn Memorial Church" in honor of the two men who died while in the office of secretary to the Board. As both of these brethren were of our own Conference, this appeal should find a ready and generous response from our pastors and people.

Home Missions: The Board of Home Missions in the thirty-six years of its history has done much constructive work within the bounds of our denominational territory. It has operated in twenty-three states of the Union with the result that more than one hundred Methodist Protestant churches have been erected by the Board, or the Board has aided in their organization and upbuilding. A number of these today are among the strongest churches we have, and in addition to the good they are doing in advancing our Lord's Kingdom in their respective local communities, are contributing largely to all the benevolencies of the Annual and General Conference Interests.

The Board has assisted very many other churches, by appropriating money on debts or in the support of pastors. At the present time seventeen pastors and two Annual Conference Presidents are receiving aid from the Board on their salaries. The amount being paid monthly to these nineteen ministers is \$760.88. With one exception there are all located in the far west and southwest.

The Board for several years has been embarrassed with a large indebtedness. There have been two causes for this. The generous donations made to many churches, and the failure of the Annual Conferences and local churches to meet in full, or anywhere near in full, the General Conference Budget. During the last eighteen months about \$40,000 of this indebtedness has been paid. If the Easter offering is as large, or larger than last year, and the amount received from the Maryland Conference is increased through the plan of distribution inaugurated a year ago, it is hoped there will be further reductions.

Just as the Board is able to organize new congregations and Sunday schools and erect new churches, thereby strengthening our denomination numerically and financially, will we be able to carry on the Foreign Mission, Educational and other departments of our beloved Zion.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society: This organization is growing constantly and is ardently active in the forming of new auxiliaries in the collection of funds, and in the work of the various fields of labor occupied by their missionaries.

Mrs. L. F. Warner who has been the efficient and beloved president of the Maryland Conference Branch for a number of years, felt that she could no longer continue in that office. Mrs. J. W. Armstrong has been elected to the office thus vacated.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society: Is also in vigorous life. Its growth has been rapid in the last few years and auxiliaries have been multiplied. Its work at Pine Ridge, under the efficient and consecrated leadership of Dr. and Mrs. Woodford, is flourishing. Mrs. E. A. Craig has been re-elected president.

Young People's Work: We are intensely interested in this great work. Our young people must be cared for and trained. Dr. Sexsmith, because of the ill-health of his wife, felt that he must give up the office in which he was so eminently successful and resigned as secretary of this Board. Fortunately an admirable successor has been found in the person of Rev. Lawrence Little of the North Carolina Conference.

THE MARYLAND CONFERENCE INTEREST

In one of my letters to the pastors of the Conference, I said: "The supreme business of the church is to save souls". Jesus said: "I am come to seek and save that which is lost," and told His disciples: "As the Father hath sent me even so send I you". Therefore the church that is not saving souls is not a successful church, no matter what else it may do successfully. Complete returns are impossible. Many of the churches make Easter the time when the fruitage of preaching and teaching is gathered into the church.

One hundred and fourteen charges report nineteen hundred and thirty-three conversions. The charges reporting twenty-five or more conversions are: Taylor Memorial 183; Chestertown 150; Lynchburg 150; Peninsula Church 100; Milford 70; Denton 50; Georgetown, Del., 44; Trinity, Baltimore, 40; Conquest Church of Hallwood 37; Calvary, Baltimore, 35; Hampden 35; Nichols' Memorial 35; Hawley Memorial 34; Wilton Heights 31; Finksburg 30; Amelia 25; Edmondson Avenue 25; First Church, Newark, 25; St. Luke's 25 .

One hundred and twenty seven charges report nineteen hundred and eighty-two accessions. The charges reporting twenty-five or more accessions are: Peninsula Church 143; Lynchburg 80; Milford 81; Taylor Memorial 62; Edmondson Avenue 58; Denton 56; Lauraville, Baltimore, 51; First Church, Newark, 51; Grace, Baltimore, 46; Georgetown 43; Calvary and Christ churches, Baltimore, each 39; Trinity and Wilton Heights churches, Baltimore, each 38; Emmanuel, Philadelphia, 34; Starr 30; Hawley Memorial 30; Nichol's Memorial 29; St. John's 28; Chestertown 27.

Seventy-nine charges report a net gain of 1161. Of these Peninsula with 143 is in the lead. Other charges reporting a net gain of twenty-five or more are Milford 75; Lynchburg 74; Lauraville 51; Denton 50; Grace, Baltimore, 45; Taylor Memorial 43; St. Paul's 40; Edmondson Ave. 38; Georgetown 37; Trinity, Baltimore, 30; Starr 28; Hawley Memorial 28 and Nichols Memorial 25.

Fifty-three charges report a total of 890 discontinued by Official Action: The charges discontinued more than twenty-five are Crisfield 95; Salisbury 75; West Baltimore 63; Cambridge 47; Cannon (closed church) 45; Emmanuel, Philadelphia, 45; Christ Church, Baltimore, 40; West Wilmington 33; Rhode Island Ave., Wash., 32; Easton 30; Hampden 29; and Felton 25.

Stewardship and Tithing: Twenty-five charges report an increase of Tithers to the number of 65. The Standing Committee charged with this work in our Conference district will make its report, and also certain recommendations for the enlargement of the activities, and to secure a larger number who will devote at least as much under the Dispensation of Grace as did those who lived under the Dispensation of Law.

FINANCES

A most admirable report comes up to this Conference from the various charges as far as the finances are concerned.

One hundred and thirteen charges report \$128,233.00 paid on buildings and improvements; while sixty-two charges report \$58,156.00 paid on debt. Pastors' salaries:—Thirty-eight charges reported increases in salary since last Conference session, amounting to \$7065.00; and thirty-five charges report increases in salary for next Conference year amounting to \$7529.00. These figures prove conclusively that our membership is recognizing more and more the fact that the faithful preacher is entitled to just compensation.

But we are far from the goal of salaries adequate to the need of the times. Much is required of the preacher and his family and his salary is frequently wholly inadequate to meet the needs of life in these times of high prices.

The Budget: The new system of crediting monies in order to be entitled to a place on the Honor Roll has caused some confusion in the minds of pastors, as is evidenced by the answers given upon the questionnaire. We will have to await the report of the Committee on Official Relations to learn who is entitled to be upon the Honor Roll, with the various gradings and distinctions as adopted by our last Annual Conference.

New Churches, Parsonages and Improvements to Properties: Sunday, May 16, 1926, the first unit of Trinity church plant was opened. It is planned ultimately to be used as a part of the equipment for the Sunday school and social work of this church, and is ideal for the purpose.

Sunday, July 18th, the new Fairfields church at Burgess Store, on Northumberland charge was opened for worship. It is a modern brick church with provisions for Sunday school work as well as other Christian worship and work. It is a triumph of faith and fidelity upon the part of pastor and people.

Afton church on the same charge has also been remodeled and beautified. Sunday, September 5th, the new church at Glenburnie was opened for worship. This beautiful two-story brick structure, located at one of the best corners of this thriving town is a monument to patient, persistent and heroic endeavor on the part of pastor and members.

Sunday, December 12th, the addition to the church at Harrington, Del., was opened for use in connection with the work of that church. It is the gift of Mrs. Ora Sapp of that church. It will increase the efficiency of that organization in very great measure.

Brooklyn church is building a modern Sunday school house to care for its large and growing Sunday school departments.

Milford has built for itself a home for its pastor, which will compare favorably with the very best parsonages in our district.

Our church at Lynchburg has undergone a transformation. The interior of this old church is a veritable joy in its decoration. A pipe organ has also been installed.

Down's chapel on Clayton charge was destroyed by fire over a year ago. The new structure will soon be ready for dedication. It is an attractive brick church which will be a credit to the faithful members of this organization.

Central church on Kent Island charge had an addition built to its church, which makes it more attractive in appearance and more commodious for the work of the Sunday school.

Mariners church at Crisfield is rebuilding its church. A new church is in process of erection at New Market, Md. The church and parsonage at Hurlock and the parsonages at Elizabeth, N. J., and Clayton, Del., have been greatly improved.

A new roof was placed on Nichols Memorial church and other improvements made to both church and parsonage properties.

The interior of St. James Shurch has been redecorated, a new heating plant and other improvements have been made to the property.

Catoctin church on Lewistown charge has been vastly improved and made more attractive for the worship of God.

A new lot has been purchased for a parsonage at Ridgeville, and plans are being laid to build a new home for the preacher.

The church at Pocomoke is rebuilding its structure. When finished it will be one of the most complete and beautiful churches in our Conference district.

Mt. Carmel church on Howard charge has secured a fine lot on the proposed highway at Sunshine, and is building a modern church plant upon it. This, we believe, will be a model church.

Amberson church on Concord charge has been completely renovated, repaired and beautified and is ready for rededication.

Calvary church, Aurora Hills, Va., has a most eligible lot in a thriving community and is busily engaged in gathering funds for the erection of a much needed church. The same is also true of Lauraville church, this city.

The churches at Finksburg, Md., and Greenwood, Delaware, have been thoroughly repaired, beautified and reopened for worship.

A fine modern parsonage has been purchased for a home for the preacher of Evergreen church, Baltimore.

There are, doubtless, other churches and parsonages in our Conference district which have been enlarged, rebuilt and improved, but which have not been reported to the president.

In addition the following charges have raised five hundred or more dollars on improvements.

East Baltimore \$550; Eutaw \$1100; Grace, Baltimore, \$900; Hampden \$8062; Keen Memorial \$500; Starr \$1200; St. John's \$2636; South Baltimore \$500; Belair \$700; Buckeystown \$618; Caroline \$800; Leipsic \$600; First Church, Newark \$2000; Georgetown \$527; Franklin City \$1031; Grove \$600; Harpers Ferry \$600; Mt. Nebo \$649; Oxford \$1100; Taylor Memorial \$5000; St. Luke \$3500; Pipe Creek \$700; Ridgeville \$1400; Seaford \$500; Stewartstown \$500; Wye and Queen Anne's \$1300.

The following churches report more than five hundred dollars paid on debt: Peninsula \$7500; Alexandria \$1631; Bethesda \$1360; Calvary, Baltimore \$1300; North Baltimore \$946; Eutaw \$900; Grace, Baltimore, \$2250; Keen Memorial \$1000; Linthicum Heights \$1150; Lowe Memorial \$1000; Payson St. \$700; Starr \$3500; St. John's \$900; St. Paul's \$1000; South Baltimore \$500; Violetville \$1800; Wilton Heights \$700; Cambridge \$1221; Conquest Church of Hallwood \$4725; Crisfield \$692; Deer Park \$900; Denton \$725; Easton \$1200; First Church, Newark, \$500; Franklin City \$742; Greenbush and Tasley \$875; Marley \$800; St. Luke's \$4500; Trinity, Marion, \$1500; Wallace Memorial \$605; Rhode Island Ave. \$500; North Carolina Ave. \$1100; First Church, Washington, \$530; Cherrydale \$1000; Mt. Olivet \$1200.

We rejoice over the fact that both the pastors and the members of our churches are ever ready to go forward in this branch of kingdom building.

I regret to report that on Sunday morning February 20th, our church at Georgetown, Delaware, was completely destroyed by fire. A conservative estimate of the value of this property is placed at \$30,000.00, with insurance amounting to \$6000.00.

This emphasizes the importance of adequate insurance and that the trustees of the various churches in our Conference district take this matter into serious consideration.

Centenary Church, Washington: There is no difference of opinion concerning the desirability or need of church extension work in Washington, D. C. Our life as a church in the Nation's Capital depends upon it.

The Committee on Washington church appointed by the Board of Survey and Extension has selected a site which commends itself to the majority of the committee. It is located at the corner of Connecticut Avenue and Cumberland Street., N. W. and contains 16,091.85 square feet of ground. We have secured an option on the lot, and the Board of Survey and Extension will ask further endorsement of the Conference with definite financial plans to secure the lot, and erect thereon a suitable church.

Thursday 2 P. M. has been designated by the Program Committee for consideration of this subject.

THE MARYLAND CONFERENCE INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES

Superannuate Fund Society. This society ought to be upon the hearts of the ministry and laity of our Conference. The laymen should gratefully recognize the great need of providing a more adequate pension fund for those who have given their all for the good of the church and the gospel, without hope of making enough money to guarantee an old age free from financial cares and worries. The preachers of our Conference should realize that they are directly and vitally interested in the success of this fund and should make heroic efforts to collect every dollar that can be collected of the fund subscribed five years ago.

Mr. Thomas A. Murray, the treasurer of this Fund, has devoted himself through very many years to the promotion of the trust committed to his hands. Himself a son of one of our honored and great preachers, he knows and appreciates what this fund means to the Conference and to the church.

At the last session of our Conference, a special committee was raised, with the President of the Conference as chairman, to whom was given the task of collecting the outstanding subscriptions, long overdue. That committee is ready to make its report. I regret that there has been no response such as I hoped would meet the efforts of the committee. It has given itself unsparingly to the task, but has met with little success, as the following figures indicate:—

Total amount subscribed as of statement March 5, 1924, \$110,285.

Total amount paid into the fund to date is \$65,000.65. Of the pastors 76 have paid in full, amounting to \$7550.00.

Forty-one preachers have paid \$1817.83; the remainder of their indebtedness to the fund is \$1698.17.

To date 26 preachers have paid nothing and the amount outstanding from them is \$2068.00.

Amount unpaid from 1619 subscribers among our laity is forty-one thousand, seven hundred fifty dollars and sixty-eight cents (\$41,750.68).

This committee will make certain recommendations to this Conference looking toward the collection of the remaining amount or as much of it as is collectable.

The Church Extension Society: The financial obligations assumed by the Board of Managers in connection with the new Edmondson Avenue church and other churches have made this organization feel that its assets, tangible and intangible, were so largely hypothecated that it should move carefully. However we have strong men upon the Board of Managers of this society who will always be ready to do their utmost for the promotion of the interests of our Conference through this society.

Deaconess Work: The interest in the work of this Board seems to languish in our Conference district. Only two consecrated women are housed in our home on Charles Street. Doubtless the Board will make its report and its recommendations. The Conference has been conversant with the facts for several years and has had time to consider what it should do. I trust that definite steps may be taken either to establish this work on a firmer basis or else discontinue it altogether.

Our Church Home: The Home in Westminster, Md., is filled to its utmost capacity and there is a waiting list. This is one of the most Christ-like charities of our church and should commend itself to the generosity of our members. We ought to erect an annex to the home so that we could accommodate at least thirty-five guests instead of twenty-three. This would involve very little more overhead expense, and the per-capita expense would be materially reduced. Those disposing of their money could do no better than to generously remember the home in their "Testamentary" assignments.

Headquarters Building: The president of the Conference was made by action of last Conference, chairman of a Special Board of Management, and by the same action had designated Brothers John H. Baker and T. W. Donoho with him on said Board. Mr. Baker felt that he could not accept because of the press of his own business affairs. The Trustees of the Conference accepted his resignation and elected Mr. Harry E. Gilbert to the place thus vacated. This Board has given the task committed to its hands thoughtful attention. We however report that when it was found that the assets did not meet the liabilities, and that it would be impossible to pay for the services of a manager, that Mr. Charles Reiner, Jr., has given his services and has acted as agent for this Board without compensation. This Conference should recognize in some suitable way his labor of love, so freely and cheerfully given.

The following figures effective April 1st, 1927, give us the exact financial situation in connection with the "Headquarters Building."

1. Total amount of indebtedness.....	\$137,500.00
2. Total number of offices and stores.....	301.40
3. Amount of income from these.....	22,151.76
4. Amount of expense in running building (estimated).....	18,000.00
5. Amount needed for interest and amortization.....	12,662.50
6. Number of offices not yet rented.....	5
7. Possible revenue from same.....	1,980.00
8. Total amount unprovided for by income.....	848.24

The Young People's Institute: This continues in popularity and helpfulness. The program is planned to develop leadership among our young people. Every pastor who has the interest of the church and the kingdom at heart will see to it that those who have the qualities for leadership are given the opportunity of the training on College Hill during the week of the Young People's Institute.

Summer Conference: This annual gathering on College Hill should be looked upon by our brethren of the ministry and laity as a rare privilege and great blessing. It broadens the intellect, it deepens the spiritual life, it quickens the sympathies, it heightens the appreciation of the soul for world needs and Christ's work, and provides us opportunities for fellowship which the press of Conference duties and committee work make impossible at our annual sessions.

I therefore heartily commend this going up into the Mount of Privilege to all our preachers, and to as many of the laity as can absent themselves from their business affairs. I am sure they will come down better prepared to perform the tasks of the valley.

Mutual Relief Association: This organization has been called upon again and again during this Conference year to give expression to its sympathy and love to the families of our bereaved members. It is a great privilege to extend in a substantial way the affectionate regard for each other through the organized agency of this society.

Benevolent Societies: The Board of Beneficence of St. John's church and the Pipe Creek Benevolent society have given generous help to those in distress and need. This Conference will doubtless express its grateful appreciation for their timely assistance to our brethren and their families.

President's Parsonage: This home is all that can be desired for the comfort and convenience of your executive and his family. The exterior has been painted and some needed porch furniture purchased.

Mr. Henry K. Muller, though in poor health, has with pains-taking care looked after this interest of the Conference and the repairs necessary to the property.

AFFILIATED AGENCIES

The Lord's Day Alliance: There is no more important work facing the church of today than the Conservation of the Lord's Day. Leading our fight for a Holy Lord's Day, is the Lord's Day Alliance, whose tactfulness, sanity, perseverance and achievements are worthy of all commendation.

I most heartily endorse the work of this organization and recommend that our pastors, people, churches and Sunday schools give it their hearty co-operation. Its educational program is attracting attention of the Church Circles outside of Maryland, and should have the fullest support of our people. I recommend that our churches find a place for this work in their budgets, and our people take some one of the memberships in the Lord's Day Alliance, that is so successfully leading us in holding the Lord's Day for the home and the church.

The Anti-Saloon League and other Organizations Pledged to Law, Order and Molding of Public Opinions: Laws come from opinion. Duelling was once honorable and legitimate, but public opinion has outlawed duelling and made one who kills another in a duel a murderer. To own slaves was once legitimate, but public opinion has outlawed human slavery. Drunkenness has now been outlawed by public opinion and public opinion will bring about a respect for and obedience to this law which was needed for the advancement and prosperity of our country.

"Public sentiment is everything. With public sentiment nothing can fail; without it nothing can succeed. Consequently, he who molds public sentiment goes deeper than he who enacts statutes or pronounces decisions. He makes statutes and decisions possible."

We must push forward for a great campaign of education to bring up the reserves with a knowledge of the why of prohibition. This must include education along the lines of the evils of strong drink and of the necessity of keeping up a sustained, organized movement. It also means that the people ought to be warned about the false propoganda that is continually being impressed upon them throught the wet press.

We must ever keep in mind the fact that God in Heaven is the source of our strength and that this moral reform movement must never be permitted to get away from that idea.

To this end our church should continue to support the Anti-Saloon League and all kindred organizations which are engaged in this holy crusade for God, home and a sober nation and are pledged to the preservation of laws and the enforcement of statutes. The Bible and Tract Societies continue their ministry of disseminating the Word of God and Gospel truths, and deserve our continued and hearty co-operation.

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

My experience during the year in a number of instances has been that some local charges are disposed to locate parsonages without advising with the President of the Conference or with the Board of Survey and Extension. While it is true that the charge pays for, and owns the home of its pastor, it is likewise true that the Conference furnishes the man who must live in the home so provided.

Parsonages should be located so far as possible, not only with the view of convenience to the field the pastor must serve, but also with the thought of comfort and convenience to the family that is to live in the house. Questions of neighborhood improvements, school facilities, proximity to railroad stations and steamboat wharves, etc., etc., should all enter into the selection for sites for preacher and his family.

Frequently the plan of appointments is embarrassed by the location of the parsonage. I appeal to the pastors and the churches that they take up the matter of locating parsonages with the Conference representatives before final choice is made.

The visitation of the year has impressed me with the truth that we have many rural churches. A large number of churches are located either in the country or small towns. Some of these churches are models of neatness and beauty. Almost always when this is the case good congregations assemble for worship. Are the good congregations the cause or the effect of pretty rural churches with neat surroundings? I believe that no small factor in retaining the interest of our children in, and love and loyalty for the neighborhood church is the appeal of that church to them, not merely for hallowed associations—which they cannot appreciate as much now as they will when older—but for the beautiful within and without, which appeals to the esthetic nature.

The same is true of adults. When persons see neat railroad stations, with beautifully kept grounds surrounding them; when homes in the community are painted and surrounded with beautiful flower gardens, and then see the church of God suffering for lack of paint, shutters and windows broken and the grounds unsightly and barren, must they not conclude that religion is of little importance and the God and his house are forgotten and neglected?

The Psalmist again and again speaks of the beauty of Zion. Would not the kingdom of heaven be helped to come if the people of a community could see by churches, and grounds surrounding them, that religion holds first place in the minds of its devotees.

Such churches would prove attractive not only to their own members and friends, but also to strangers and these of a community who are charmed by the beautiful.

I therefore recommend:—1st, that we enter upon a campaign for beautifying churches and the grounds surrounding them; and that we seek wherever suitable to erect attractive signs and bulletin boards.

We need not create more machinery and organization to do this. We have our conference territory divided into seven districts each with its chairman. These districts could set themselves the task of procuring plans and methods for doing this work. Nor need the lack of money any church from improving its appearance.

Chopping Bees and Paint socials would be popular under the right sort of leadership. Many Sunday school classes would welcome the privilege of having the church yard laid out in plots and these assigned to the various classes in competition for a prize awarded at the end of the season for the best kept plot.

Church-cleaning time could be made as seasonable as house cleaning, and done by the Ladies of the Aid Society or some kindred organization.

Flowers in the sanctuary on every Sunday possible should be our slogan. The Christian Endeavorers would gladly respond to this task and make the church beautiful within not only on Children's Day and Easter Sunday, but always.

These and many other methods could be worked in order to make our churches more attractive and inviting.

2nd. In view of the preceeding I recommend further that the Group-meetings of our Conference District be held as early as possible after the rise of Conference, preferable during the month of May. In this way, the districts may be organized and have ample time to work out the Conference Program, not only for this, but all other interests of the churches.

3rd. Whereas we will meet next year in our 100th Annual Session of the Maryland Annual Conference; and as 1928 is the Centennial year of the organization of the Methodist Protestant Church, I believe you would want it to be suitably celebrated at our next Annual Conference session and throughout the Conference District by special services suitable to the event in every Methodist Protestant Church in our Conference District.

I therefore recommend that for the next Conference year, the usual program committee, consisting of the three persons indicated, be increased to include the President of the General Conference, all the former presidents of our Conference, and such laymen as these may see necessary to associate with themselves in the task of preparing such program or programs for the proper celebration of this event throughout the bounds of our Conference District during the Conference year of 1928.

4th. When in 1918 Dr. Lewis brought down to date the "Record in Chronological Order of the ministers, churches, delegates and meetings of this Conference," he used the following words in the closing paragraph of his explanatory introduction:—"I am therefore taking final leave of a work which has occupied more or less of my time for the last forty years."

When the one hundredth session arrives there will be a demand for another edition of it. I trust the editor of that edition may be able to present it in such a form as to enhance its value and secure its permanence.

We are grateful to Almighty God and give devout thanks that Dr. Lewis is here among us, preserved in mind and body, and eminently fitted for the task he thought would have to be committed to other hands.

I therefore decommend: That Dr. Lewis be requested by this Conference to continue the compilation of that record, bring it down to date and have it prepared in such form as to enhance its value and secure its permanence; and that the expense to do this be met from the funds in the treasurer's hands for Conference expenses.

In conclusion, I thank you, brethren of the ministry and laity, and your families for the many courtesies received at your hands, the generous hospitality accorded me while visiting your charges, and for the many other kindnesses you have showered upon me during this Conference year.

I am also profoundly grateful to our heavenly Father for giving me health, and protecting my life amid the many dangers of constant travel that I might perform the duties of this office.

May God, the Holy Spirit, be here to guide our deliberations, give us wisdom to solve the problems that shall come before us and fill us for service in the church and kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours in the service of Christ and our beloved Church.

E. C. MAKOSKY.

April 6, 1927.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(See Journal, page 34)

Your committee has considered the comprehensive report of the president, and most heartily commends the faithfulness and painstaking care with which he has applied himself to the increasing task of this office.

We note with sorrow the official announcement of the departure from our earthly fellowship of five members of the Conference, and three more brethren in active service. We join with the president in expressions of sympathy to the bereaved families of these brethren, and to those whose companions have been called home.

We commend the wisdom of the president in the ad interim changes made subsequent to the last Conference.

We commend the president, the Board of Survey and the Wilmington Group, and most heartily endorse the wisdom with which they have handled the delicate and unfortunate situation created by the action of the City Missionary Society of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, relative to our West Wilmington church. We feel that the day has come when we must maintain our honor and denominational integrity in matters concerning church comity, and interdenominational fellowship.

It is gratifying to note the continued growth of the agencies and institutions of both the General Conference and the Maryland Conference.

We note with regret that so large an amount of the Superannuated Fund subscribed still remains unpaid. We commend the president and special committee in their effort to secure the entire amount, and express the hope that the special committee appointed for this purpose may present some plan by which this may be accomplished.

We call attention to the small proportion of members of our churches who are subscribers to *The Methodist Protestant*, and suggest that an unusually strong effort be made to procure at least five thousand new subscriptions prior to the publication of the issue of our denominational Centennial edition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We concur in recommendation 1, suggesting a campaign for the beautifying of our church and parsonage property, and recommend that the pastors call frequent attention of the Official Boards to this item.
2. We heartily concur in recommendation 2, which provides for the group meeting as early as possible after the rise of Conference.
3. We heartily endorse the thoughtful suggestion of the president adding to the Conference Program Committee, the president of the General Conference and the ex-presidents of the Annual Conference, and such laymen as may be necessary for the preparation of our Centennial Program.

4. We express the hope that Dr. Lewis will accede to the request of the president in compiling to date the chronological record of the Maryland Annual Conference.

Signed,

E. A. SEXSMITH,
J. L. NICHOLS,
L. B. SMITH,
FREDERICK EVANS,
W. G. MONROE,
ROBT. G. NICHOLSON.

REPORT OF THE AGENT OF THE PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE

April 5th, 1926, to March 24th, 1927, inclusive

(See Journal, page 34)

1926

Balance in Bank, April 5th.....	\$	7.75	
Balance on hand, April 5th .....		.25	\$ 8.00

Receipts:

April	17—	Received from Rev. C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer	\$	269.70	
"	30—	" " Baker Watts Co. (note renewed)		300.00	
August	5—	" " Rev. C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer		250.00	
"	30—	" " Baker Watts Co. (note renewed)		300.00	
November	27—	" " Rev. E. C. Makosky (loan)		82.76	
1927					
January	1—	" " Baker Watts Co. (note renewed)		300.00	
February	11—	" " Rev. Chas. F. Cum- mings (acting Treas.)		1,220.00	
February	14—	" " Rev. Chas. F. Cum- mings (acting Treas.)		38.10	2,760.56
				\$2,768.56	

Disbursements:

April	17—	Paid Baker Watts Co. (Acc't note)..	\$	275.00
"	29—	" Baked Watts Co. (Bal. note)....		75.00
		" Baker Watts Co., Int. on note renewed		5.73
May	3—	" William Mitchell, plumbing.....		16.50

	—	“ Rev. E. C. Makosky, moving van	108.33		
“	18—	“ City Collector, paving (1925).....	6.50		
June	11—	“ John M. Blottenberger	6.95		
	—	“ Minch and Eisenbrey	19.35		
July	11—	“ William Mitchell, plumbing.....	3.00		
August	5—	“ Central First Ins. Co., 6 Mos. Int.	220.00		
“	30—	“ Baker Watts Co. (note).....	300.00		
	—	“ Baker Watts Co., Int. on note renewed	6.10		
November	29—	“ J. W. Taylor, painter.....	160.00		
December	31—	“ Baker Watts Co. (note).....	300.00		
1927					
January	1—	“ Baker Watts Co., Int. on note renewed	6.05		
February	12—	“ Central Fire Ins. Co. on a-c Mortgage,.....\$1,000.00 Interest..... 220.00		1,220.00	
“	15—	“ City Collector Water rent, 1927..... 26.50 Paving, 1927..... 5.80 Paving, 1926..... 5.80		38.10	2,766.61
March	24—	Balance		\$	1.95
Liabilities:					
		Balance on Mortgage		\$7,000.00	
		Loan from Rev. Eugene Makosky		82.76	
		Note of Baker Watts & Co.		300.00	
Total					\$7,382.76

HARRY K. MULLER, Treasurer.

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS

Charge	Pastor	Yrs.	Charge	Pastor	Yrs.
Accomac, Va.....	J. P. George	2	Grace.....	J. N. Link	3
Amelia.....	Stephen Galley	1	Graceland Park..	H. A. Kester	5
Baltimore:			Hampden.....	E. D. Stone	15
Alnutt Memorial..	E. T. Kirkley	3	Keen Memorial....	A. S. Beane	20
Bethesda.....	G. M. Clayton	4	Lauraville.....	J. A. Trader	2
Brooklyn.....	H. O. Keen	2	Linthicum Hgts..	Louis Randall	3
Calvary.....	G. E. McDorman	2	Lowe Memorial..	W. A. Melvin	12
Chesaco Park.....	J. W. Parris	1	N. Baltimore..	W. H. Litsinger	13
Christ Church.....	J. L. Ward	5	Payson Street..	H. C. Burkins	1
East Baltimore....	E. H. Jones	3	South Baltimore..	B. F. Ruley	3
Edmondson Ave....	J. L. Green	3	Starr.....	G. W. Haddaway	26
Eutaw.....	J. A. Dudley	2	St. John's.....	L. F. Warner	8
Evergreen.....	F. D. Reynolds	3	St. Paul's.....	J. E. Cummins	3

Charge	Pastor	Yrs.	Charge	Pastor	Yrs.
Towson.....	P. W. Crosby	1	Frederick.....	G. R. Donaldson	5
Trinity.....	R. W. White	9	Georgetown.....	M. E. Hungerford	2
Violetville.....	W. B. Judefind	11	Glenburnie.....	W. F. Wright	1
West Baltimore.....	J. M. Gill	12	Greenbush and Tasley		
Assistant..	Edward Keehner	1		C. H. Dobson	1
Wilton Heights.....	G. A. Ogg	2	Greenwood.....	Ziba Adams	1
Bedford.....	O. G. Brewer	1	Grove.....	C. M. Jenkins	3
Belair.....	G. E. Turner	3	Hallwood.....	J. A. Wright	1
Bivalve.....	J. G. Lynn	1	Harbeson.....	L. E. Haddaway	1
Buckeystown.....	C. E. Dryden	1	Harmony, W. Va.....	H. L. Murphy	1
Cambridge.....	T. C. Mulligan	1	Harpers Ferry.....	J. C. Russell	1
Cambridge Cir.....	D. W. Anstine	6	Harrington.....	H. B. Jester	1
Cannon, Del.....	G. S. Ross	3	Hawley Memorial.....	W. S. Hanks	1
Caroline.....	A. E. Betts	2	Howard.....	G. H. Stockasdale	4
Carroll Cir.....	J. Peyton Adams	1	Hurlock.....	F. S. Cain	1
Cecil.....	E. E. Coleman	2	Indian River.....	Dorsey Blake	7
Centreville.....	G. A. Morris	1	Kemptown.....	F. M. Volk	4
Chestertown.....	N. O. Gibson	8	Kennedyville.....	J. W. Trout	5
Chincoteague.....	C. O. Quillen	1	Kent Island.....	T. J. Betschler	4
Clayton.....	C. M. Kelser	1	Laurel.....	A. W. Ewell	6
Concord.....	To be supplied		Laurel Cir.....	P. M. R. Schauer	1
Crisfield:			Leeds.....	J. T. Fenby	1
Crisfield.....	J. L. Nichols	2	Lewes.....	W. D. Wilson	1
Lawsonia				(Supply)	
Mariners.....	I. S. Owens	2	Lewistown.....	H. E. Hudgins	3
Crumpton.....	To be supplied		Liberty.....	A. A. Pierce	1
Cumberland:				(Supply)	
First Church..	C. R. Strausburg	2	Lisbon.....	J. F. Wooden	1
Mapleside.....	C. E. Shaw	1	Lynchburg.....	J. H. Lynch	5
	(Supply)		Mardela.....	M. E. Dearholt	2
Melvin Chapel....	G. E. Wunder	1	Middleway		
Dagsboro, Del.....	L. W. Gordon	1	Milford.....	J. F. Bryan	2
Deer Creek.....	To be supplied		Milton.....	A. H. Green	2
Deer Park.....	G. W. Ports	2	Mt. Nebo.....	Wm. Schmeiser	1
Delmar.....	J. T. Bailey	2	Marley.....	C. F. Cummins	1
Delta.....	B. W. Kindley	4	New Church.....	E. C. Graham	6
Denton.....	J. W. Kirk	1	Newmarket.....	F. J. Phillips	3
Dorchester.....	J. R. McKeawn	1	Nichols Memorial....	T. C. Jones	6
Dover and Leipsic..	C. M. Adams	3	Northumberland		
Easton.....	E. T. Read	8		Clayborne Phillips	5
Elizabeth.....	J. W. Balderston	8	Oak Grove and Prince George		
Fairfax.....	To be supplied			To be supplied	
Fawn Grove.....	Avery Donovan	3	Oxford.....	H. W. D. Johnson	7
Federalburg.....	G. E. Leister	1	Parksley.....	F. A. Holland	3
Felton.....	R. R. Richards	1	Patapsco		
	(Supply)		Philadelphia:		
First, Newark, N. J..	R. L. Shipley	2	Emmanuel.....	Carroll Maddox	2
Finksburg.....	C. K. McCaslin	7	St. Lukes.....	C. C. Day	5
Franklin City.....	C. M. Cullum	1			

Charge	Pastor	Yrs.	Charge	Pastor	Yrs.
Taylor Memorial			West Wilmington..	A. H. Lynch	1
	Robert Browne	4		(Supply)	
Pipe Creek.....	K. H. Wareheim	3	Whaleyville.....	C. P. Butler	9
Pittsville.....	E. W. Simms	3	Wye and Queen Anne		
Pocomoke City....	E. L. Bunce	8		J. L. Marker	6
Powellville.....	W. A. Donoway	2	SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS		
Quantico.....	Ira Dinkle	1	President of the General Confer-		
	(Supply)		ence—T. H. Lewis.		
Reliance.....	D. F. Galloway	1	President Western Maryland Col-		
Ridgeville.....	Russell Sapp	3	lege—A. N. Ward		
Rowlandville.....	C. S. Marshall	1	Professor Western Maryland Col-		
Salisbury.....	G. I. Humphreys	2	lege—W. B. Sanders.		
Seaford.....	N. C. Clough	4	President Westminster Theological		
Sharptown.....	A. F. T. Raum	3	Seminary—H. L. Elderdice.		
Smyrna.....	J. H. Ryan	1	Editor Methodist Protestant—F. T.		
	(Supply)		Benson.		
Snow Hill.....	G. E. Brown	3	Secretary of Church Extension—		
Snow Hill Cir.....	H. C. Hagar	1	E. A. Sexsmith.		
Stewartstown.....	B. A. Bryan	2	Secretary Board Home Missions—		
St. James.....	L. C. Randall	1	J. M. Sheridan.		
St. Michaels.....	F. M. Clift	3	LOANED		
Susquehanna.....	C. B. Robey	3	Board of Foreign Mission—Paul F.		
Texas.....	A. G. Lynch	2	Cassen and Paul M. Warner.		
Trinity-Salem.....	J. W. Baxley	3	Women's Home Missionary Society		
Tyreanna.....	D. K. Sturgis	1	—T. R. Woodford.		
Union.....	W. F. Bauscher	2	Board of Home Missions—W. L.		
Union Bridge....	W. C. Mumford	1	Hoffman, W. P. Roberts and		
Wallace Memorial....	F. B. Bailey	2	W. M. Snyder.		
Warwick.....	A. W. Simms	1	Chaplain of United States Army—		
Washington:			J. R. Wright.		
Alexandria.....	G. J. Hooker	1	General Conference—J. H. Straughn.		
Calvary and Walkers Chapel			SUPERANNUATES		
	J. W. Townsend	2	W. M. Strayer.....		22
Cherrydale.....	F. G. Holloway	2	J. W. Gray.....		16
First Church.....	T. J. Turkington	2	J. G. Sullivan.....		28
Congress St.....	George Hines	2	F. T. Little.....		3
Mt. Tabor.....	J. G. Eaton	2	T. O. Crouse.....		2
Mt. Olivet.....	W. H. Hodges	1	G. F. Farring.....		10
North Carolina Ave.			F. H. Mullineaux.....		11
	H. L. Schlincke	1	G. Q. Bacchus.....		7
Rhode Island Ave.			J. L. Elderdice.....		7
	R. Y. Nicholson	2	S. W. Coe.....		5
Wesley Chapel of Kent			Dorsey Blake.....		2
	C. L. Dawson	3	L. A. Bennett.....		6
Westminster.....	C. M. Elderdice	2	J. McLain Brown.....		3
Wilmington:			G. J. Hill.....		7
First Church.....	V. A. Miller	2	P. L. Rice.....		7
Peninsula.....	L. B. Smith	8	S. F. Cassen.....		1

REPORT B

SECRETARY'S REPORT

(See Journal, page 23)

Credentials. As Committee on Credentials, I report that:

Credentials for delegates have not been received from Lawsonia, Melvin Chapel, Mapleside, Indian River, Tioga Heights, Tyreanna, Union Church.

Alternates have not been elected at Crumpton, Middleway and Second Church, Wilmington—also Smyrna.

The Credentials of six charges have the signatures of pastors as the chairmen of the meeting in which the Qualified Members elected the delegates. The Credentials from eleven charges are signed by pastors as chairman of the Quarterly Conferences. One Credential is not signed by a chairman, but has the signature of the secretary of the Quarterly Conference. Two Credentials have nothing to indicate whether the delegate was elected at a meeting of the Quarterly Conference or by the Qualified Members. Another Credential has no signature of the chairman of the Membership Meeting. It seems to the secretary that an increasing number of charges are disregarding the instructions of the manual in the election of delegates. He would suggest that Regulation XIX be given a more careful and universal reading. The above list of errors do not indicate bad faith in any case, and there is nothing to invalidate the credential of any delegate, and I therefore recommend that they be seated.

Expenses: The action of the last session of the Conference placed the account for incidental expenses of the Conference in the hands of the treasurer, who will render the report to the Conference.

Honor Roll Certificates. The Honor Roll certificates have been sent to all charges. The preparation of these certificates was a laborious undertaking, requiring much checking up from one copy of the minutes to another. The secretary is grateful to G. I. Humphreys, E. L. Bunce, G. J. Hooker, E. C. Graham and Miss Naomi Dawson for this work.

Referendum on Change of Conference Date. The president of the Conference has asked the secretary to report the method and result of the referendum, in order that it may be properly recorded.

At the last session of the Conference the following report, which was inadvertently and unfortunately omitted from the minutes, was offered:

SPECIAL REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE CHANGING DATE OF CONFERENCE

At the last session of the Conference, the following resolution, signed by R. L. Shipley and E. L. Bunce, was adopted:

Whereas the observance of the Easter week has come to have a larger place in the program of the modern church, be it

Resolved, That the president of the Conference be requested to inquire into the practicability of having the Conference meet on the

Wednesday following Easter, except in such times as Easter Sunday comes in the month of March.

I beg leave to submit the following information and suggestions: The earliest date of Easter is March the 24th. This will occur in 1940. The latest date of Easter is April the 25th. This will occur in 1943. In the next ten years, with our fixed date—of first Wednesday in April for convening Conference, Easter Sunday will come before Conference four times—1929, 1932, 1934 and 1937; and four times after Conference, 1930, 1933, 1935 and 1936.

To carry out the idea of the resolution under consideration, would mean that during the next ten years, Conference would convene twice before April the 1st; twice as late as April the 23rd and 24th; and six times convene at varying dates from April 3rd to April 15th. The idea of conserving the opportunities of Church work in evangelism and accession is a most splendid one, and should be carried out. But to do so under a fixed rule of convening Conference on the Wednesday following Easter, makes for Conference years of unequal length, and gives an indefiniteness in consequence to Conference programs.

I believe there is another question involved with respect to our date of Conference that is of vital importance to the families of our ministers. This is the question of the transfer of our children from one school to another, sometimes from counties to cities, or vice versa; sometimes from one state to another. In some instances it means the loss of a year in the progress of the child through school. This is a most serious question with those of us who have children of school age, hence will always be a serious question to most of the ministers of the Conference; and those who are most concerned generally move the most. Why cannot our Conference meet at a stated time of the year, that will take care of the matter of the Easter time as per the resolution of last year?

I therefore: Recommend that RULE 1, SECTION 1, entitled "ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE" of the Manual, be, and the same hereby is amended to read—

"Conferences shall convene in Annual Session on the *First Wednesday in June.*"

If the above resolution is adopted, it is understood that the next Conference year will continue for a period of fourteen (14) months—April 1st, 1926 to June 1st, 1927.

G. I. HUMPHREYS.

This report was adopted by a motion of 78 to 75. The motion was reconsidered and referred to the Quarterly Conference for action.

There being no stated form of a referendum from the Annual Conference to the Quarterly Conferences, the president and secretary prepared and sent out the following paper:

"The Conference Minutes, page 29, refer a resolution to change the date of the meeting of the Annual Conference to the Quarterly Conferences for action.

"This resolution unfortunately has been omitted from the minutes by an oversight of the secretary. But we believe that the situation is sufficiently clear for intelligent action.

"Will you have your Quarterly Conference take the necessary action and report to the secretary? The most convenient time to send in your vote will be when you return the delegates' credentials.

"If your Conference desires to express itself on another date than either suggested in the resolution, there would certainly be no objection, and it might enable the Annual Conference to come to a decision that would be most helpful to all the churches."

E. C. MAKOSKY, President,
R. L. SHIPLEY, Secretary.

Make cross
here

	For changing the date of the Annual Conference to the first Wednesday in June.
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	Against changing the date of the Annual Conference to the first Wednesday in June.
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Quarterly Conference of

..... Charge
..... Chairman
..... Secretary

The results of the referendum are as follows:

68 against the change of date to June first.

37 for change of the date to June first.

21 for change of date to September first.

One vote is for a change to August first, one for August first at Western Maryland College, one for October, one for October or September, one for March first, one for May first, one for "the fall," one for "whatever time most suitable."

R. L. SHIPLEY, Secretary.

REPORT C TREASURER'S REPORT

(See Journal, page 34)

BUDGET A—President's Salary and Expenses (Assessment \$4,500.00)

Amount received	\$4,620.50	
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Total		\$4,620.50
Paid to President	\$4,050.00	
Paid to Agent	450.00	
Balance	120.50	\$4,620.50

BUDGET B—MARYLAND CONFERENCE INTERESTS (Assessment \$35,000.00)

Amount received	\$48,713.12	
Balance	3,590.26	\$52,303.38

Paid to incidental expenses	\$ 2,624.71	
Paid to Superannuates	19,428.25	
Paid to Board of Survey and Church Extension....	20,280.42	
Paid to our Church Home	6,000.00	
Paid to Deaconess Home	2,500.00	
Paid to Parsonage Fund	1,470.00	\$52,303.38

BUDGET C—General Conference Budget (Benevolences)
(Assessments \$110,000.00)

Amount received	\$55,209.21
Paid H. C. Staley, Treas. (per attached receipts).....	\$55,209.21

For detailed statement of funds raised for the several interests, see report of Conference steward.

TRANSPORTATION AND ENTERTAINMENT FUND

Assessment for Transportation:

AMOUNT RECEIVED:

For Pastors	\$ 530.75	
For Delegates	960.75	\$1,491.50

AMOUNT DISBURSED:

For Pastors	\$ 519.55	
For Delegates	894.71	
For expenses	1.53	
Balance	75.71	\$1,491.50

Number of Charges not sharing in plan—7.

Assessment for Entertainment:

Amount received	\$2,050.00
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Amount disbursed	\$2,050.00
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Number of Charges not sharing in plan—15.

Report of Treasurer of Conference with Reference to Funds Received
and Disbursed Relating to the One Hundred Thousand Dollar
Campaign

RECEIPTS:

Amount subscribed	\$110,285.00
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Amount paid T. A. Murray by Chas. P. Nowlin to April 13, 1926	\$61,543.00
Received by C. P. Nowlin, April 14, 1926, to January 19, 1927	1,634.07
Received by Chas. F. Cummins, Acting Treas....	2,869.37
Expenses for Campaign to April 16, 1923.....	897.63
Unpaid Balance	43,340.93
	\$110,285.00

Detailed Statement of Incidental Expenses

Amount received			\$2,624.71
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Committees:			
Board of Survey and Church Extension.....	\$103.44		
Board of Finance	4.80		
Budget	60.71		
Group Chairmen	25.90		
Maryland Conference Council	25.55		
Roll of Honor	19.44	\$239.44	
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Secretary		42.00	
Treasurer		128.45	
President		83.10	
Printing:			
Minutes	627.10		
Programs	28.75		
Report Blanks and Envelopes	43.35		
General	253.76	952.96	
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Salaries:			
Steward	100.00		
Secretary	50.00		
Treasurer	200.00	350.00	
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Summer Conference		200.00	
Miscellaneous		456.36	
Annual Conference		172.00	\$2,624.71
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REPORT D

TRUSTEES OF THE MARYLAND
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

(See Journal, page 31)

The Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference respectfully submit their report for the year ending May 1st, 1927. The board as at present constituted, is as follows: J. H. Straughn, J. M. Sheridan, Roland Watts and F. Murray Benson until May 1st, 1929; F. T. Little, G. W. Haddaway, J. H. Roberts, F. G. Usilton until May 1st, 1928; L. F. Warner, E. C. Makosky, J. P. Dodge and T. W. Donoho until May 1st, 1927, and whose successors are to be elected at this session of the Conference.

The income from the Mrs. A. S. Eversole legacy has been used for the Church Extension work of the Conference, in harmony with the terms of the bequest.

We submit herewith the report of our Treasurer, Mr. Murray Benson, for the Conference year, showing receipts and expenditures of The Drinkhouse Trust Estate, and now subject to disposition by the trustees under the will of Dr. Drinkhouse, in accordance with the terms created by the said will.

ROLAND WATLS, Secretary.

F. T. LITTLE, President.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR, APRIL 1926-27

F. MURRRAY BENSON, Treasurer,

In account with

TRUSTEES OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

To Balance per last report.....		\$849.92
To Commissions on Trust Income.....	\$68.72	
To Interest on Deposits.....	49.96	118.68
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		\$968.60
By Expenses of Management.....	\$ 50.00	
By Rent Safe Deposit Box.....	5.00	
By Cash advanced for taxes on Pearre legacy....	25.00	
To Balance on deposit to Credit Trustees.....	888.60	\$968.60
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DRINKHOUSE TRUST ESTATE

To Income from Investments.....		\$1,245.00
Balance forwarded		3.15
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		\$1,248.15
By Amount paid to Baltimore Book Directory, appropriation of income by Trustees for use of The Methodist Protestant	\$1,000.00	
By Amount paid Maryland Educational Endowment Society, appropriation of Income by Trustees for Education of Ministers	200.00	
By Trustees Commissions credited above to General Fund	45.00	
By Balance in Bank to credit of Trustees....	3.15	\$1,248.15
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NOTE: At the time of filing this report, there is one ground rent outstanding of \$15.00 and a balance of \$18.00 due Trustees General Account on Commissions on collection of Income from Drinkhouse fund.

We have examined the above account and the vouchers appertaining thereto, and found them correct.

T. W. DONOHO,
ROWLAND WATTS,
Auditing Commission.

F. MURRAY BENSON, Treasurer,
In account with

TRUSTEES OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Charles Street Property Account

To Balance as per last report.....	\$	39.69	
To Sale of 10 Second Mortgage Bonds to Westminster Saving Bank.....		5,000.00	
To Accrued Int. 10 Second Mtge Bonds.....		37.50	
To Sale of 20 Second Mortgage Bonds Kent Saving Bank		10,000.00	
To Accrued Int. 20 Second Mortgage Bonds.....		75.00	
To Cash advanced from Current Earnings Account for Int. expenses and reduction of Mortgages..		2,584.91	
To Borrowed Money		4,739.84	
To Int. on Deposits		23.97	\$22,500.91
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By Repayment of Borrowed Money.....	\$15,500.00		
By Expenses of Bond Issue.....	194.75		
By Expenses of Headquarters	22.00		
By Ck. Chas. Reiner, Jr., a-c Taxes.....	2,624.63		
By Ck. Chas. Reiner, Jr., a-c Int.....	400.00		
By Ck. Baker Watts & Co. a-c Int. on Bonds.....	900.00		
By Ck. Mutual Life Ins. Co. of Baltimore a-c Principal of first Mortgage.....	2,500.00		
By Interest Paid on Note.....	192.91		
By Ck. Henry A. Kries & Son, balance on account..	150.00		
By Balance to credit of Trustees.....	16.62	\$22,500.91	
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We have audited the above account and found it correct.

T. W. DONOHO,
ROWLAND WATTS,
Auditing Committee.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1927

RECEIPTS:

Balance, April 1, 1926.....	\$	3,719.45	
Rent		19,830.86	
F. Murray Benson.....		1,624.63	
Discounts		3.78	
Rent Paid in Advance.....		32.50	
Total Receipts			\$25,211.22
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Commissions	\$	30.00	
Hauling Ashes		39.50	
Coal		520.59	
Expenses		745.89	
Janitor Service		3,228.92	

Light and Power.....	773.36	
Insurance	138.54	
Taxes and Water Rent	3,976.21	
Profit and Loss Account	90.55	
Advertising	82.65	
Interest	7,831.17	
Paid on Mortgage	5,000.00	
Painting outside of Building.....	354.00	
Total Disbursements		\$22,811.38
Balance		\$ 2,399.84
ASSETS:		
Cash	\$ 719.14	
Accounts Receivable	1,256.53	
Property Fixtures	349.17	
John Lindsay	75.00	
Total Assets		\$2,399.84

CHAS. REINER, JR., Agent.

NOTE: The original amount received from F. Murray Benson was \$2,624.63. One thousand dollars of this amount was paid out to cover note with Baker, Watts & Company, September 30, 1926.

REPORT E BOARD OF FINANCE

We are apportioning the various budgets to the charges by the method published in regulation 21 of the manual. We are also preparing for publication in the minutes, as a part of our report, the totals and percentages, in relation to each other, of the three funds, namely: General Conference Budget, Maryland Conference Interests and President's Salary and Expenses.

We will also give the total financial basis and total church membership.

The Budgets are:

General Conference	\$110,000.00
Maryland Conference	35,000.00
President's Salary and Expenses	4,500.00

Total

To be distributed thus:

General Conference	73.57%
Maryland Conference	23.41%
President's Salary and Expenses.....	3.02%

100.00%

DISTRIBUTION

General Conference Budget	Per Cent	Amount
Board of Foreign Missions.....	25	\$ 27,500.00
Board of Home Missions	23	25,300.00

Board of Education	23	25,300.00
W. F. M. S.	12	13,200.00
W. H. M. S.	6	6,600.00
Superannuates	4	4,400.00
Ministerial Salary Relief	2	2,200.00
Contingent Fund Ex. Com.	2	2,200.00
Children's Home	1	1,100.00
Home for the Aged	1	1,100.00
American Bible Society	1	1,100.00
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	100	\$110,000.00
Maryland Conference Interests	Per Cent	Amount
Incidental Expenses	7.46	\$ 2,500.00
Superannuates	20.9	8,500.00
Church Extension	41.8	14,000.00
Our Church Home	17.9	6,000.00
Deaconess Home	7.46	2,500.00
President's Parsonage	4.48	1,500.00
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	100.00	\$35,000.00
President's Salary and Expenses		
President	90	4,050.00
Agent of President's Parsonage	10	450.00
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	100	4,500.00
Total Financial Basis		519,700
Total Membership		33,816
Percentage for Allotments:		
\$110,000.00—Financial .....	.207	taken at 60 per cent
Per Capita	3.28	taken at 40 per cent
35,000.00—Financial .....	.067	taken at 60 per cent
Per Capita	1.05	taken at 40 per cent
4,500.00—Financial .....	.0088	taken at 60 per cent
Per Capita .....	.14	taken at 40 per cent
		G. A. OGG, Chairman,
		G. M. CLAYTON,
		W. F. WRIGHT,
		WM. E. CAIN,
		M. W. GAINES,
		H. C. STALEY.

REPORT F

(See Journal, page 32)

COMMITTEE ON ITINERACY AND
ORDERS

Your Committee on Itineracy and Orders, makes the following recommendations:

1. That G. E. Wunder, H. C. Burkins, H. E. Hudgins, D. K. Sturgis, H. G. Hager and Stephen Galley, graduates of Westminster Theological Seminary, be received into the Conference and ordained.

2. That J. G. Lynn, having passed through the Conference course, be received into the Conference and ordained.

3. That C. M. Jenkins, be given license to administer the ordinances.

4. That H. L. Murphy be continued in the third year.

5. That D. F. Galloway be continued in the second year, and be given license to administer the ordinances.

6. That W. D. Wilson, A. W. Betts, C. O. Quillen, C. S. Marshall, Ira Dinkle, be placed in the hands of the president, and be given license to administer the ordinances, provided they are given an appointment.

Miss Grace G. Jones has passed to the third year.

Signed,

J. M. GILL,
E. D. STONE,
J. M. SHERIDAN,
H. L. ELDERDICE,
L. B. SMITH.

Your committee has considered the item referred to it, and reports it back to the Conference in its original form, namely, that D. F. Galloway be continued in the second year, and be given license to administer the ordinances.

We further recommend that the following be given license to administer the ordinances, provided they are given an appointment,—
F. N. Bowers, H. M. McAdow, A. A. Pierce, and C. R. Wilson.

J. M. GILL,
J. M. SHERIDAN,
E. D. STONE,
H. L. ELDERDICE,
LEONARD B. SMITH.

REPORT G

(See Journal, page 27)

PARTIAL REPORT

BOARD OF SURVEY AND EXTENSION

With reference to the Centenary Church for Washington, your committee hereby reaffirms the action of the Conference as embodied in the report of the President of the Conference of last year, and further recommends that the President of the Conference give his active attention to promoting this enterprise, and the pulpits of the Conference Churches be opened to the Superintendent of Church Extension for the presentation of this interest.

We further recommend that the President of the Conference, the Superintendent of Church Extension, the Board of Survey and Extension, and the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society shall constitute a joint body to carry forward the enterprise.

G. I. HUMPHREYS, Chairman,
JAS. H. STRAUGHN, Secretary.

REPORT

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We approve the decision of Laurville Church to erect the first unit of their church, and refer the request for underwriting their necessary borrowings to the consideration of the Board of Managers at the proper time.

2. We approve the request for the appointment of a Conference committee by the President of the Conference to co-operate with the Official Board of the First Church, Wilmington, in matters pertaining to the interests of that church.

3. We recommend that the full appropriation made last year on pastor's salary at Deer Creek Charge be paid Mrs. W. S. Simms.

4. We approve the effort at Calvary Church, Va., to secure a parsonage, and pledge them our co-operation and support at such time as they shall inaugurate their new church enterprise.

5. We approve the recommendation of the Board of Managers that churches placed under their charge be accorded special consideration in apportioning the various budgets.

6. We recommend the re-appointment of E. A. Sexsmith as Supt. of Church Extension.

7. We recommend that \$14,000 be assessed on the District for Church Extension.

BOUNDARIES

1. We recommend that Salem and Trinity remaining as separate charges be served by the same pastor.

2. That Phoenix on Trinity be detached and attached to Mariners.

3. That Poplar appointment be detached from Baltimore Circuit and attached to Texas.

4. That the name of Baltimore Circuit be changed to Towson.

5. That Salem on Warwick be detached and placed under the Quarterly Conference of Clayton.

6. That the name of Conquest Charge be changed to Hallwood.

7. That Willis Chapel on Felton be declared a closed church.

8. That Mt. Lebanon on Kemptown Charge be declared a closed church.

9. That Faith Church on Cannon charge be declared a closed church.

10. That Harmony Church now under the care of the pastor of Denton be left as a mission church, under the care of the Denton Quarterly Conference.

11. That Kesley Chapel on Wesley Chapel of Kent be declared a closed church.

12. That the requests of Montgomery Church for a re-adjustment of boundaries be held in suspense for the next ad interim meeting of the Board of Survey and Extension, who shall report their findings to the next Annual Conference session.

APPROPRIATIONS

1. Superintendent Church Extension, salary.....	\$3,000
2. To Northumberland Charge, Fairfields Church.....	100
3. To the Board of Managers for Calvary, Va.....	850
4. To Bethesda Church, Baltimore, on salary.....	300
5. To Evergreen, if supplied by married man.....	150
6. To Cannon, fourth installment and last.....	500
7. To Edmondson Ave., fourth of five installments.....	500
8. To Glenburnie, fourth and last installment.....	500
9. To Board of Managers for interest charge, 17 months, Edmondson Ave.	1,500
10. To Board of Managers for special needs at Emmanuel, Phila...	500

NOTE: It is understood that in the case of salaries above 5-12 shall be added.

Respectfully submitted,

G. I. HUMPHREYS, Chairman.

JAS. H. STRAUGHN, Secretary.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF BOARD OF SURVEY AND
CHURCH EXTENSION

AMOUNT RECEIVED:

From District	\$9,392.88
To Loans:	
First National Bank	6,709.58
First National Bank	587.70
To Balance	3,590.26
Total	\$20,280.42

APPROPRIATIONS:

Northumberland Charge	\$ 200.00
Board Managers, Calvary	582.00
Crumpton—Salary	200.00
Deer Creek—Salary	150.00
Board of Managers	1,000.00
Supt. Church Extension	3,000.00
Bethesda—Salary	300.00
Evergreen—Salary	350.00
Kennedyville—Salary	100.00
Cannon—Third Installment	500.00
Edmondson Ave.—Third Instalment	500.00
Glenburnie—Third Installment	375.00
Violetville—Fourth Installment	500.00
	\$7,757.00

SUPPLEMENTAL SALARIES:

Chesaco Park	300.00
Evergreen	200.00
Graceland Park	100.00

Bedford, Penna.	100.00	
Cambridge Circuit	300.00	
Cannon, Del.	250.00	
Cecil	200.00	
Conquest, Va.	300.00	
Greenbush and Tasley	100.00	
Greenwood, Del.	100.00	
Harbeson, Del.	100.00	
Harmony, W. Va.	250.00	
Kempton	250.00	
Kennedyville	300.00	
Kent Island	287.00	
Lisbon	200.00	
Reliance	250.00	
Rowlandville	300.00	
Salem	300.00	
Susquehanna	300.00	
Warwick	300.00	4,787.00

INTEREST:

Paid to First National Bank	286.42
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PAYMENT OF NOTES:

First National Bank, Havre de Grace	6,850.00	
First National Bank, Havre de Grace	600.00	7,450.00

Total		\$20,280.42
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REPORT H

COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATES

(See Journal, page 27)

Your committee on Superannuates has given careful and prayerful attention to the interests of all beneficiaries, and has endeavored to make a fair and equitable distribution of available funds, and submits the following report:

We regret that the probable income from the invested fund will not permit a distribution of \$15.00 for each year's service of the Superannuates, and \$7.50 for the widows of the ministers, as the Conference recommended should be done this year.

We have done the very best we could, and have made the distribution from this fund on a \$12.00 and \$6.00 a year basis.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend that the assessment on the district be \$7,000.00, which is the same as last year.

2. We recommend that, if necessary, the Conference Treasurer be authorized to borrow a sufficient amount of money to meet in full the appropriation for 1927 and 1928.

APPROPRIATIONS

Name	Invested Fund	Collections	Total
G. Q. Bacchus.....	\$ 564.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 669.00
L. A. Bennett.....	384.00	255.00	639.00
Dorsey Blake	408.00	60.00	468.00
J. McLain Brown.....	384.00	230.00	614.00
S. F. Cassen.....	528.00	130.00	658.00
S. W. Coe.....	384.00	255.00	639.00
T. O. Crouse.....	648.00	60.00	708.00
J. L. Elderdice.....	492.00	165.00	657.00
G. F. Farring.....	540.00		540.00
J. W. Gray.....	576.00	95.00	671.00
G. J. Hill.....	336.00	295.00	631.00
F. T. Little.....	660.00	50.00	710.00
F. H. Mullineaux.....	528.00		528.00
P. L. Rice	108.00	85.00	193.00
W. M. Strayer.....	576.00	95.00	671.00
J. G. Sullivan.....	348.00	10.00	358.00
Mrs. C. N. Alexander.....	36.00	200.00	236.00
Mrs. E. L. Beauchamp.....	54.00	242.00	296.00
Mrs. J. S. Bowers.....	204.00	25.00	229.00
Mrs. H. C. Cushing.....	78.00	165.00	243.00
Mrs. D. N. Gilbert.....	18.00	125.00	143.00
Mrs. W. R. Graham.....	270.00	58.00	328.00
Mrs. D. L. Greenfield.....	156.00	42.00	198.00
Mrs. G. R. Hodge.....	162.00	205.00	367.00
Mrs. J. L. Kilgore.....	108.00	80.00	188.00
Mrs. F. C. Klein.....	258.00	185.00	443.00
Mrs. R. K. Lewis.....	30.00	145.00	175.00
Mrs. R. L. Lewis.....	138.00	285.00	423.00
Mrs. J. E. Litsinger.....	42.00	252.00	294.00
Mrs. W. D. Litsinger.....	210.00	112.00	322.00
Mrs. W. J. D. Lucas.....	66.00	230.00	296.00
Mrs. A. W. Mather.....	162.00	165.00	327.00
Mrs. C. B. Middleton.....	42.00	165.00	207.00
Mrs. W. J. Neepier.....	186.00	122.00	308.00
Mrs. C. P. Nowlin.....	192.00	240.00	432.00
Mrs. J. W. Norris.....	192.00	70.00	262.00
Mrs. C. W. Sanderson.....	30.00	90.00	120.00
Mrs. W. N. Sherwood.....	90.00	125.00	215.00
Mrs. W. S. Simms.....		150.00	150.00
Mrs. G. J. Smith.....	126.00	70.00	196.00
Mrs. S. J. Smith.....	6.00	95.00	101.00
Mrs. F. L. Stevens.....	114.00	250.00	364.00
Mrs. S. B. Treadway.....	228.00	210.00	438.00
Mrs. R. T. Tyson.....	54.00	185.00	239.00
Mrs. S. G. Valliant.....	18.00	185.00	203.00

Name	Invested Fund	Collections	Total
Mrs. E. H. Van Dyke.....	198.00	185.00	383.00
Mrs. A. J. Walter.....	90.00	150.00	240.00
Mrs. E. A. Warfield.....	156.00	215.00	371.00
Mrs. R. S. Williamson.....	42.00	115.00	157.00
Mrs. J. A. Wiegand.....	84.00	130.00	214.00
Mrs. H. F. Wright.....	78.00	235.00	313.00
Mrs. J. M. Yingling.....	18.00	85.00	103.00

W. B. JUDEFIND, Chairman
 CARROLL MADDOX, Secretary
 J. F. WOODEN
 E. B. FENBY
 T. PLINY FISHER

DETAILED STATEMENT OF SUPERANNUATES

AMOUNT RECEIVED

From District	\$ 7,821.83
From T. A. Murray, Treasurer.....	10,227.67
Loan First National Bank.....	1,378.75
Total.....	\$19,428.25

DISBURSEMENTS

First Distribution	\$ 2,062.00
Second Distribution	2,575.00
Third Distribution	2,218.00
Fourth Distribution	8,494.00
Specials	1,221.50
Premium on Policy.....	1,400.00
Interest on Loan.....	57.75
Payment of Note First National Bank.....	1,400.00
Total.....	\$19,428.25

REPORT I

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE AND EDUCATION

(See Journal, page 31)

The literary and educational interests of the church are vital. A wise use of literature had much to do with the origin of our church, and it is impossible now to say how greatly this same means has contributed to its growth and influence.

The church is in the business of education. Its interest, however, is not to limit the discovery and application of truth, but to foster both. The Master declared Himself to be "the truth", and promised the Spirit to guide us "into all truth". Education should be pursued under His tuition. A Christian atmosphere is important, and where it cannot be had

in the school itself, the home and the church should provide it. Our own schools are designed to afford such atmosphere, and their advantages should be availed of by our people.

We have read with interest the reports of the Executive Secretary of the Board of Education, the President of the Westminster Theological Seminary, the Vice-President of Western Maryland College, and the Baltimore Book Directory, all of which are herewith offered for publication.

The illness of Dr. Ward, President of Western Maryland College, has greatly distressed us, but the reports of his improved health are grateful and we hope he may very soon be quite recovered. The college has had a great history. Its present place of influence and its promise of future usefulness are causes for congratulation. We desire to emphasize the fact that the sum of money subscribed to the college recently is being added to its endowment fund, the interest from which is designed for use in strengthening the educational power of the institution. It is important that these subscriptions be paid promptly. The objection to military training at the college voiced by Rev. Paul F. Warner in his annual letter to this Conference strikes a sympathetic note in your committee. We wish the college might discontinue this department.

Westminster Theological Seminary's growth and present substantial condition are facts in which we take pleasure. How greatly the church and the Kingdom are indebted to this institution! Every encouragement and support should be given Dr. H. L. Elderdice and those directly associated with him in its management. We concur in the recommendations of the Seminary Board of Governors, "that pastors during the incoming year preach on the call to the ministry, and that the churches engage in special prayer, that the Lord of the harvest may send forth more laborers into His harvest", and also that Dr. H. L. Elderdice be assigned as President of the Seminary for the ensuing year. We also approve the seven suggestions made by the executive secretary of the Board of Education in his letter submitted herewith.

We note with pleasure the increase in the subscriptions to *The Methodist Protestant*. Very many of us look forward with eager interest to the weekly visits of this friend, and we wish it might be welcomed into the homes of all our people. The news value and possibilities of the paper are worthy of special emphasis. Facts not admitted to the columns of the secular press are given publicity by this means, and items of current news, in which the church is interested, add to its usefulness. It has come to the notice of your committee that a Centennial number of the *Methodist Protestant* is being considered. We cordially commend the idea, and hope it may be realized, in a publication worthily commemorating the one hundred years of our church history. As a means of introducing the *Methodist Protestant* to new members of the church, we suggest that a short term subscription to it be given each person on reception.

WM. H. LITSINGER,
LOUIS RANDALL,
EDGAR T. READ,
W. O. ATWOOD.

April 4, 1927

Maryland Annual Conference, Baltimore, Md.
(Committee on Education.)

Dear Brethren:

It is a pleasure to extend to you the greetings and good wishes of the Board of Education. It is our hope and prayer that your annual session will prove a blessing in every way, and that the things accomplished through your fellowship of prayer, consultation and planning will result in another year of progress and prosperity for the Kingdom of God.

During the last year the work of the Board of Education has been carried forward as energetically and faithfully as possible. Although the income from the denominational budget continues to decline, the returns from the Rally Day are the largest they have ever been. March 1st they totaled \$16,104.23. With two months' reports yet to be received, we are confident the total will come close to \$18,000. The splendid cooperation of the Maryland pastors has helped to make this possible. I estimate that this year's Rally Day offerings from the Maryland Churches will be the largest ever given for a special day promoted by the Board of Education. This splendid increase in our Rally Day offerings has saved the situation for our Board this year. The opportunities confronting us were never greater. If sufficient funds could be placed at our disposal, we could greatly increase our usefulness to the church and Kingdom of God.

I am submitting herewith some suggestions which your Committee on Education might be able to use:

First, not only urge our people to observe Rally Day, but make it the time when the educational part of their budget is provided for.

Second, if a church finds it impossible to hold a Rally Day service, let them arrange for an offering for the work of our Board, and set it apart as a Rally Day offering.

Third, sanction the plan of the board setting part the second Sunday in December as "Men for the Ministry Sunday". That will be December 11th this year.

Fourth, urge our pastors to make a serious effort to induce our own young people to attend our colleges. These schools have a splendid place in the educational world. They are Christian institutions without any qualification, and are maintained by Methodist Protestants for Methodist Protestant young people. Our children are safer in a Christian college than in one that is not.

Fifth, it is well to bear in mind our colleges are adapted to train our ministerial candidates. There are none better.

Sixth, urge the ministerial candidates to complete their ministerial training in Westminster Theological Seminary. No school is better fitted to train our own men.

Seventh, we wish our pastors would make it a regular part of their church calendar to preach at least once a year on the theme of Christian education.

You will find enclosed a copy of the names of those indebted to the

Board of Education. You will note that these brethren owe the Board approximately \$19,000. The thirteen now in school have borrowed \$7,076. That leaves nearly \$12,000 due from those out of school now. At the time of writing this communication only \$190 has been received this year on these accounts. I anticipate collecting some while visiting your Conference. Over \$500 was paid last year at this time. Most of these brethren are concerned about their obligation, but seem to make little progress in meeting them. A few are doing nothing but seem hopeful that they soon can. I would be glad to talk to your committee about these matters.

The situation in our colleges is continually encouraging. Western Maryland's campaign for endowment was a success, and I understand the funds are being paid in gradually. There is a fair increase in student attendance and the work being done will compare favorably with any similar school.

Adrian College is pushing her campaign for \$500,000 energetically. The progress made so far gives promise of ultimate success. There is a substantial increase this year in the enrollment.

The situation at High Point is steadily though slowly improving. Increase in student attendance and some headway against their heavy indebtedness inspires the hope that some day this promising enterprise will be on a more solid financial foundation.

The situation at Westminster College, Tehuacana, Texas, has been very critical. It seemed last spring that it would be necessary to discontinue operations for a time. It was decided to go on, however, and this year has been very successful. There is a rather serious decline in student attendance, but otherwise the situation is satisfactory.

We are liquidating our interests at Kansas City University. As soon as the matters are completed, a full statement will be given to the church.

Dr. Elderdice reports a gratifying year at the seminary. The attendance is not quite so large, but we are accustomed to these fluctuations.

There seems to be about the same number of ministerial students in our colleges as usual. We have assisted 33 this year, involving loans of around \$6,300. Return payments to date are less than they were a year ago, but we anticipate an improvement before the close of our fiscal year.

So far as our Student Loan Fund is concerned, this has been the most satisfactory year in the history of this activity. The return payments are more than twice what they have ever been, and our beneficiaries exhibit a fine attitude toward these obligations. If the present progress in this fund is maintained a few years longer, the work should be practically self-sustaining.

We thank you for your interest and co-operation. We are trying to serve the Methodist Protestant Church in a way that will meet their hopes and ideals. We are glad for suggestions and even criticisms. We are here to serve, and anything which will increase our usefulness will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. STEPHENSON.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE

I regret that it is not possible for me to make a complete report. I have been ill for more than eight weeks, but the work has proceeded under the care of Dr. McDaniel, who has most efficiently looked after things for me, and a committee for the faculty which has looked after matters of discipline and curriculum.

The enrollment has reached a total of 506, the highest ever reached. The most important matter to call your attention to is the endowment. We will have the \$250,000.00 in hand to meet the requirements of the State July 1, 1927.

But the tug-of-war will be to raise the last \$125,000.00, which must be in hand February 10, 1928. If there were a margin to fall back upon, it would make it much easier. But there is no margin, and I had to assume personally \$7,000.00 in order to bring it up to the required amount. This means that every dollar subscribed will have to be paid if we reach success. I hope this Conference will get behind this movement in order to bring it to a successful conclusion.

I have suggested a plan to Rev. J. Leas Green, who will present it to the Conference. I hope the Conference will give it its most hearty endorsement.

With profound gratitude to Almighty God for His care over me, and with loving greetings to the Conference,

Very sincerely,

A. N. WARD.

Dr. Ward has requested me to present the following observations to the Conference:

In the campaign for increased endowment for Western Maryland College, fifty-three charges made no response at all, and twenty others made pledges to the amount of \$5,780.00, none of which has been paid. These pledges were made with the understanding that the president of the college, or his representatives, would collect them.

The campaign reached its goal of subscriptions because the president of the college personally underwrote \$7,000.00 in addition to his own gift. It is obvious that every effort must be made to collect in full all pledges, and to secure an additional amount of at least \$7,000.00 if the campaign is to be successfully concluded.

The Conference is requested to give its sanction to the following plan:

1. That permission be given to a committee to visit the charges in an effort to secure these pledges and additional sums for the college.
2. That the committee in charge of work shall be the members of the Conference, who have been admitted since Dr. Ward assumed the vice-presidency of the college.

Signed: J. LEAS GREEN.

April 1, 1927

To the Maryland Annual Conference
of the Methodist Protestant Church::

Owing to the prolonged illness of President Ward, only a brief report can be given.

Last year the president reported that the enrollment of that year exceeded any previous year, and this year it continues to increase, the students catalogued in all departments number 506.

The revised curriculum, to meet the modern demands in education has been put into operation, necessitating an enlargement and strengthening of the faculty.

With the growth and expansion of the college, it would seem that the finances ought to be easier, but the experience is that expenses increase faster than receipts, and it is only with the greatest economy that the balance can be brought out on the right side

The Legislature acted favorably on an increased annual appropriation, although with the increase, the State is only paying the regular rate for holders of scholarships.

While the payments on subscriptions to the 1925 Campaign Endowment Fund have been substantial and gratifying, the total amount is still short of that required to meet the State's grant of \$125,000 by \$20,000.

W. R. McDANIEL,

Vice-President.

THE WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The Board of Governors reports that the Westminster Theological Seminary is closing its forty-fifth year. The first five years of its life were under the founding care of Dr. T. H. Lewis, the next ten under the administration of Dr. J. T. Ward, and the remaining 30 under the guidance of the present incumbent—Hugh Latimer Elderdice.

The growth has not been phenomenal nor the methods of propaganda sensational; but there has been a gradual advance along all lines of building, faculty, curriculum and finances, until today the permanency of the institution is established in all human probability.

During the year 46 students have matriculated, two of whom are women—one from Kansas and one from West Virginia; 31 of these are Methodist Protestants from 8 states: Kansas 1, North Carolina 1, Indiana 2, Eastern 2, Alabama 2, Ohio 3, West Virginia 7 and Maryland 13.

The remaining 15 are from sister churches: the Reformed, the Methodist Episcopal, and the United Brethren. This large representation from other denominations is a gratifying evidence of the widespread appeal of our School of the Prophets.

It is a pleasure to report that of the nine graduates, six will enter the Maryland Conference at this session:

Four from Baltimore churches—Harry G. Hager and Stephen Galley of Hampden; Herbert E. Hudgins of East Baltimore and Hugh Carroll Burkins of Calvary; George Ernest Wunder of Salisbury and Dorsey Sturgis of Taylor Memorial, Philadelphia.

Another cause for gratitude is the paying of the last dollar of indebtedness on the New Home for the President. The value of this latest addition to our plant, including building, furniture, and cement walks, is estimated at about \$25,000. It is also a source of pleasure to know that the only debt on the New Seminary building, a \$15,000 subscription made by the Board of Governors, is being reduced slowly but surely, and the interest is being paid regularly.

Mrs. Nowlin donated the Library of her late husband, C. P. Nowlin. Mrs. Klein also donated her husband's Library. Only a few of these books were modern ones, and so the Seminary decided to make them a nucleus of a Klein Memorial Missionary Library. An appeal has been sent through the church's official papers, and already books and checks are coming from far and near.

In the midst of our rejoicing, we must now sound a plaintive note: not one Maryland student is found in the Junior class.

Have pastors this year preached on the Call to the Ministry? Have they personally interviewed promising young men in their parishes?

Some have applied for admission, but because of lack of preparation, were not received.

We recommend: 1. That pastors during the incoming year preach on the Call of the Ministry, and that the churches engage in special prayer that the Lord of the harvest may send forth more laborers into his harvest.

2. That H. L. Elderdice be assigned as President of the Seminary for the ensuing year.

J. M. GILL,

President of the Board of Governors.

BALTIMORE BOOK DIRECTORY

Baltimore, Md., April 6, 1927.

To the Members of the Maryland Annual Conference
of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Dear Brethren:

Our annual report which is herewith presented, shows a decided improvement in the condition of our business. As indicated last year we have been able to reduce our overhead expenses, and are glad to report that our readjustment has made it possible to show a profit this year. We believe that our business is now operating on a sound basis, which should insure success in the years to come.

"THE METHODIST PROTESTANT"

The circulation of *The Methodist Protestant* has been maintained with a slight increase in subscribers. Our losses in subscribers have been decreased through our Conference plan of having all subscriptions expire at Conference time. The subscription list is paid up better than in any previous year. It is hardly necessary to impress upon the pastors of this Conference the important place that the church paper occupies in the

work of our denomination. The reports of the pastors to the Conference shows 700 more subscribers than we have on our list. This difference should be corrected by the pastor, so that the reports in the minutes shall correspond with those of our office. The reports to the president covering the campaign for this Conference year indicate that we will very nearly reach our goal. From all indications the returns from this year's campaign will exceed that of last year. We are still, however, making goals and not reaching them. The loss on the paper per subscription is considerably less. We are giving our subscribers \$1.10 more than they actually pay in the subscription price. If the paper is to succeed, and such success is only in the number of our people that it reaches, we must depend upon the ministry to maintain and increase our subscription list. We request the Conference to continue the same plan for next year's campaign, setting aside the first two weeks in March.

PRINTING DEPARTMENT

The result in our printing department justifies the wisdom in starting this branch in connection with our business. In sales and profits this year's report exceeds our fondest expectations. A study of our financial exhibit will reveal a healthy growth. We were fortunate in securing some splendid contracts, which in a large measure accounts for the increase in business and profits. You will be interested to know that we are doing considerable publication work for other denominations; also book edition printing. Our plant is splendidly equipped for turning out printing of any character, and the growing confidence of our constituency is most gratifying.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BOOK DEPARTMENTS

Our Sunday School publications have been improved to such an extent, that they compare favorably with those of other denominations. The new departmental grouping of lessons has made necessary a readjustment of our helps so as to conform with the various lesson topics of the different age groups covering the Primary, Junior and Senior departments. It always takes time for schools to adjust themselves to such changes, and while our sales have been falling off on certain publications, we are glad to note that a marked increase in the circulation has taken place for the second quarter of 1927. We commend for your favorable consideration a new Junior and Intermediate paper for boys and girls known as the *Hi Way*. This paper was introduced in January. While the circulation is not large, this periodical gives promise of filling a long felt need in our schools, covering the gap between the primary paper, *Our Children*, and the senior paper, *The New Guide*. We cannot conceive of any Methodist Protestant Sunday School using other than our own literature. It meets every requirement of city and rural schools.

Our store and mail order departments are continuing to expand. With an up-to-date stock, attractively displayed, we are able to command the support and admiration of church and Sunday School workers in and

around Baltimore. As we are the only church supply house catering to the needs of these workers, we are developing a growing constituency among the various denominations of our city. Our catalog is representative of the many supplies we carry. It serves as a silent salesman, and should be on every pastor's and church worker's desk. Keep it handy and refer to it often. It will help you solve many problems by offering suggestions as to how you can improve your work. It is departmentalized, so that a worker in any department can conveniently know what supplies are available for his department. We are spending a considerable sum in advertising to bring to the attention of church workers everywhere the splendid facilities we have to offer. Aside from our catalogs we are advertising in *The Sunday School Times*, *The Expositor* and *Church Management*. Last fall we issued another edition of our Church Hymnal. Because of our Centennial Celebration in 1928, we brought out this edition in a new and attractive binding to commemorate this important event. With the printing of the Centennial Edition, we have printed during the 100 years 100,000 copies of our Hymnal. This Hymnal should be used by all of our churches. It contains the great hymns of the church which have come down to us through the ages. No Methodist Protestant Church can afford to be without it. The use of this Hymnal in your services will add dignity and reverence to the worship of your congregation. Any church that denies to its people the inspiration and teachings of our Hymnal is failing in one of its most serious responsibilities.

The Editor of the "*Methodist Protestant*" has practically recovered his health, and has performed his duties another year with his accustomed ability and zeal; and has given us a paper scarcely second to any religious organ in the land.

Mr. Charles Reiner, Jr., the agent, has made the interests of the Book Concern his constant thought and effort by day and dreams by night. Never have his duties been so many and well performed as during the present year.

Mr. C. Levine Price, the superintendent of the printing department, is becoming more valuable all the time. Under his direction it has been a prosperous year for the said department.

There has been a fine spirit of co-operation by all our employees during the year.

For your information we attach the financial reports covering the work of the past year. In closing we want to record our appreciation for the loyal support of our ministers and laymen. Without your help we cannot succeed. We are doing a work that needs your sympathetic co-operation and assistance. Your loyalty has made possible our success. Members of the Conference, this is your business. We are your servants.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HADDAWAY.

President Baltimore Book Directory.

THE BOOK DEPOSITORY

OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

General Income and Expenditure Statement for the Year ended
February 28, 1927.

INCOME:

METHODIST PROTESTANT—

Sales	\$11,123.70	
Advertising	1,241.42	
Income from Drinkhouse Legacy.....	1,000.00	\$13,365.12

Loss:

Methodist Protestant.....	\$6,073.63	
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PRINTING—

Sales	50,645.40	
Waste Paper Sales	185.83	
Commission and Discounts	291.70	
Incompleted orders, Inventory 2-28-27	230.12	51,353.05

Profit:

Printing Dept.	\$3,966.07	
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SUNDAY SCHOOL PERIODICALS—

Sales		38,104.21
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Profit:

Sunday School Periodicals	\$2,521.09	
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MERCHANDISE—

Sales	81,007.94	
Discount on Purchases	619.08	\$1,627.02

Profit:

Mdse. Dept.	\$4,276.36	
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Total Income

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EXPENDITURES:

METHODIST PROTESTANT—

Paper	\$ 3,314.77	
Printing	8,872.50	
Salaries (Propr.)	4,931.75	
Postage, Express and Freight.....	638.31	
Expense	1,189.12	
General Expense (1-3 total)	363.68	
Suspense	111.05	
Commission and Discount	17.57	\$19,438.75

PRINTING—

Purchases	14,475.54	
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Salaries	24,670.42	
Rent	900.00	
Expense	1,845.20	
Light and Power	822.74	
Insurance	385.95	
Interest	160.15	
Repairs, Machinery & Equipment...	704.85	
Depreciation, Mach. & Equipment..	3,156.63	
Depreciation, Furniture & Fixtures..	76.92	
Metal	62.68	
Incompleted Orders, Inventory 2-28-26	125.90	47,386.98

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERIODICALS—

Purchases	27,427.47	
Salaries (Propr.)	4,500.00	
Postage, Express and Freight.....	1,246.42	
Expense	1,478.93	
General Expense (1-3 total)	363.68	
Rent (Propr.)	300.00	
Insurance (Propr.)	56.62	
Advertising (Propr.)	210.00	35,583.12

MERCHANDISE—

Purchases	55,464.27	
Postage, Express and Freight (out)	1,448.14	
Postage, Express and Freight (In)	509.63	
Salaries (Propr.)	9,300.21	
Expense	3,700.63	
General Expense (1-3 total)	363.69	
Rent	2,799.96	
Insurance	84.94	
Advertising	3,679.19	77,350.66

OTHER EXPENDITURES—

Interest	752.38	
Bad Debts, excess of Reserve 2-28-26	\$ 33.70	
Bad Debts Reserve for year ended 2-28-27	402.53	436.23
Depreciation, Store and Office Fixtures	907.96	2,096.57
Total Expenditures		\$181,856.08
General Conference, 10% Net Profits..		259.33
Capital Account 90% Net Profits.....		2,333.99
		\$184,449.40

THE METHODIST PROTESTANT BOOK CONCERN

516 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md.

Balance Sheet, February 28, 1927

ASSETS:

CURRENT ASSETS—

Cash	\$ 1,462.71	
Baltimore Post Office Deposit	50.00	
Accounts Receivable:		
Customers' Accounts	\$20,126.26	
Less:		
Reserve Bad Debts....	402.53	\$19,723.73
Delinquent Accounts, "Meth. Prot."	258.16	
Advertisers, "Methodist Protestant"	131.98	20,113.87
Bills Receivable		100.00
Inventories, Mdse., Stocks on Hand:		
Merchandise	22,059.26	
Sunday School Periodicals.....	948.78	
Paper for "Methodist Protestant"....	288.77	
Materials, Printing	1,845.40	
Work in Process, Printing.....	230.12	25,372.33
Total Current Assets		\$47,098.91

CAPITAL ASSETS—

Printing Machinery & Equipment	31,566.26	
Less: Reserve for Depreciation	14,899.54	16,666.72
Printing, Furniture & Fixtures.....	769.15	
Less: Reserve for Depreciation	221.29	547.86
Office and Store Furniture & Fixtures	9,079.61	
Less: Reserve for Depreciation	3,371.59	5,708.02
Total Capital Assets		22,922.60

DEFERRED CHARGES—

Insurance Premiums Paid in Advance	227.72	
Office Stationery and Supplies	431.94	
Easter Catalogue (1927)	120.04	
Total Deferred Charges		779.70

Total Assets

\$70,801.21

LIABILITIES:

CURRENT LIABILITIES—

Bills Payable	\$11,500.00
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Accounts Payable:

Creditors' Accounts	\$18,415.66	
Subscribers, "Methodist Protestant", Cr.,.....	\$3,274.34	
Subscribers, "Methodist Protestant", Dr.,.....	2,144.66	1,129.68
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Subscribers Sunday School Periodi- cals	666.69	20,212.03
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Donations for "Meth. Prot." Subscribers		52.63
Taxes Accrued		99.60
General Conference		259.33
Total Current Liabilities		<u>\$32,123.59</u>
CAPITAL—		
Capital, beginning of year.....	36,843.63	
Add: Net Profit for Year ended Feb. 28, 1927, per Profit and Loss State- ment	2,593.32	38,936.95
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Less 10% Profit to General Conference		259.33
Net Worth		<u>38,677.62</u>
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Total Liabilities and Capital		<u>\$70,801.21</u>

REPORT J

(See Journal, page 34)

COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Your committee on Young People's Work notes that there have been a number of changes in the personnel of the various organizations touching this important phase of religious education.

It is with deep regret that we hear of the resignation of Dr. E. A. Sexsmith as executive secretary of the Board of Young People's Work. During his tenure of office he built wisely upon the splendid foundations laid by his predecessors and our Young People's Work was in the most promising stage in its history.

We rejoice in the wise choice of the Board of Young People's Work when it selected the Rev. Lawrence Little as successor to Dr. Sexsmith. Secretary Little has already made a place for himself, demonstrated his ability in this important office, and we recommend that this Conference pledge him our loyal support.

It was with equally deep regret that we heard the decision of Rev. L. B. Smith, D. D., declining another term as president of the Maryland Conference Union of Young People's Work. During his administration the Summer Institute surpassed all previous achievements in numbers and efficiency.

We are confident that under the leadership of Rev. R. Y. Nicholson, the new president of the Maryland Conference Union of Young People's Work, the work of the Union at large and especially at Westminster will maintain its high standards and be improved as time and developments make improvements feasible. We recommend that the Rev. R. Y. Nicholson and his co-workers be given the hearty co-operation of every member of this Conference.

We feel that the Methodist Protestant Church, as well as the Maryland Christian Endeavor Union, has suffered great loss in the promotion of Carroll M. Wright to do pioneer work in the United Society of Christian Endeavor. Time alone can tell what mighty contributions he made for Christ, Christian Endeavor and the Methodist Protestant Church through his tireless energy and dynamic personality.

Mr. Willard E. Rice of Buffalo, N. Y., has recently been elected Executive Secretary of the Maryland Christian Endeavor Union to succeed Carroll M. Wright. He is a graduate of Colgate University, an experienced Christian Endeavor Worker, and well recommended. We recommend that our pastors and Endeavorers in Maryland and Delaware give him the same support they gave Carroll M. Wright, that this great work may go on uninterrupted.

Baltimore and Maryland are fortunate in the coming into our midst of Dr. Frank M. McKibben as director of religious education of the Baltimore Council of Christian Education, and as general secretary of the Maryland Sunday School Association, succeeding Mr. Abner Brown. Dr. McKibben is a national authority in the field of religious education, trained up to the minute in the technique of this vital subject, and anxious to serve us in every possible way. We recommend that the members of this Conference give him sympathetic support as he projects his programs for the advancement of Christian education in Maryland.

The Baltimore City School of Religious Education, a standard, interdenominational school held for two semesters of eleven weeks each in the Friends School, Baltimore, offered twenty-two courses in various phases of religious education. We regret that there were only two Methodist Protestants among the two hundred and sixty-seven enrolled. We recommend that an earnest effort be made next fall to have every Sunday School in Baltimore represented by its workers.

We rejoice in the continued success of the Summer Institute at Westminster. We believe that this success will increase in proportion as the academic standards are raised higher. We look forward to the time when the Summer Institute will develop into a Standard School of Religious Education, accredited with a rating the equal of any Summer School of Religious Education. We concur in the hope of the President of the Conference Young People's Union, and recommend that "every pastor see to it that least one delegate from each Young People's Organization of his church shall go to Westminster, and that wherever necessary the Church will pay the expense of the delegate.

The Winter Institutes that have been held for two years on the

Eastern Shore are worthy of continuation. Although the instruction given in these short-term Institutes is necessarily fragmentary, they are worth while if they carry even a little of the Spirit of Westminster to our workers who have never had the opportunity to go to Westminster. Profiting by the experience of these past two years, we recommend that the Winter Institutes be continued, that their scope be increased to provide courses of vital interest to pastors, and that their field be enlarged so as to cover both the Western and Eastern Shores.

We note with pleasure the splendid work done by the Washington, Baltimore and Three-in-One Unions of Young People's Work, and recommend that additional Unions be organized on the Eastern and Western Shores in order that by Rallies, held at least Quarterly, interest may be awakened in the Winter Institutes and in Westminster, and that the benefits of these Institutes may be conserved.

One of the most fruitful developments of Religious Education is the Daily Vacation Bible School. Peninsula Church, Wilmington, Chesaco Park, First Church Wilmington, West Baltimore, Stewartstown, Trinity Church, Baltimore, Carroll and Ridgeville Circuits conducted successful schools last summer. We recommend that all our churches be urged to promote the D. V. B. S. work according to the local needs.

The financial plan of the Conference Union last year called for the payment by all Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies of two cents per member, with a minimum of two dollars, and that Intermediate and Junior C. E. Societies pay one dollar per year. We recommend that although entirely inadequate, this plan be continued another year, that the pastors be urged to bring this matter to the attention of their Young People's organizations where necessary, and that a list of the charges that have paid their dues and the amounts be published in the Conference Minutes with the report of the President of the Maryland Conference Union.

The work of Religious Education is so vital, it has so many ramifications, the attaining of an adequate organization, curriculum, technique and equipment is so necessary that we believe the time is at hand when a full-time Director of Religious Education should be put in the field of the Maryland Conference Union. We recommend that a committee of five be appointed by the President of the Maryland Annual Conference to study the necessity and feasibility of such a Director of Religious Education, and report its findings to the 1928 session of the Maryland Annual Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. LINK,
J. W. TOWNSEND,
CHANCEY C. DAY,
B. L. DICKEY, JR.,
WM. A. W. WEATLEY, JR.

Dear Brethren:

In submitting this report of the activities of the Union of Young People's Work I am but reporting the splendid achievements of my predecessors. The great work which has been handed to us of the present speaks for the efficiency and consecration of all those who have labored in the past. My hope is that we, by our co-operation, may be able to carry on to even greater things.

The outstanding work of the Union is the Summer Institute at Western Maryland College. The enrollment of the past year was the largest in its history. The character of the student body was never higher. The interest in the class work was all that could be asked. The general atmosphere of the institute was uplifting and helpful beyond the telling.

The records of the work of each student are kept in a most satisfactory manner by our most efficient Secretary, and the financial condition of the Treasury is the best in the history of the Union. All honor to our energetic Treasurer.

Winter Institutes have been held for the past two years on the Eastern Shore. We believe there is an urgent need for these Institutes. But if they are to meet the needs, there must be some definite steps taken at once looking to a greater effort in the future.

If these Winter Institutes are to be continued, the work of them in connection with the Summer Institute makes it impossible for a man in the pastorate to give the time and thought required. We hope therefore the time is not far distant when a full time man can be put on the district to care for a larger work of the Union.

We feel confident that nowhere could a church more profitably send a group of young people, for a short but thorough course of training, than to Westminster. While the attendance this past year was the largest in the history of the Institute, the representation was not Conference-wide. We hope that every pastor will see to it that at least one delegate from each Young People's Organization of his church shall go to Westminster, and wherever necessary the church will pay the expense of the delegate.

With a final appeal for a representative from each Sunday School and Christian Endeavor; for an early and full payment of dues; for a greater co-operation for a greater Young People's Union.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Y. NICHOLSON, President.

REPORT K

(See Journal, page 34)

COMMITTEE ON MORAL REFORM AND SOCIAL SERVICE

The age is a challenge to the church to put on her militant strength. Principalities and powers, the rulers of darkness of the world, and spirit-

ual wickedness in high places, have confederated to make war against the Kingdom of God. Diabolical schemes and vicious propaganda threaten our moral code, and the disruption of our social order. It is time for united action by the forces of righteousness against the works of the devil.

We deplore hasty and unholy marriages, producing domestic unhappiness, and urge the passage of such laws as will protect the home and safe-guard society.

We commend the Delaware Legislature for defeating the bill to repeal the Klair and Loose Law. We are gratified that every effort to break down our present temperance status was defeated by the Maryland State Legislature in its last session. We urge a state-wide law for enforcement of prohibition, and pledge ourselves to work to that end; and at the same time approve the action of the Legislature in passing enforcement laws for Montgomery, Howard and Garrett Counties, and also the city of Crisfield, of Somerset County. We endorse such temperance organizations as are standing back of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and that are working for law enforcement. We resent the charge by the wets that the Anti-Saloon League is a hireling. We reaffirm our faith in the League, and pledge our full co-operation and hearty support. We commend the patient, painstaking efforts of Professor Irving Fisher in presenting to the world his book—"Prohibition at its Worst".

We endorse the educational program of the Lord's Day Alliance, and recommend that Dr. G. W. Haddaway, who is now a member of the Educational Committee, be continued. We commend the Maryland State Legislature for defeating all bills that had for their object the secularizing of our Christian Sabbath. We call upon our people everywhere to set a good example for Sabbath observance, by remembering the Sabbath Day to keep it holy. We pledge to the Lord's Day Alliance our co-operation.

We believe the daily press, with few exceptions, is an enemy to the home and society; that it is exerting a baneful influence upon our young people, and is in large measure responsible for much of the lawlessness and crime of the day.

We urge a larger possible co-operation among Christian denominations in securing the ends of righteousness, and request the Federal Council of Churches of America to build such a program as will furnish a good working basis for all Christian denominations, to the end that we may, as Christian people, make common cause against sin.

Signed:

N. O. GIBSON,
FRANK S. CAIN,
J. W. BAXLEY,
R. E. PETTYJOHN,
A. W. BEAM,
W. H. MYERS.

REPORT L

(See Journal, pages 33-34)

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENT
AGENCIES

Your Committee on Benevolent Agencies has carefully examined the report on the Deaconess Work, and made the following observations:

We regret that the report of the board is not more favorable, and yet in spite of the vein of pessimism therein implied, we hope there will be, at least, a sanguine view appreciated.

We feel that the prevailing condition is in nowise the result of the lack of labor or vision upon the part of those who have the general oversight of this work, nor for want of enthusiasm or earnestness on the part of the deaconesses.

We refrain from attempting to make any explanation as to the reason of its apparent decline—it would seem it is for this Conference to place itself upon record as to what shall be done with this beautiful benevolent agency of this church; to continue the work in its present state may be deemed unwise, yet to discontinue the work would involve in some respects responsibilities which we would be unable and unwilling to assume.

The plant as it now stands is equipped to do a fair work, and yet there are but few workers. It seems to your committee that a fitting thing to do, would be to pray to the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into His vineyard.

Young women, for some reason, do not appear to be attracted to this work, in so far as our church is concerned. Can it be that the remuneration is entirely too meagre, or the opportunities too few for any degree of advancement? Would provision for the coming of old age for these women cause the work to be more enticing?

Is it true, as per report of the board, that the interest formerly manifested by this Conference has weakened? If this is true what is the cause?

Your committee hesitates to make any recommendation, yet if the work is to be perpetuated it must have an ample support, and this Conference by an appropriation is the only agency for its support.

The report of the treasurer of the board indicates receipts for the year of \$4,128.75, expenditures \$3,125.00. Notes outstanding total \$900.00 and the actual balance in hand amounts to \$100.75.

Recommendation No. 1—That the usual appropriation of twenty-five hundred dollars be layed upon the district and the work continued for another year.

Recommendation No. 2—That the President of the Conference with the Deaconess Board be authorized to study conditions and endeavor to place the work upon a more secure basis; or, if they deem it advisable, be given power to rent the unoccupied portion of the Home.

Recommendation No. 3—That the Pastors keep the matter of Deaconess work before their people, and urge any they may find sufficiently interested, to take up the work of the deaconess.

J. L. WARD,
J. FRANKLIN BRYAN,
L. F. WARNER,
FRANK S. CAIN.

MARYLAND TRACT SOCIETY

We have read with pleasure the account of the work of the Maryland Tract Society, through the agent, T. Wilbur Lawton. This splendid man has been conducting an evangelistic visitation campaign during the past year. 2,295 homes have been visited; 341 persons have made their decision for Christ, 105 of the latter have united with the church and two of its faithful workers have been member of the Methodist Protestant Church for years.

NEAR EAST RELIEF

While we have no definite information before the committee concerning the Near East Relief, yet we feel reasonably sure that many of our churches have responded very liberally to this very worthy agency of Christian benevolence.

B. F. RULEY,
T. C. MULLIGAN,
W. E. KINDLEY,
ALLEN S. ELLIS,
H. B. JESTER.

DEACONESS BOARD REPORT

To the Maryland Conference:

Your Board of Deaconess Work wishes to tender the following report. The board has been faithful in having regularly its meetings on the second Tuesday night of each month.

As last year the board reports no debt. The property located on North Charles Street is now free of all debt and all current expenses paid to date.

We regret to have to report that we have only three deaconesses at the present time, and only two who are available for work. Miss Wells tendered her resignation during the year in order that she might go in training for the profession of nursing. She is now in training at the South Baltimore General Hospital. Miss Johnson does full time service, and all who employ her speak in the very highest terms of her work. Miss Demoss likewise does full time service, but her services are divided between keeping the home and actual deaconess work. She is painstaking and careful, and deserves credit for her long service as well as good work in its dual capacity. Miss Ford has done no work now for several years, and is at present in the home of her brother. She has been suffering with an apparent heart affliction. We placed her in the Maryland General

Hospital under the care of her own physician and a specialist of the highest rank, and after several weeks of observation they reported as not being able to locate any organic trouble at all. The hospital was most kind in that it made no charge at all for its service, and we wish to herewith gratefully acknowledge that service.

Your board regrets also to report that there has not been an application for the deaconess work during the year. This, in spite of the fact that we had the summer conference, where full time service for Christ and the church was emphasized, and that the Sunday just previous to the meeting of the summer conference was set aside by this Conference for a presentation of the deaconess work with a view to securing women for the work.

Your board dislikes very much to have to make such a report as this. It sounds more like a report of regrets than a report of results accomplished, but we must face the facts. We stand today with a splendidly equipped home, where we could take care of many deaconesses, with a diminishing rank and no recruits to fill these vacancies. Nor is this all or the worst of the situation, this Conference seems to have very little interest in the deaconess work. The observation of your board is that what interest the Conference did have has about died out.

We therefore feel that we must report these facts to you, that you might take such action as you deem wise and necessary.

The terms of the following members of the board expire with this Conference, and their successors must be elected: W. A. Melvin, W. F. Wright, A. R. Lewis, and Mrs. W. B. Gilligan, Mrs. Mae Volk Sudman.

G. W. HADDAWAY, President,
W. F. WRIGHT, Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF DEACONESS BOARD

RECEIPTS:

Balance April 1st, 1926.....	\$ 186.96
April 13th, 1926.....	1,441.79
From Conference Treasurer during the year.....	904.61
From Deaconesses' services during year.....	100.00
From Note in bank.....	400.00
From Division April 9th, 1927.....	1,095.39 \$4,128.75

DISBURSEMENTS:

Paid for salaries	\$ 630.00
Paid for board	720.00
Paid for notes outstanding last Conference.....	1,000.00
Paid for coal, gas, electricity, etc.....	775.00 \$3,125.00

Balance on hand as of this date.....	\$1,003.75
Notes outstanding	900.00

\$ 103.75

W. A. MELVIN,
Treasurer Deaconess Board.

REPORT M

(See Journal, page 34)

COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL RELATIONS

The personal reports of each minister has been examined. According to these reports a negative answer was given as follows: Nine (9) report that their Churches are not incorporated, twenty-seven (27) have no lady visitor to our Church Home, twenty three (23) no new subscribers to the Methodist Protestant and ten (10) have not supplied discipline.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend the loan of Rev. T. R. Woodford, D.D., to the Woman's Board of Home Missions.
2. We recommend that Rev. W. L. Hoffman be loaned to the Board of Home Missions.
3. We recommend that Rev. J. R. Wright be continued as chaplain of the United States Army.
4. We recommend that Rev. Paul F. Warner be loaned to the Union Board of Foreign Missionary Administration.
5. We recommend that Rev. Paul M. Cassen be loaned to the Union Board of Foreign Missionary Administration.
6. We recommend that Rev. W. P. Roberts be loaned to the Board of Home Missions.
7. We recommend that Rev. W. M. Snyder be loaned to the Board of Home Missions.
8. We recommend that Rev. J. H. Straughn, D.D., be loaned to the President of the General Conference to serve as group leader, and as Director of the Centennial Thank Offering.
9. We recommend that the name of Rev. F. K. McCorkle be placed on the unstationed list.

Through this committee the Conference hereby expresses appreciation of the many courtesies extended by the pastor and entertainment committee of the church, the hospitality of the members and friends, and the splendid lunch provided by the ladies during this Conference session.

FINANCIAL STANDING OF CHARGES

We report that sixteen (16) charges and one (1) church have paid more than their Annual Conference and General Conference budgets and are Gold Star Honor Roll charges, and are as follows: Alnutt Memorial, Brooklyn, East Baltimore, Edmondson Avenue, Eutaw, St. John's, Violetville, North Baltimore, Denton, Dorchester, Hurlock, Cambridge Circuit, Mt. Tabor, Rhode Island Avenue, Susquehanna, and Brandenburg Chapel Circuit, Calvary charge of Va.

Wesley Chapel and Raum Chapel of Wesley Chapel of Kent are 100 per cent churches, Hebron Church on Union Charge is a 100 per cent church, Stewartstown Church on Stewartstown Charge is a 100 per cent church, Lewes, Del., is a 100 per cent church.

The following charges and churches (30) have paid 100 per cent of their Annual Conference and General Conference budgets and are

Honor Roll charges, they are as follows: Grace, Chestertown, Conquest, Indian River, Laurel, Leeds, Lynchburg, New Church, Pipe Creek, Pittsville, Quinton, Salisbury, Sharptown, Snow Hill, St. James, Texas, Union Bridge, Union Church, Wallace Memorial, Kent Island, Fawn Grove, First Church Wilmington, Peninsula, North Carolina Avenue, Greenbush and Tasley, Providence Church of Deer Park, Brookville Church of Howard, Montgomery Chapel of Ridgeville, Towson Church of Baltimore Circuit, and Friendship of Snow Hill Circuit.

The following charges and churches (17) having paid their Annual Conference budget in full and 75 per cent of their General Conference budget are entitled to "Honorable Mention," and are as follows: Amelia, Buckeystown, Cambridge, Deer Park, Delmar, Dover, Baltimore Circuit, West Baltimore, Linthicum Heights, Finksburg, First Church Newark, Liberty, Parksley, Snow Hill Circuit, Westminster, Starr, Wesley Chapel of Kent.

Seventy-eight charges paid 100 per cent of the Annual Conference budget: Amelia, Bethesda, Calvary, Chesaco Park, Christ Church, Evergreen, Graceland Park, Hampden, Keen Memorial, Lauraville, Lowe Memorial, Payson Street, South Baltimore, St. Paul, Trinity of Baltimore, Belair, Cannon, Caroline, Carroll Circuit, Cecil, Centerville, Chincoteague, Clayton, Concord, Mariners, Crumpton, First Church Cumberland, Mapleside, and Fairview, Delta, Leipsic, Easton, Elizabeth, Fairfax, Federalsburg, Frederick, Georgetown, Glenburnie, Greenwood, Grove, Harmony, W. Va., Harrington, Hawley Memorial, Howard, Laurel Circuit, Lewistown Circuit, Lisbon, Mardela, Marley, Milford, Milton, Mt. Nebo, Nichols Memorial, Northumberland, Prince George, Oxford, Patapsco, Emmanuel, St. Lukes, Taylor Memorial, Pocomoke City, Powellville, Reliance, Salem, Seaford, Stewartstown, Trinity Charge, Tyreanna, Union, Alexandria, Walkers Chapel, Cherrydale, First Church Washington, Congress Street, Mt. Olivet, West Wilmington, Wye and Queen Anne, Jennings Chapel of Lisbon charge.

The following are delinquent charges, failing to pay the Maryland Conference Budget in full, and less than 20 per cent of the General Conference Budget: Accomac, Wilton Heights, Bedford, Crisfield, Melvin Chapel, Mapleside, Dagsboro, Felton, Franklin City, Harberson, Harpers Ferry, Kemptown, Kennedyville, Middleway, W. Va., New Market, Oak Grove, Quantico, Ridgeville, Rowlandville, Smyrna, St. Michael, Warwick, Whaleyville, and Harmony—detached.

The following charges sent no report: Lawsonia, Lewes, Del., Tioga Heights, and Mapleside.

Committee,

P. W. CROSBY, Chairman,
H. O. KEEN, Secretary,
H. L. SCHLINCKE,
F. W. WHITAKER.

REPORT N

(See Journal, page 26)

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

The greatest work of the church is its missionary enterprises. Our task is to save the world, and every part of the world. Missions must have not simply the first place, but the whole place in our thought and life. The propaganda of the Kingdom is the propaganda of redemption.

The reports of the various Boards and Organizations referred to your Committee have been carefully considered. The church is to be congratulated in the splendid and self-sacrificing work of the men and women in both Foreign and Home fields. We clip the following comprehensive statement from the Children's Day Service, and incorporate it as a part of our report.

OUR WORK IN JAPAN, CHINA AND INDIA

The Union Board of Foreign Missionary Administration has in its three missions—28 missionaries, 21 native ministers, 42 preachers and evangelists and 12 Bible women, or a total of 103 employed workers. The board carries on a three-fold work—evangelistic, educational and medical. The program of missions a hundred years ago was to save the people with a view to educating them; whereas now we seek to educate and render medical aid with a view to saving. The salvation of the individual is our objective, first, last and all the time.

OUR EDUCATIONAL WORK

Last year's report from Japan shows 350 enrolled in our kindergartens, 31 in our blind school in Tokio; 553 in our girls' school in Yokohama; and 1,146 boys and young men in our Nagoya College. With 2,080 boys and girls and young men and young women receiving from us in Japan a Christian education, who can estimate the greatness of the evangelistic opportunity herein provided. The same report shows 90 enrolled in our girls' school in Kalgan, China, with 16 enrolled in two outstation schools, and 85 in our girls' school in Dhulia, India. The war in North China has disturbed our boys' school in China and the number enrolled is not given, but in our fine boys' school in Dhulia we have 79 enrolled. Thus you see we have nearly 2,400 students in our schools, and from these many converts are being received.

OUR MEDICAL WORK

Because of the marvellous progress the Japanese have made in medical science, it is not necessary for us to engage in medical work in that land. China and India, however, are not so fortunate, and we are trying in these lands to help to relieve human suffering. In last year's report from China we find that during the year Dr. R. Fleagle had treated 3,000 patients, visited in 200 homes and made 30 visits to outstations. The report also records fine service rendered by our Chinese doctor and his assistants. Miss Grace Perley is rendering fine service in India, as a trained nurse, and as a lady physician Miss Edith Lacey, M.D.,

has been secured to take charge of our new hospital in Dhulia. We will now be in a position to do our part in that land of much unrelieved suffering.

OUR EVANGELIST WORK

With 103 employed workers we are spreading abroad the Gospel. We have over 4,000 scholars in our Sunday Schools, and over 3,000 full members in our churches, beside probationers. Among these workers are two members of our own Conference. The two Pauls—Paul Cassen in India, and Paul Warner in Japan.

We were glad to have had with us the Rev. J. C. Broomfield, D.D., President of the Union Board of Foreign Missionary Administration. We also note that Rev. S. W. Rosenberger, D.D., has been elected corresponding secretary to succeed the late Rev. F. C. Klein, D.D.

Plans for the "Klein Memorial Children's Day Service" are going forward splendidly. The offering of this service will be used to complete the new church at Nagoya College, and will be known as the Klein-Coulbourn Memorial. We recommend that every Church and Sunday School get back of this noble effort for the largest offering and the best service. It will be a fitting memorial to Dr. Klein, who was our first ordained missionary to Japan, who founded Nagoya College, and who since 1908, with labors abundant, toiled as the faithful and self-sacrificing corresponding secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions. To carry out its plans, the board is hoping the offerings this year will be \$10,000 larger than last year.

The reports that have come to your committee on the work being done by the various Home Missionary agencies are of an encouraging character. Much progress is being made. The Board of Home Missions has invested money from time to time, in at least sixteen churches in the boundaries of the Maryland Conference. Many of these enterprises have been in strategic centers and have developed into self-supporting, growing and useful churches.

There are at the present time four members of our Conference loaned for Home Missionary Work. W. L. Hoffman, W. P. Roberts, W. M. Snyder, loaned to the Board of Home Missions, and T. R. Woodford, D. D., loaned to the Women's Board of Home Missions. These brethren have responded to a greater need, and are helping to extend the Kingdom beyond the boundaries of their own Conference.

We note with appreciation and pleasure the efficient administration of Dr. J. M. Sheridan, the corresponding secretary of the Board. We have confidence in his judicious and business-like leadership, and know the work will make progress in his hands.

We would call attention to the Easter Service "The Triumphant Life" and also to the Pageant "There is Hope of a Tree," written by Miss Dorothy Elderdice. We trust every Church and Sunday School will have an Easter Service, and will help the work of the board with large offerings. Use the sacrificial offering envelopes provided by the board.

We wish to commend the soul-winning phase of the Easter celebration which Dr. Sheridan is emphasizing. True Home Missionary Work consists not simply in raising money for churches, but in putting saved people into

churches. Use the decision cards as provided by the board. It is hoped there will be a large ingathering and this will be money's best investment.

The Women's Home Missionary Work in our churches is likewise encouraging. The Maryland branch reports 13 new auxiliaries during the year and the reorganization of two old ones. A number of interesting enterprises are being fostered and sustained.

The Maryland branch and the Washington and Virginia Women's Foreign Missionary Societies have had a successful year. Their reports are herewith included, and will be published in the Minutes. Representatives of these organizations will speak to the Conference concerning the details of their work.

Respectfully Submitted,

L. F. WARNER,
J. W. KIRK,
B. W. KINDLEY,
W. M. BALL,
L. S. TAWES.

MARYLAND BRANCH
WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

April 4, 1927.

To the Maryland Annual Conference.

Dear Brethren:

Through another year our Heavenly Father has blessed the work of our missionaries on the foreign field, and we render grateful praise for all that has been accomplished in His name.

JAPAN. Since graduating at the Language School in June, our Maryland Branch Missionary has been engaged in evangelistic work in the Shidjuoka district. Living in true Japanese style, he has succeeded in winning the confidence and esteem of the natives. Many have learned to know and serve his Christ. During Mr. Auman's furlough in America, this missionary, Paul F. Warner, will have charge of Nagoya College.

CHINA. Owing to the unsettled conditions in China at the present time, we have nothing to report except that Dr. Fleagle is home on a well-earned furlough. We are not discouraged regarding the work in this country, but are putting our trust in an all-wise Father.

INDIA. Commendable progress is being made in all departments of the work in India. Rev. Paul Cassen passed the final examination in the Language School last October, and he and his devoted wife are now giving themselves to the evangelistic work in our allotted territory. This work has been much more efficiently done this year by reason of a Ford car, the gift of the Towson church. Close oversight of the outlying districts and native workers has thus been made possible.

The Maryland Branch is ending another successful year. Perhaps the greatest of our new ventures is the responsibility for the education of Miss Orva Banks, who is now at Western Maryland College, where she is preparing for life work in Japan.

We are glad to report an increase in the number of subscribers to our official organ, *The Missionary Record*. There were 104 new subscribers added during the year. The total number is now 490, and we trust that 1927 will see this doubled.

STATISTICS

Japan—3 Scholarships	\$75.00	\$225.00	
1 Scholarship, Union College.....		125.00	
5 Native Workers	120.00	600.00	
1 Native Workers		132.00	
1 Native Worker		180.00	
1 Scholarship High School Teacher		240.00	
1 Scholarship High School Teacher		300.00	\$1,802.00
China—8 Scholarships	50.00	400.00	
1 Native Worker	150.00	150.00	550.00
India—25 Scholarships	35.00	875.00	
1 Training School		100.00	
1 Native Worker		75.00	1,050.00
Total			\$3,402.00

We have 61 Auxiliaries and 2,560 members.

Young People's Work—14 Precious Jewels Societies, 2 Sunshine Circles, 3 Mission Clubs, 4 Young People's Missionary Societies.

Money received—\$297.10.

Total receipts for the year—\$9,866.24.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. W. ARMSTRONG,
President,
MRS. J. E. LITSINGER,
Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT OF THE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE WASHINGTON AND VIRGINIA BRANCH

The Washington and Virginia Branch of Home Mission sends greetings to the Maryland Annual Conference, in session in Starr Church, Baltimore, Maryland.

We are glad to report six active auxiliaries, with a membership of 170. Our receipts for the year were \$809.79.

We are glad that the work among the foreigners of Ohio and Pittsburgh is progressing so rapidly.

The work at Pine Ridge, Kentucky, under the direction of Dr. Woodford, holds our attention continually, and we have enjoyed packing and sending boxes for the benefit of the school.

Our local interest is in the Children's Emergency Home. We try to gladden their hearts at Christmas time with bags of toys and sweets. At

other seasons of the year, we remember them with canned fruits and jellies.

We have had an increase in membership this past year, and look forward to greater things during the year that is just beginning.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. G. EATON,

Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT O

(See Journal, page 34)

COMMITTEE ON HOME FOR THE AGED

The reports of the Board of Managers, the Board of Lady Superintendents, and the Treasurer indicate that the affairs of the Home are being administered as faithfully and efficiently as ever, and are in good condition. It is gratifying to note the increasing interest which our churches are showing, in a very practical way, in the Home, as evidenced by the fact that sixty-three of our churches sent donations during the year, and that the cash donations alone amounted to \$418.64. The visits of the various delegations, who not only brought donations, but held religious services or gave entertainments for the pleasure and enjoyment of the guests of the Home, is another feature to be commended, and which we hope will continued in even larger measure. The cash contributions received have enabled the Ladies' Board to make some improvements, which have made the Home more comfortable and attractive. The ladies of this board have always given a good account of their stewardship, and deserve our hearty co-operation in the labor of love in which they are engaged.

We are glad to note from the report of treasurer an increase of \$1,739.26 in the Invested Fund, the total amount of that fund now being \$38,121.98, as compared with \$36,382.72 last year. Also that there has been a decided increase in the receipts from the Conference appropriation of \$6,000.00: the amount paid being \$5,756.57, as compared with \$5,119.92 a year ago. The sum assessed for this interest is the minimum required, and a payment of the full amount means much to those who bear the financial responsibilities of the Home. The reduction of the indebtedness during the year from \$3,600.00 to \$2,900.00 is likewise gratifying, and is but another evidence of the careful and efficient management which the Home enjoys.

We recommend the continuance of the present appropriation, which will mean \$8,500.00 for the coming Conference year.

We recommend that the secretary of the Conference be instructed to publish in the Conference Minutes each year the names and addresses of the Lady Visitors from the various charges, as reported on the Pastor's Personal Report Blanks.

We beg to advise that the terms of the following members of the Board of Managers expire with this Conference session: Dr. E. C. Makosky, George Mather and J. P. Wantz.

Signed,

C. M. ELDERDICE,
F. D. REYNOLDS,
C. K. McCASLIN,
C. C. SANNER,
F. G. REINICKER,
WM. E. TALBOTT.

March 27, 1927

To the Maryland Annual Conference,
Methodist Protestant Church.

The Board of Managers of the Home for the Aged, of Westminster, Md., request that the annual appropriation of \$6,000 be continued.

The financial situation of the Home is fully set forth in the report of the treasurer, and the details of administration in the report of the secretary of the Board of Lady Superintendents, both of which are submitted herewith.

We respectfully call your attention to the expiration of the terms of the following members of the Board of Managers, with this Conference session, namely: Dr. E. C. Makosky, George Mather and J. Pearre Wantz.

GEORGE MATHER,

President Board of Managers.

Report of the Secretary of the Board of Lady Superintendents to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Home for the Aged of the Methodist Protestant Church.

March 9, 1927.

The Board is happy to report that the affairs of the Home are running smoothly at the present time. The general health conditions are remarkable, considering the advanced age of the majority of the guests.

We have under our care twenty-one ladies and two men, which is the capacity of the present building.

There were two deaths during the year: Mr. Wm. M. Wright passed away May 18, and Mrs. Virginia Jackson, June 6.

Two applicants were admitted: Mrs. Annie R. Rickey, of Chestertown, and Miss Maggie Solomon, of East Baltimore.

The Annual Donation and Visitors' day held in July was a success in every way. The luncheon and reception were well attended, and are growing in popularity and interest each year.

The Home family enjoyed a happy Christmas, made possible by the generous gifts of the many friends of the Home.

Through the interest of our friends, some much-needed repairs and renovations have been made: The sitting-room, a memorial to Mr. Henry Weaver, was renovated through the generosity of his daughter, Mrs. P. H. Hall; new rugs placed where they were needed, lower halls papered, upper halls and bathrooms painted, hardwood laid on steps and upper hall, a new front door. The cash donations for these necessary

improvements have greatly cheered the hearts of the Ladies' Board, who undertook and accomplished the above renovations entirely upon their own risk and faith in the response of loyal Metaodist Protesthnts to this department of our denomination.

There is much more to be done to make the Home comfortable and beautiful; but we feel that much progress along these lines has been made, and with larger and more gifts from individuals and churches, we expect to make our Home for the Aged the equal of any in the country. If you consider that the assessment is sufficient only for the regular expenses of the Home, you will understand how impossible it would be to make any improvements or repairs without the gifts of interested persons.

Interest in the Home is increasing all the time: Sixty-three churches, many organizations and individuals sent donations during the year. An individual communion service and two dozen folding chairs were purchased with money given especially for these purposes. Sunshine circles, clubs, Sunday school classes, college girls, delegations from the various churches, sometimes forty in number, visited the Home almost weekly and brought happiness to our Old Folks, with entertainments and treats of every kind. The Seminarians held services weekly, which all enjoyed and appreciated, especially those who were unable to attend church. The radio is a great factor in giving enjoyment to those who are "shut-ins" on account of the bad weather in winter.

Through the efforts of Mrs. Frank Z. Miller, the new member of our board, Mr. J. Norris Hering, of Baltimore, gave free of charge an organ recital in our Westminster Church for the benefit of the Home. The silver offering amounted to \$47.67. We commend this plan for raising extra donations for the Home to the Lady Visitors in the various churches.

Following is a brief report of all monies received by the Board of Lady Superintendents and expenditures of same:

RECEIPTS:

Cash on hand March 1, 1926.....		\$128.01
Cash Donations	\$418.64	
Net receipts on Visitors' Day	198.28	
Organ Recital	47.67	
Contributions Box	9.78	
Miscellaneous	13.14	687.51
Total.....		<u>\$815.52</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Chickens	\$ 38.41
Flowers	7.00
Christmas treat	37.88
Radio	19.85
Communion service	23.17
Folding chairs	54.00
Papering	88.70
Rugs, congoleum, mattress	123.50
Painting	151.46

Vacuum cleaner	40.00	
Hardwood floors, putting in front door, repairs	165.75	
Miscellaneous	51.85	\$801.57
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Balance in bank March 1, 1927.....		\$ 13.95

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. DENTON S. GEHR

President,

MRS. CLARA S. BILLINGSLEA,

Vice President,

MRS. W. R. McDANIEL,

Cor. Secretary.

MRS. CARROLL ALBAUGH,

Rec. Sec'ty and Treas.

MRS. GEORGE K. MATHER,

MRS. J. PEARRE WANTZ,

MRS. FRANK Z. MILLER.

Westminster, Maryland.

March 15th, 1927.

Maryland Annual Conference,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sirs:—

I herewith submit my annual report of receipts and disbursements of the Home for the Aged of the M. P. Church at Westminster, Maryland, for the year ending March 15th, 1927, as follows:

Amount received from C. P. Nowlin, Conference Treasurer..	\$ 5,756.57
Amount received from Lady Board of Managers.....	97.10
Amount received from Income on Invested Fund.....	2,067.76
Amount received from Ridgeville Circuit	10.25
Amount received from St. James Circuit, Chestertown.....	13.95
Amount received from North Baltimore Church.....	23.70
Amount received from St. John's Church, Baltimore.....	266.30
Amount received from Life Insurance, W. M. Wright.....	198.66
Amount received from Entrance Fee, Annie M. Rickey	400.00
Amount received from Entrance Fee, Maggie Solomon....	400.00
Borrowed from Union National Bank to meet current expenses	2,900.00
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Total.....	\$12,134.29

DISBURSEMENTS

Amount paid out for supplies for table use.....	\$ 3,606.53
Amount paid out for help and labor	1,846.00
Amount paid out for general running expenses.....	2,140.54
Amount paid out for upkeep, supplies, repairs, etc.....	553.91
Amount paid Union National Bank on notes and interest.....	3,742.90
Balance at close of year on hand	244.41
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	\$12,134.29

I also beg to report that we have an invested fund in hand amounting to \$38,121.98, appraised value, which amount represents bequests, etc., and we also have an indebtedness of \$2,900.00 borrowed from National Bank of Westminster, Maryland.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. PEARRE WANTZ, Treasurer.

We the undersigned auditing committee appointed by the President, beg to report that we have examined the accounts of Jas. Pearre Wantz, Treasurer, and also the securities in his hands, and have found them correct.

GEO. MATHER,
OBER S. HERR,
C. M. ELDERDICE,
Committee.

REPORT P

(See Journal, page 34)

COMMITTEE ON AUDIT

We, the Auditing Committee, have audited the accounts of the Treasurer of the Mutual Relief Society, and the Treasurer of Church Extension Society, and find their accounts correct in every detail.

J. P. GEORGE,
G. E. LEISTER,
E. C. GRAHAM.

The Committee on Audit met at New Church, Virginia, and examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Maryland Annual Conference, and report as follows:

We found them correct in every detail, with a balance on hand in the First National Bank of Havre de Grace, Maryland, of \$4,541.15, with checks outstanding to the amount of \$10,553.61, making a deficit of \$6,012.46.

E. C. GRAHAM,
G. E. LEISTER,
E. L. BUNCE,
Committee on Audit.

REPORT Q

(See Journal, page 22)

THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Program Committee met in Baltimore, January 6. The committee made a general outline of the work, allotting the period for each interest in the orders of the day and selecting the speakers. The detail of seeing the program through the press was attended to by Dr. E. C. Makosky.

The Conference will notice one important departure from our custom. The Conference will remain in session through the evening of April 7, at which time there will be a mass meeting in the interest of Evangelism. The speaker is the Rev. Dr. John W. Langdale, of Brooklyn. The committee on Evangelism is asked to make its report. If this report can be enthusiastically adopted without discussion, your committee suggests that this action be taken. If discussion is necessary, we suggest that the report be deferred for adoption to one of the day sessions. On Friday evening we will be honored and privileged by having as a speaker Professor Irving Fisher, of Yale University. At this meeting the committee on Moral Reform is asked to make its report. If a rousing endorsement of this committee report could be given without discussion, the committee suggests that it might be very effective. If a discussion of the report seems necessary, we suggest that its adoption be deferred.

It will seem evident to the entire Conference that a discussion of Conference business at these popular assemblies might be unwise, and we have therefore made the above suggestions.

The program for Thursday and Friday evenings is transposed. Dr. Langdale will speak on Thursday and Professor Fisher on Friday, rather than the date as printed in the program. We request that very wide notice of this change be given, and of the presence of these distinguished speakers.

The report is offered for your consideration and adoption.

E. C. MAKOSKY,
R. L. SHIPLEY,
FRANK T. BENSON.

REPORT R

THE MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT SOCIETY

The managers of the society respectfully submit their report for the Conference year ending April 1st, 1927.

There have been no changes in the management or the managers during the year.

The Henrietta Gibson Fund income has been used for the education of young men for our ministry in Westminster Theological Seminary. Two hundred dollars, placed at our disposal for the same purpose by the trustees of The Drinkhouse Trust Estate has been used in the same way at the same theological seminary.

J. W. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

F. T. LITTLE, President.

REPORT S

THE SUMMER CONFERENCE

A large number of our ministers highly value the Summer Conference. Last year's annual session, which was the sixteenth, was quite up

to the standard set by other years. The program for next summer is one of unusual strength. Perhaps the greatest living New Testament scholar is to be with us, also an outstanding pastor of another denomination, and other celebrated Christian leaders. Members of our own body, who have been asked to participate in the program, have agreed to do so cordially, and are at work on their addresses.

The Conference proper will cover four days, from Monday afternoon through Friday morning, but post-conference sessions will be held Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday. It is important for every reason that all who can do so arrange to stay over the week-end. In order to place the Conference in reach of every one, the annual dues will be only one dollar again next summer, and the college was given us the nominal rate of five dollars for the four days and seven dollars for the entire week. There are no other expenses required and no collections taken. We respectfully ask that the appropriation of \$200 be continued for this year.

W. H. LITSINGER, President.
J. LEAS GREEN, Secretary.

REPORT T

(See Journal, page 26)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO COMPLETE COLLECTION OF SUPERANNUATE FUND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Your committee met several times to discuss methods and to formulate plans for the collection of the remainder of the subscriptions to the Superannuate Fund now outstanding.

It was thought that the preachers who had not yet paid their share ought first to be canvassed. Accordingly letters were sent to all such pastors. Some paid their obligations. Others inquired whether their negotiable notes would be accepted. Still others have made no response. The names of the pastors and the amounts they owe are submitted herewith.

The second plan to be tried was that of calling the groups together through the various group chairmen, and have as one of the distinctive objectives the emphasis of the completion of the collection of the subscriptions to this fund. Every group of our Conference District has had its meeting, and this matter was presented to them as forcibly as possible.

The third plan was to prepare complete lists of every person owing a subscription to be put into the hands of the pastors of the various charges, and ask these pastors to collect from these subscribers if possible.

Brother Nowlin, the treasurer of the Conference, offered to do this—as he had all the records. It was a herculean task, but he undertook it, and was pressing it to completion when stricken with his fatal illness.

The president, who is chairman of this committee, has also written appeals to each pastor, through articles in the "Methodist Protestant" has sought to stimulate interest, and in his visits to the charges has made every endeavor possible to have these delinquent subscribers realize the great need of paying their subscriptions.

Total amount subscribed to the Fund as per statement printed in the "Methodist Protestant" of March 5th, 1924, \$110.28.

Total paid to April 4th, 1927, \$65,005.65.

Forty-one preachers have paid \$1,817.83, the remainder of their indebtedness to the fund is \$1,698.17.

To date 26 preachers have paid nothing, and the amount outstanding from them is \$2,068.00.

Amount unpaid from 1,619 subscribers among our laity is \$41,750.68. Bringing the total to \$45,578.85.

We recommend:

1st. That the month of May be set apart as the period when this Conference shall set itself the task to collect the balance of the subscriptions outstanding.

2nd. That the group chairmen of our Conference Districts be requested by the Conference to organize their districts to obtain the best possible results.

3rd. That the chairmen of these groups be added to the present committee, and together shall constitute the committee to complete collection of Superannuate Fund subscriptions.

4th. That negotiable interest-bearing "note" be taken from all who cannot pay cash, and are willing to give these notes. This method would enable us to find out how much we could ultimately collect.

E. C. MAKOSKY,
G. I. HUMPHREYS,
G. W. HADDAWAY,
JULIAN P. DODGE,
WILLIAM MATHER.

REPORT U

(See Journal, page 28)

COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

The committee has tried faithfully, during the past year, to discharge the duties laid upon it by Conference. It regrets that limited resources make its work difficult of attaining larger proportions. Eight meetings were held, and twenty men served under the direction of the committee. Replies to our questionnaire from 55 charges, give the following information:

- 45 conversions through the aid of committee.
- 828 conversions through mass effort.
- 313 accessions through mass effort.
- 313 conversions through personal effort.
- 50 accessions through emphasis of special days.

These facts are submitted with only two casual comments. It seems that only 50 accessions through the emphasis of special days reveals that there ought to be an awakened appreciation of the church's rich opportunity at the time of the great central events of our faith. That there were five hundred folks converted that never joined church is startling; and we feel that in many quarters there ought to be closer shepherding and a better follow-up system to prevent such an appalling loss.

We hope also that these figures do not correctly convey the Conference's idea of the value of the committee's work. Surely, if so, it ought to be given larger responsibility; or else there should be more universal co-operation to make its present work more extensive.

We feel much of the possible work of this committee is handicapped, because we are unable to give tent services to the weaker charges. We, therefore, recommend, that the Conference purchase two tents, which the committee can make available for the cost of transportation alone.

WHEREAS, the General Conference at its next session will observe the one hundredth anniversary of the Methodist Protestant Church, and

WHEREAS, our General Conference Executive Committee has challenged the Annual Conferences to observe this event with a "Methodist Protestant Centennial Gratitude Gift" of \$100,000.

BE IT RESOLVED, that we suggest prayer for another goal of a net gain of not less than 10,000 full members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Conference pray to effect a goal of 4,000 of this net gain.

We realize the devising of a plan to accomplish this goal is desirable, but cannot believe it could be done without the employment of a man giving full time to the work.

Herewith is attached Treasurer's report.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. WARD, Chairman.

J. A. TRADER, Secretary.

MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

1926

March 31—Balance on hand.....	\$ 99.83
October 24—Amount received from 1924.....	50.00
October 31—C. B. Robey.....	5.00
October 31—L. E. Haddaway.....	32.65
November—C. P. Nowlin.....	10.00
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	\$197.48

DISBURSEMENTS

1926

June 8—Stocton Press.....	\$ 8.00
June 30—J. A. Trader, Expenses.....	3.44

July 30—Central Fire Insurance.....	12.00
October 26—Loane Brothers.....	26.55
November 22—J. A. Trader, Expenses.....	17.74
December 24—J. A. Trader, Expenses.....	4.00
March 21—J. L. Ward, Telephone.....	1.50
	\$ 73.33

Balance \$124.15

T. RAYMOND MATTHEWS, Treasurer.

REPORT V

(See Journal, pages 28-34)

REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren:

The Board of Management of the Headquarters Building created by action of last Conference, reports:

1st. That J. H. Baker, who was named with T. W. Donoho and the president of this Conference to constitute this board, felt that he could not serve because of the press of his own business affairs and resigned immediately after the rise of last Conference.

2nd. That the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference, who under your instruction were charged with filling vacancies "ad interim," accepted the resignation of Brother J. H. Baker and elected Brother Harry E. Gilbert to the vacancy in the board created by the resignation.

3rd. The board has functioned throughout the year and has sought to attend to the many problems arising from so large an enterprise.

4th. The board, upon acquainting itself with the assets and liabilities of the Headquarters Building, found that it would be impossible to employ a paid agent, as was suggested in Section 3, of the report of the Special Headquarters Committee at last Conference session. It gladly availed itself of the willing, generous and efficient services of Mr. Charles Reiner, Jr., the agent of the Book Concern. He has been serving as agent of the building without compensation. This Conference owes him a debt of gratitude.

5. The building has been painted, all alterations and repairs made necessary for the convenience of tenants, and the up-keep of the property has been made.

The detailed account of receipts and expenditures is submitted herewith.

Attention is called to the fact that the term of office for this board was not defined, neither was provision made for its election, except in the matter of vacancies.

We respectfully suggest that this Conference ought to do this, and either provide for the annual election of that Board by this Annual Conference, or by the Board of Conference Trustees at their annual meeting.

Signed:

E. C. MAKOSKY,
T. W. DONOHO,
H. E. GILBERT.

METHODIST PROTESTANT BUILDING
516, N. CHARLES STREET,
BALTIMORE, MD.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the year ending
March 31, 1927:

RECEIPTS

Balance April 1, 1926.....	\$ 3,719.45
Rent	19,830.86
F. Murray Benson.....	1,624.63
Discounts	3.78
Rent Paid in Advance.....	32.50
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Total Receipts	\$25,211.22

DISBURSEMENTS

Commissions	\$ 30.00
Hauling Ashes	39.50
Coal	520.59
Expenses	745.89
Janitor Service	3,228.92
Light and Power.....	773.36
Insurance	138.54
Taxes and Water Rent.....	3,976.21
Profit and Loss Account.....	90.55
Advertising	82.65
Interest	7,831.17
Paid on Mortgage.....	5,000.00
Painting outside of Building.....	354.00
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Total Disbursements	22,811.38

Balance..... \$ 2,399.84

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 719.14
Accounts Receivable	1,256.53
Property (Fixtures)	349.17
John Lindsay	75.00
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Total Assets	\$ 2,399.84

CHAS. REINER, JR., Agent.

REPORT W

(See Journal, page 31)

GROUP INSURANCE

At the last session of this Conference we accepted the Group Insurance plan for members of the Conference as offered by the Prudential Insurance Company, of Newark, N. J.

One hundred and forty-three members availed themselves of this opportunity, which cost the Conference for premiums and incidental expenses \$1,387.35.

It is with profound regret that we record the decease of two members, who had entered the insurance plan, but with gratitude that these families were thus protected. We wish to express our appreciation of the prompt and satisfactory manner in which the company settled these claims.

In view of the fact that not all the active members participated in the plan last year, we most earnestly urge them to join the group at this session.

We recommend:

1. That the amount of \$1,500.00, added to the Superannuate Assessment for the payment of the Conference portion of the premium, be continued.

2. That the treasurer of the Conference shall arrange to discount the appropriation for this purpose in order that the money shall be available for the payment of the premiums, falling due April 16, 1927, and also April 16, 1928.

A financial statement is herewith submitted, showing the entire transaction

Signed: E. A. SEXSMITH.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF GROUP INSURANCE FOR THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1926

RECEIPTS

April 15—From note given Baker, Watts & Co.....	\$ 570.00
May 17—From C. P. Nowlin, Conference Treasurer.....	1,400.00
	\$1,970.00

1926

DISBURSEMENTS

April 15—Paid Herman Hoopes, Inc. Agents (Premium) \$	570.00
May 17—Paid Baker, Watts & Co. note.....	570.00
May 17—Paid Baker, Watts & Co. interest.....	2.88
May 17—Paid Herman Hoopes, Inc. Agents (Premium)	789.60
June 7—Postage .....	.32
June 14—Paid Herman Hoopes, Inc. Agents (Premium)	10.30
June 15—Postage .....	.08
June 21—Lucas Bros for File Pockets.....	1.65
June 22—Postage .....	.08
June 25—Postage .....	.34

June 30—Postage and Letters.....	1.60	
July 7—Postage .....	.02	
July 19—Postage .....	.04	
July 26—Postage .....	.06	
July 28—Postage .....	.02	
Aug. 27—Postage .....	.02	
Sept. 14—Postage .....	.02	
Nov. 1—Paid Herman Hoopes, Inc. Agents (Premium)	10.30	
Nov. 1—Postage .....	.02	
		1,957.35
Nov. 3—Balance		12.65
Nov. 3—Returned to C. P. Nowlin, Conf. Treasurer.....		12.65
		Total Cost to the Conference for insuring 143 members
		\$1,387.35

E. A. SEXSMITH,

Agent appointed by Conference President.

REPORT X

(See Journal, page 32)

COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP AND TITHING

You Committee on Stewardship and Tithing has striven throughout the Conference year to keep before the churches the importance of Tithing. We have used every means at our command to gain a better understanding of the subject, and just what other churches are doing. We have discovered that several of the leading outstanding denominations have established departments to study the subject, and to inaugurate progressive measures in the churches. We have prepared and distributed two leaflets dealing with this very important subject: "The Why of Stewardship" and "Something to Try".

We are well aware that our beloved church is far down in the scale among the denominations in the matter of per capita giving. This should not be, and we only see one way out of the deplorable situation. Our church needs a campaign of EDUCATION. No committee can possibly present a question of such momentous importance with the other duties of heavy pastorates and the responsibilities of business. Your committee has thought for some time that the only way out of such an embarrassing position is to put someone in the field to preach TITHING and make converts to such a cause. This is what the great denominations that are really doing the large things for the KINGDOM are doing. They are finding the monies so spent are the best investments they are making. We believe that just as soon as the membership of our beloved church awakens to the realization that God has a right to the whole of our lives, and that we are stewards of the whole of life, that all the financial problems will be solved.

We have been considering the putting of a worker in the field to do

what other denominations are doing. We have found a very suitable person, who is willing to give whole-time service throughout the bounds of the Maryland Conference preaching and teaching TITHING. It is a venture of FAITH on the part of your committee, and this worker is willing to match our faith with her faith in the importance of TITHING as a practice on the part of Christian people.

You Committee on Stewardship and Tithing is prepared to employ Miss Grace G. Jones, an evangelist, who is one of us, to give her entire time to the visiting of the various charges of the Conference, and seek in various ways to enlist the membership of our churches into such an holy and consecrated COVENANT with God. We will assume her entire salary, and only request that a drawing account of \$350 be granted to cover the incidental expenses of the committee. Such expenses have been allowed the committee in the past.

We, therefore, request this Conference to grant your Committee on Stewardship and Tithing the permission to employ Miss Jones, and to grant us the desired drawing account for expenses.

Your committee recommends the continuance of the committee, so that they can effectively co-operate with Miss Jones in establishing this department of stewardship.

Signed:

J. M. GILL,
J. A. DUDLEY,
J. L. GREEN,
E. T. KIRKLEY,
J. P. DODGE,
J. W. ARMSTRONG.

REPORT Y

(See Journal, page 33)

CONFERENCE LIBRARIAN

The Conference Library is adequately housed in the Headquarters Building, 16 N. Charles Street, and is in excellent condition. Photographs of ministers and laymen prominent in the affairs of our denomination and this Conference will be arranged so as to be easily viewed by all who may care to do so. In this work the Conference Librarian will be assisted by the president of the Baltimore Preachers' Meeting, Dr. Louis Randall. For a detailed report of the number of volumes in the library, and the arrangement of the same, you are referred to the report found on page 122 of the Conference Minutes of 1925.

Certainly this Conference Library is worthy of the hearty support of the Ministers and Laymen. There are surely a number of volumes of historical value to the Methodist Protestant Church that are not now in the library, but ought to be. The librarian will be pleased to receive books or documents that have denominational significance.

J. EARL CUMMINGS.

REPORT Z

(See Journal, page 30)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Committee on Conference Arrangements met at the Book Rooms, Baltimore, October 14, 1926. Preliminary arrangements were made for holding the Conference at Denton, Md., but later on account of unavoidable circumstances, with the most pleasant and satisfactory relations to all concerned, other plans were entered into.

The committee met again on January 11, 1927. Starr Church kindly offered to meet the situation. The offer was accepted and plans have been carried to completion. The invitation, of course, was accepted in harmony with our present plan of Conference Entertainment. (See 1926 Conference Minutes, page 167.)

E. C. MAKOSKY, Chairman.

L. F. WARNER, Secretary.

REPORT AA

REPORT OF BUDGET COUNCIL

(See Journal, page 32)

The Budget Council would briefly make its first report. As the council is something new in the machinery of our Annual Conference, and as there were no precedents to follow, the members of the council have ventured along on an unbeaten path, hoping to encourage the churches in their relation to the Budget, and hoping to learn effective ways of stimulus and seeing many things that could be done if money were only available for its work.

There has been some confusion in the mind of the church concerning the Budget, particularly in reference to the Honor Roll, that the Budget Council thought it best to confine its work to an emphasis upon Special Days—Children's Day, Rally Day, the Christmas Season—hoping thereby that large offerings on these special days would make it easier for the churches to raise the whole Budget, with each particular interest receiving its full share.

The council has held three meetings. Numerous letters have been sent to pastors, Sunday-school superintendents and other church officials, as far as records were available. Just to what extent this emphasis has been worth-while, we do not know. There has been some increase in the special offerings, but just how far totals have reached in special and regular activities will not be disclosed until pastors have made their reports and results are tabulated.

This one thing the council has endeavored to do, as far as limited time permitted, to emphasize, through personal letters and published statements in the church paper and addresses on different occasions—the importance of raising the whole Budget, in accordance with the plan recommended at the last Annual Conference. It would have the churches to look upon the budget task as a sacred trust from God, and it would commend a full and faithful stewardship. To popularize the Budget is an ideal of no mean dignity and honor, and we believe there is a growing interest in this responsibility.

The council has sought to work with the president of the Conference and its members are always ready to respond to his call.

Respectfully submitted,

L. F. WARNER,
R. Y. NICHOLSON,
N. O. GIBSON,
J. P. WANTZ.

REPORT BB

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
PENINSULA CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY
1926-1927

RECEIPTS:

1926

June 1—	Rev. J. M. Sheridan, contribution from Board of Home Missions.....	\$ 100.00
July 22—	Carroll Albaugh, Westminster.....	25.00
Sept. 27—	T. Pliney Fisher, Denton.....	25.00
	Rev. J. A. Wright, Hurlock.....	10.00
	Rev. W. B. Kindley, Delta.....	5.00
	Sale of Greensboro Parsonage Property as per statement from Rev. E. A. Sexsmith, Superintendent Church Extension—	
Aug. 18—	Received from R. C. Jackson, advance payment of purchase price of \$3,000.....	\$ 100.00
Aug. 30—	Received from R. C. Jackson, balance of purchase price.....	2,900.00
	Received from R. C. Jackson, 2 mos. rent for parsonage.....	33.33
Sept. 8—	Received return premium of insurance	17.63
	Total	\$3,050.96
Aug. 30—	Paid C. B. Jarman, balance mortgage, Parsonage property.....	\$ 345.52
	Paid C. B. Jarman bills for care of property	100.00

	Total	\$ 445.52
	Check for net receipts from Rev. E. A. Sexsmith	2,605.44
Oct. 21—	E. E. Wooden	100.00
	H. B. Jester	10.00
	Carroll M. Wright	5.00
	H. O. Keen	10.00
	E. L. Thomas	10.00
	M. J. Johnson	10.00
	Lafayette Avenue Church	100.00
	Sharptown Charge	10.00
	W. E. Sheppard	25.00
	Harvey H. Mackey	50.00
	Rev. J. M. Gill, Baltimore.....	100.00
	Mr. E. W. Tull, Marion.....	25.00
	Rev. G. F. Farring, Brooklyn.....	10.00
	Rev. J. W. Baxley, Marion.....	10.00
	Mrs. O. H. Green, Mardella.....	5.00
	Rev. B. F. Ruley, Baltimore.....	10.00
	Wr. Sham, Carmichael	5.00
	Trinity Church	5.00
	Rev. D. W. Anstine, Madison.....	5.00
	Rev. W. B. Judfield, Baltimore.....	5.00
	Rev. W. R. Kuhn, Union Bridge.....	5.00
	Elwood Gruell, Felton.....	5.00
	St. John's Church, Baltimore.....	25.00
	Cash Collections at Conference, 1926.....	31.00
	St. John's Church, Baltimore.....	75.00
	Judge F. W. Whitaker, Lynchburg.....	25.00
	Rhode Island Ave., M. P. Church.....	50.00
	T. Pliny Fisher, Denton	25.00
March 8—	Peninsula Church, Wilmington.....	50.00
	Hurlock Charge	15.00
	Dorchester Charge	10.00
	Sharptown Charge	10.00
	J. P. Cooper, Sharptown.....	5.00
	Rev. E. W. Simms, Pittsville.....	100.00
	Rev. T. O. Crouse.....	10.00
	Rev. P. W. Crosby.....	10.00
	Emmanuel Bible Class for Chestertown Church	25.00
	Rev. E. L. Bunce	25.00
	Oxford Church	8.00
	Dorchester (additional)	2.00
	New Leeds Church	10.00
	St. Michaels	15.00
	Mrs. J. L. Nichols	25.00
	Laurel Church, Del.—	
	Women's Class.....	\$ 5.00
	Sunday School	10.00

Men's Bible Class	15.00	
Rev. A. W. Ewell	20.00	50.00
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Rev. G. H. Stocksdale.....		10.00
Rev. E. A. Sexsmith, on amount pledged to raise		25.00
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Total		\$3,926.44

EXPENDITURES:

1926		
April 17—Ck. No.145, Disct. renewal note \$700.....		14.10
July 6—Ck. No. 146, Elkton Banking & Trust Co., Interest to 6-30, 3 Mos. on \$4,000.....		60.00
July 6—Ck. No. 147, Ck. to M. L. Veasey to pay amount advanced to cover overdraft.....		25.02
Aug. 11—Ck. No. 148, P. C. N. Bank, disct. renewal note \$700		14.10
Oct. 1—Ck. No. 149, Interest 3 Mos. on renewal note Elkton Banking & Trust Co., to 9-30.....		60.00
Dec. 23—Ck. No. 150 P. C. N. Bank, disct. renewal note \$700		14.10
1 Ck. No. 151, Interest 3 Mos. on \$4,000 note Elkton Banking & Trust Co., to 1-1-27.....		60.00
Ck. No. 152, Paid on \$4,000 note, Elkton Banking & Trust Co.....		2,605.44
1927		
April 1—Ck. No. 153, Elkton Banking & Trust Co., Interest to date		28.98
Ck. No. 154, P. C. N. Bank to pay note.....		700.00
Ck. No. 155—Elkton Banking & Trust Co., payment on principal of note.....		344.70
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		\$3,926.44

SUMMARY:

From the above report it will be seen that there
was collected during the year—

From Subscriptions	\$1,321.00	
From Sale of Parsonage at Greensboro, Md.....	2,605.24	\$3,926.44

This money was used as follows—

To pay note in bank	\$ 700.00	
To pay on principal of note at Elkton Bank.....	2,950.14	
To pay overdraft, last year.....	25.02	
To pay interest on notes	251.28	\$3,926.44

All indebtedness of the Society has been paid except the balance
of \$1,049.86 at the Elkton Bank. It is hoped the uncollected subscriptions
will be sufficient to pay this amount.

MILTON L. VEASY, Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

N. 1—PRINTING OF CONFERENCE SERMON (See Journal, page 23)

RESOLVED: That Rev. George Hines be requested to present the manuscript of his sermon to the secretary of the Conference for publication in the Minutes.

B. F. RULEY,
H. O. KEEN.

No. 2—M. P. C. G. G. (See Journal, page 24)

RESOLVED: That the Maryland Conference has received from the executive committee, through the president of the General Conference, an invitation to join the other Annual Conferences in presenting to the next General Conference a Methodist Protestant Centennial Gratitude Gift of one hundred thousand dollars.

We cordially welcome the opportunity for Maryland Methodist Protestants to give its portion of this offering, which has been assigned by a committee, consisting in part of the president of this Conference and Mr. J. H. Baker. These brethren have assented to accept thirty thousand dollars for Maryland, and we now ratify this arrangement.

It is expressly understood that this is to be no part of any budget, nor any sort of assessment. Each church and each individual is to decide for itself and himself, how and how much to give. It is to be a gift, a gift inspired solely by a pious gratitude. In this spirit we gladly pledge our co-operation and our determination to make this effort a shining example of swift and grateful and successful response.

J. M. GILL,
E. L. BUNCE.

No. 3—SUPERANNUATION OF W. S. SIMMS (See Journal, page 24)

WHEREAS: The service of W. S. Simms, as a supply in this Conference, was unusual in length of time and faithfulness in the performance of every duty, be it resolved that

1. The secretary be instructed to enter his name in regular order on the Memorial Roll, and

2. That the committee on superannuates be instructed to receive the application of Mrs. W. S. Simms for an appropriation, and to make a provision for her on the basis of length of service and needs similar to the widows of the ministers of this Conference, and if it be illegal to use the income from the invested fund, that the appropriation be made from the Conference collection for superannuates.

R. L. SHIPLEY,
G. W. HADDAWAY.

No. 4—CHANGING DATE OF CONFERENCE (See Journal, page 25)

RESOLVED: That Rule 1, Section 1, of the Manual, entitled "Organization of Conference" be, and the same hereby is, amended to read:

"Conference shall convene in annual session on the second Wednesday in September. (The first date for annual session under this rule being Wednesday, September 12, 1928.)

"The current Conference year shall end on Monday following the first Sunday of September."

No. 5—ON LEVYING ASSESSMENTS (See Journal, page 26)

RESOLVED: That the Board of Finance is hereby instructed, in levying the assessments for benevolences for the coming Conference year, to add to the annual total an amount equal to five-twelfths of said annual total; and to indicate in the published table for assessments the fact that the five-twelfths added carries the sum total of benevolences to September, 1928.

No. 6—AN AMENDMENT TO MANUAL (See Journal, page 27)

Regulation 21, section 2, paragraph 1, "overpaid on assessments." The paragraph will read:

The average amount paid by each charge for all purposes, plus unpaid total assessments, after deducting the amounts "Overpaid on Assessments," "Rental Value of Parsonage," "Building and Improvements," "Paid on Debt," "Interest on Debt," "Special Campaigns, either of the General or Maryland Conference," for each of the five years immediately preceding the current year, and determine the percentage of the same necessary to provide for the total assessment on the district.

J. A. DUDLEY,
W. O. ATWOOD,
G. I. HUMPHREY,
WM. E. CAIN.

No. 7—ORDAINING STEPHEN GALLEY (See Journal, page 30)

We request that the president ordain Stephen Galley after the rise of Conference, at a time and place most convenient to them.

WM. H. LITSINGER,
E. D. STONE.

No. 8—PUBLISHING OF ORDINATION SERMON

(See Journal, page 31)

The Conference has been informed that a group of laymen desire to be at the expense of printing and distributing the ordination sermon preached at this Conference yesterday by Rev. J. W. Kirk, D.D.

RESOLVED: That we cordially commend this proposal, and request the author to submit his manuscript for this purpose.

RESOLVED: That we express our conviction that the circulation of this sermon among all our ministers in all our Conferences, and among our people as well, will be a valuable inspiration on a paramount subject, and may all our people take knowledge of all our ministers that they have been with Jesus.

T. H. LEWIS,
WM. H. LITSINGER.

No. 9—ADJOURNING OF CONFERENCE (See Journal, page 32)

RESOLVED: That it is the sense of this Conference that if all

business cannot be concluded by 10 P. M., we shall adjourn to meet Tuesday, 9.30 A. M.

Signed,

J. L. GREEN,
WM. H. LITSINGER,
RUSSELL C. SMITH,
F. W. WHITAKER,

No. 10—EMPLOYING PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT (See Journal, page 35)

WHEREAS: The responsibilities and bookkeeping of the Conference treasurer having attained such large proportions, due to the increasing amount of monies going through the treasurer's hands, and the consequent necessity of securing to the treasurer every assistance and protection in the performance of his duties,

RESOLVED: That the accounts of the treasurer of the Maryland Annual Conference be audited by a certified public accountant at the end of each fiscal Conference year; said accountant to be selected by the president of the Conference and the committee on audit. The report of such accountant shall be made to the president of the Conference and the board of Conference trustees, and report to the Annual session of the Conference next after the audit has been made.

RESOLVED, further. That the expense of said audit or audits be paid out of the funds of the Maryland Annual Conference.

E. C. GRAHAM,
G. E. LEISTER,
E. L. BUNCE.

No. 11—ORDINATION SERMON (See Journal, page 32)

RESOLVED: That the ordination sermon of J. W. Kirk be distributed to the various charges upon the basis of which our annual Conference Minutes are distributed, and that each minister preach said sermon to his respective congregations, if in his judgment he thinks best.

G. A. MORRIS.
T. D. BOWERS.

No. 12—FOR TREASURER'S OFFICE (See Journal, page 35)

RESOLVED: That the treasurer of the Conference be authorized to procure at a reasonable price a desk, filing cabinet and other essentials necessary to the proper conduct of the office.

G. I. HUMPHREYS,
JAS. H. STRAUGHN.

No. 13—REMITTING BENEVOLENCES (See Journal, page 34)

RESOLVED. That all pastors be, and hereby are, required to secure collection of monies for benevolences in such manner as shall enable the charges to remit to the Conference treasurer on October 1, 1927, and April 1, 1928, such amount as shall equal one-third of the assessments to such dates.

And that the president be requested to use his fullest efforts to get pastors and Quarterly Conferences to conform to this resolution.

G. I. HUMPHREYS,
J. M. GILL.
R. L. SHIPLEY.

CONFERENCE SOCIETIES

CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

Church Extension Society convened on Monday, April 11, with J. F. Wooden, president, presiding.

The following officers to serve the ensuing year were elected:

President—J. F. Wooden.

First Vice-President—G. E. Brown.

Second Vice-President—J. L. Nichols.

Secretary—C. R. Strausburg.

Treasurer—T. Raymond Matthews.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Ministers—G. W. Haddaway, W. H. Litsinger, S. F. Cassen, P. W. Crosby.

Laymen—W. C. Scott, T. A. Myers, J. H. Roberts, Henry Gilligan.

The report of the treasurer was read and adopted. The report of the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society was read and adopted. Society adjourned.

April 11, 1927.

C. R. STRAUSBURG, Sec.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

The Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society submits the following summary of its activities during the Conference year:

BETHESDA—This enterprise was started about three years ago in a substantial suburban section of Baltimore, on the Harford Road, north of Hamilton. The church has had a very commendable growth. They now have a membership of 124 and a Sunday school enrollment of 240, with excellent opportunity for the development of a strong church. The property is valued at \$9,000. There is an indebtedness of \$1,600.00, which they are planning to pay this year, and then begin plans for a new church building. The title of this property is held by the church, our relationship being only advisory.

DELMONT—This church under the faithful and efficient pastorate of Brother J. T. Fenby is making very satisfactory progress. The note endorsed by this board has been reduced \$300.00, leaving a balance of \$400.00, with the promise of substantial reductions at each maturity. The reduction this year has not been as large as it would have been if they had not been compelled to make some very much needed repairs to the property, the cost of which has all been paid.

MARLEY PARSONAGE—This board endorsed a note last Conference year making possible the building of a new parsonage, which was very much needed. It is a splendid home, well located, and the charge assumes all financial obligations. They have reduced the indebtedness \$500.00

this year, leaving a balance of \$3,100.00. The title to this property is held by this board.

BAY RIDGE—A proposition was made by the owners of this development looking to the location of a Methodist Protestant Church at Bay Ridge. A committee was appointed, and after careful consideration, it was decided that it was inadvisable to undertake such an enterprise, owing to the fact that we did not have a charge near enough to supply the necessary care, and also the uncertainty of the community being a place of more than summer residence.

SEVERN RUN PROPERTY—The Severn Run Church having been moved to Delmont, the lot was left vacant. In June this lot was sold for \$150.00, and by order of the Board of Managers, the proceeds were turned over to the Delmont church, to be applied on their debt.

GREENSBORO PARSONAGE—By action of the last session of the Maryland Conference the parsonage property at Greensboro, Md., was ordered sold, and the proceeds to be applied to the obligations of the Peninsula Church Extension Society, in connection with its Peninsula Church, Wilmington, Del. The property was sold, the transaction being as follows:

RECEIPTS:

From sale of property.....	\$3,000.00	
From rent of property (2 months).....	33.33	
From return on insurance policy.....	17.63	\$3,050.96

DISBURSEMENTS:

To Clinton B. Jarman, payment on mortgage.....	\$ 345.52	
To Clinton B. Jarman, for care of property.....	100.00	\$ 445.52
Balance		\$2,605.44
Paid to M. L. Veasey, Treas., Peninsula Church Extension Society		\$2,605.44

GRACELAND PARK—This church has not grown rapidly, and may be hindered by a foreign element, which is mostly Roman Catholic, moving into the community. The debt is being reduced through a building and loan association, by weekly payments; \$350.00 has been paid on the principal this year, leaving a balance of \$1,300.00. The title to this property is vested in the Church Extension Society. There is quite a large development between our present location and Bay View, which may afford us a better opportunity. A survey will be made soon to determine if such a change is advisable.

TIOGA HEIGHTS—On June 2, 1926, at the time of the renewal of their note, which had been endorsed by the Board of Managers, it became necessary to advance \$200.00 as a further reduction on principal. This amount, with the \$400.00 advanced last year, makes a total of \$600.00 with accrued interest, which the Tioga Heights trustees owe the Church Extension Society. They had negotiated a sale of some lots which they held and agreed to pay their entire obligation to this board

when settlement was made, but failed to keep their agreement. We hold a judgment note against their property for \$3,000.00, which was executed to protect the Church Extension Society when this board endorsed their note at the Northern Central Trust Co., of Philadelphia. The Northern Central Trust Co. has been paid in full, but we have refused to release the judgment note until they have settled in full their obligation to the Church Extension Society.

BUTLER WILL CASE—The necessary legislation has been passed which enables the Board of Managers to come into possession of this legacy, which is in the form of a second mortgage amounting to \$5,000.00, the interest of which is being paid to this board.

CALVARY CHURCH, Washington—We hold the title to this property, but our relations are advisory only. The church is located not far from Washington, D. C., on the line between what is known as Aroura Hills and Virginia Highlands, two developments which join each other and offer an excellent field for church work. The church is accumulating a building fund and securing means for their new church building, which should be erected at least within a year.

EDMONDSON AVE.—This is one of the finest fields which we have in Baltimore City. The congregation is growing rapidly, and all the departments of the church are functioning effectively. In compliance with plans which were laid at the close of last Conference year, a parsonage has been purchased adjoining the church property at a cost of \$7,800.00. The financial obligations of this church are heavy, as will be seen by reference to the financial statement. They will need considerable assistance, but the Conference can well afford to give this in view of the opportunity the field offers. The title to both church and parsonage properties are held by the Church Extension Society.

FIRST CHURCH, Wilmington—A plan was arranged for the consolidation of the First and Second Churches of Wilmington, but difficulties arose with the M. E. Church over the proposed new location, which made it inadvisable in the mind of the board of survey to proceed with the plan. Since then the First Church has secured a lot at 36th and Washington Streets in a new development, which offers a splendid location for a new church. Our relation with this enterprise is only advisory.

EMMANUEL, Philadelphia—The Superintendent of Church Extension was called into council with the President of the Conference and the Secretary of the Board of Home Missions relative to the condition of this church, and owing to the need in the case, spent some time in field. They have lost in membership and financial ability to such an extent, that the Conference will have to assist in solving their problems. Two hundred and sixty dollars was contributed between the Board of Home Missions and money raised by the Superintendent of Church Extension to meet an emergency on their interest fund. They should complete their church building if they are to command the interest of the community and take their rightful place, but their financial obligations seem to prohibit doing so at this time.

THE CENTENARY CHURCH—For two consecutive sessions, the president through his report, has called special attention to the necessity of some definite Church Extension work being undertaken in Washington City, and offered certain recommendations, which were adopted, thereby committing the Conference to this work. During the year the board of survey appointed a committee on site, which has considered a number of locations, with the result that they have agreed upon a lot at Connecticut Ave. and Cumberland St., N. W., containing 16,091.85 square feet of ground, which is sufficient for our needs. This is in a new development of a very high character, and will probably require an outlay of from two hundred to two hundred and fifty thousand dollars to complete the enterprise. We have secured an option on the lot, and the board of survey will ask further endorsement of the Conference, with financial plans for carrying forward the work.

Several locations in the suburban sections of Baltimore have been looked over this year, but in view of the present financial obligations of the Board of Managers, I have not recommended the starting of any new enterprises.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board of Managers offer the following recommendations:

1. That the Board of Finance shall give special consideration to the churches under the supervision of the board of managers in their apportionment of the Budget to the same.
2. That an appropriation of \$1,100.00 be made to the board of managers of the Church Extension Society, to be applied on the interest of Edmondson Ave. indebtedness.
3. We recommend the reappointment of Rev. E. A. Sexsmith as Church Extension Superintendent.

A financial statement is herewith given, which shows the assets and liabilities of the Church Extension Society.

T. A. MYERS, President,
E. A. SEXSMITH,
Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ASSETS:

Cash in Bank as shown by Treasurer's report.....	\$	111.96	
Conference appropriation of \$2,500.00 to Edmondson Ave., three installments unpaid.....		1,500.00	
Conference appropriation to Board of Managers..		1,000.00	
Mortgage, Butler Will case		5,000.00	
Mortgage, Keen Memorial		1,000.00	
Notes, Tioga Heights		600.00	\$ 9,211.96
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Property Holdings:			
Graceland Park		10,000.00	
Grace Church		68,000.00	
Edmondson Ave., Parsonage		8,500.00	

Edmondson Ave., Church	60,000.00	
Marley Charge, Parsonage.....	6,000.00	
Arundel Cove Church	5,000.00	
Delmont Church	3,000.00	
Calvary Church, Washington, D. C.....	4,000.00	164,500.00
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Total		\$173,711.96
LIABILITIES:		
*Mortgage, Grace Church		\$ 17,800.00
*Mortgage, Graceland Park		1,600.00
*Marley Charge		
Note endorsed for Marley Charge Parsonage....	\$ 3,100.00	
Note endorsed for Delmont Church.....	400.00	3,500.00
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Edmondson Ave Parsonage		
Mortgage, Eutaw Savings Bank.....	\$ 4,500.00	
Note, Elkton Banking & Trust Co.....	2,000.00	
Note endorsed for Trustees on Parsonage	1,000.00	7,500.00
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Edmondson Ave. Church		
Mortgage, Eutaw Savings Bank	20,000.00	
Note, Wm. H. Kleinfelter	4,000.00	
Note, Union National Bank	5,000.00	
Note, National Central Bank	5,000.00	
Note, Edward G. Turner	2,500.00	
Note, A. R. Lewis	2,000.00	
Note, Ella Martin	1,500.00	
Note, Ella Martin	2,000.00	
Note, Baker, Watts & Co.....	1,000.00	42,500.00
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*Loan on Mrs. Eversold Legacy.....		1,000.00
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Total		\$ 73,900.00

*These mortgages and notes are taken care of by the Churches named.

T. A. MYERS, President,
E. A. SEXSMITH,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT M. P. CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

RECEIPTS:

1926

Apr. 1—Balance from A. R. Lewis	\$ 1628.44
10—Layman Fund, A. R. Lewis	136.00
Check St. John's Fund, A. R. Lewis	200.00
22—C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer, Salary Account.....	500.00
C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer, Second Payment	500.00
Layman Fund	248.25
Layman Fund	111.12

May	4—Layman Fund, Evergreen Church	50.00
	6—Layman Fund, St. John's Board	150.00
	10—Layman Fund, Daniel MacLea	50.00
	W. F. Chew for Edmondson Ave.	50.00
	17—Layman Fund, Brooklyn Church	50.00
	18—Layman Fund, L. B. Johnson, Evergreen Church..	5.00
	21—Hamilton Church, John A. Fuher	35.00
June	7—Layman Fund, Christ Church	50.00
	Layman Fund, Christ Church, E. A. Sexsmith	10.00
	15—Edmondson Ave. Bldg. Fund—Bernard Ridgely, Treasurer	600.00
	Layman Fund, Wm. H. Litzinger	25.00
	25—Severn River Property	100.00
	J. W. Armstrong—Eutaw Church—Mrs. R. Brodie	5.00
	Interest on deposit—Baker Watts & Co.	12.94
July	1—Severn River Property	50.00
	3—Layman Fund, Daniel MacLea	50.00
	26—Edmondson Ave. Building Fund—Bernard Ridgely, Treasurer	303.00
	29—Layman Fund, Edmondson Ave., Miss Kate Lazarus	5.00
	Mrs. J. W. Gill	10.00
	T. Irving Rother	25.00
Aug.	2—Daniel MacLea	50.00
	19—R. C. Jackson, Greensboro, Parsonage	100.00
	31—R. C. Jackson, Greensboro, Parsonage	2,900.00
	R. C. Jackson, two months rent	33.33
	Layman Fund, Daniel MacLea	50.00
Sept.	2—Layman Fund, Harry E. Gilbert	50.00
	Layman Fund, Robert S. Jett.....	5.00
	7—Layman Fund, Starr Church, Mrs. J. O. Wright.....	25.00
	Layman Fund, Starr Church, Edward Reisclin	5.00
	Layman Fund, Eutaw Church, James W. Armstrong	25.00
	Layman Fund, Eutaw Church, John Erdman	10.00
	Layman Fund, Eutaw Church, J. T. Miner.....	10.00
	Layman Fund, Eutaw Church, J. S. Wilson	5.00
	9—Returned Insurance	17.63
	18—Layman Fund, Eutaw Church, H. E. Parkard	10.00
	23—Edmondson Ave. Church, Bernard T. Ridgely	700.00
	Layman Fund, Payson St.	45.00
	27—Layman Fund, J. M. Sheridan.....	50.00
Oct.	4—Layman Fund, Daniel MacLea	50.00
	Layman Fund, Mrs. Badger, Starr.....	3.00
	12—Layman Fund, Mrs. William Snyder	3.00
	15—C. P. Nowlin—For Appropriations to J. W. Townsend	582.00
Nov.	1—Layman Fund, Daniel MacLea	50.00
	The Elkton Banking & Trust Co., Loan on Ed- mondson Ave. Parsonage	2,000.00
	23—Edmondson Ave. Church, Bernard T. Ridgely,	

	Treasurer	300.00
	Edmondson Avenue Church for parsonage, John R. Lilley	1,000.00
	Eutaw Savings Bank, Mortgage on 3612 Edm. Ave.	4,500.00
Dec.	1—Layman Fund, J. W. Armstrong, Eutaw Church....	25.00
	9—Layman Fund, Arthur S. Richmond, Eutaw Church Edmondson Ave. Church, Bernard T. Ridgely	50.00 550.00
1927		
Jan.	1—Interest, Baker Watts Co.	10.80
	4—Layman Fund, Daniel MacLea	50.00
	14—Layman Fund, Starr, Florence Lee Green.....	25.00
	J. C. Leonard, Int. Buttler Estate	300.00
	31—Edmondson Ave., Bernard T. Ridgely	479.00
Feb.	11—Layman Fund, E. A. Sexsmith	10.00
	Layman Fund, Wm. F. Chew	50.00
	17—Baker Watts Co., 60 da. \$1,000.00 Note.....	989.84
	28—Edmondson Ave., Bernard T. Ridgely, Treasurer....	107.00
March	24—Miss Eva Ray, West Balto.	10.00
	28—Edmondson Ave., Bernard T. Ridgely	200.00
		\$20,395.35

DISBURSEMENTS:

1926		
Apr.	27—Miss Ella Martin on \$2,000 Loan	\$ 500.00
	Miss Ella Martin, Interest on Loan.....	200.00
	28—Wm. H. Kleinfelter on \$5,000 Loan	500.00
	Wm. H. Kleinfelter, Interest on Loan	150.00
	Baird Seating Co.	608.20
	Wm. Schmeiser, 2 Mos. Rent, Chesaco Park.....	40.00
May	17—Rev. E. A. Sexsmith, Expenses	26.44
	22—Rev. J. W. Townsend, 2 months Rent	100.00
	27—McComas, Kroh, Insley—Premium on Board	12.50
June	2—Homer C. Pierson, Treasurer, to be returned by Tioga Heights	200.00
	7—Herr Bros., Inc., Furnace Parsonage, 703 Linard....	405.00
	16—Nat'l Central Bank, Int. on \$5,000 Note	104.17
	Rev. E. A. Sexsmith, Expenses	24.40
	Rev. J. W. Townsend, 3rd months Rent.....	50.00
	19—Edward G. Turner on Note \$5,000	1,000.00
	Edward G. Turner, Interest on note	100.00
	25—Union Nat'l Bank, Westminster, Interest	105.00
	30—Equitable Trust Co., Rent on Safe Deposit Box....	3.00
July	15—Rev. J. W. Townsend, 4th payment	50.00
	19—Dr. E. A. Sexsmith, Expenses	31.05
	26—Henry Gilligan	2.50
	Dr. E. A. Sexsmith, Expenses	20.60
	Eutaw Savings Bank	550.00
Aug.	15—Rev. J. W. Townsend, 5th Payment	50.00
	27—Dr. E. A. Sexsmith, Expenses	31.75
	29—Clinton B. Jarman, Bal. on Mortgage on Parsonage	445.52
Sept.	9—M. L. Veasy (Net Receipts from Parsonage).....	2,605.44

	A. R. Lewis, Int., on \$2,000.00 Loan	120.00
	15—Rev. J. W. Townsend, 6th payment	50.00
	22—J. F. Feerby	125.00
	J. F. Feerby	25.00
	E. A. Sexsmith, Expenses	30.14
	30—Union Nat'l Bank, Interest	76.67
Oct.	15—Rev. J. W. Townsend, 7th payment	50.00
	Nat'l Central Bank, 4 Mo. Int. on \$5,000.....	103.33
	16—Wm. H. Kleinfelter, 6 Mo. Int. on \$4,000.....	135.00
	Wm. H. Kleinfelter, Reduction of note	500.00
	19—Edward G. Turner, Payable on note of \$4,000.....	500.00
	Edward G. Turner, Int., on \$4,000 Note.....	80.00
Nov.	15—Rev. J. W. Townsend, 8th payment.....	50.00
	23—Title Guarantee & Trust Co.	197.35
	Jas. Keelty on Ed. Ave. Parsonage—Eutaw Sav- ing Bank	4,500.00
	Jas. Keelty on Ed. Ave. Parsonage	2,901.50
Dec.	13—Turner & Thomas, Ins. \$5,000 on Parsonage.....	25.00
	15—T. A. Myers:	
	Two Mos. Int. on \$800.....	\$ 8.00
	Ten Mos. Int. on \$600.....	30.00
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	T. A. Myers, Balance on note \$600.....	600.00
	Rev. J. W. Townsend, Parsonage rent.....	50.00
	Dr. E. A. Sexsmith, Expenses	48.51
	22—Union Nat'l Bank, Westminster	76.66
1927		
Jan.	5—Int. on \$2,000 to Dec. 31, Elkton Bank & Trust Co.	20.00
	14—Rev. J. W. Townsend, Parsonage Rent	50.00
	Henry Gilligan, Expenses	2.50
	18—Henry Gilligan, Expenses	5.00
	31—Eutaw Savings Bank, Int. on \$20,000.....	550.00
Feb.	15—Rev. J. W. Townsend, Parsonage Rent	50.00
	16—Nat'l Central Bank, Int on \$5,000 Loan	100.83
	21—E. G. Turner, 4 months Int. on \$3,500.00	70.00
	E. G. Turner on account	1,000.00
	Wm. H. Kleinfelter, Int. on note	80.00
	28—A. R. Lewis, 6 Mos. Int. on \$2,000	60.00
March	8—Rev. J. W. Townsend, 1 Mo. Parsonage Rent.....	50.00
	28—Union National Bank, Int. on \$5,000.00 Loan.....	75.00
	29—E. A. Sexsmith, Expense	52.33
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		\$20,283.39
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	Balance	\$ 111.96

MUTUAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION

The Mutual Relief Association met in Starr Methodist Protestant Church, Baltimore, Md., April 9th, 1927, Rev. E. C. Makosky, D.D. presiding.

The secretary-treasurer read his report, which was adopted, subject to the approval of the auditing committee.

The following officers were elected:

President—W. H. Litsinger.

First Vice-President—Louis Randall.

Second Vice-President—C. E. Dryden.

Secretary-Treasurer—G. A. Ogg.

Adjourned.

G. A. OGG, Secretary.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

April 1, 1926—March 31, 1927

FINANCIAL

On hand April 1, 1926:

To pay case 82.....	\$202
Expense Fund	39 \$241

RECEIPTS

Collected on case 81 for 82.....	\$ 15
Collected on case 82 for 83.....	216
Collected on case 83 for 84.....	215
Collected on case 84 for 85.....	209
Collected on case 85 for 86.....	205
Collected on case 86 for 87.....	196
Collected on case 87 for 88.....	180 \$1236
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Collected on case 79 for Expense Fund.....	2
Collected on case 80 for Expense Fund.....	9
Collected on case 82 for Expense Fund.....	2
Collected on case 83 for Expense Fund	1 14 \$1250
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	\$1491

EXPENDITURES

November 18, 1926—To Rev. E. A. Sexsmith.....	\$ 217
December 11, " —To Mrs. A. W. Mather.....	175
January 1, 1927—To Mrs. F. C. Klein.....	150
February 9, " —To Mrs. F. C. Klein.....	50
January 2, " —To Rev. W. S. Hanks.....	200
February 7, " —To Mrs. C. P. Nowlin.....	170
March 1, " —To James M. Hoblitzel.....	175
February 2, " —To Stockton Press—blanks.....	16 \$1153
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Balance	\$ 338

On hand April, 1927, \$338 in National Central Bank, for following purposes:

Collected on case 82 for 83 (Mrs. Mather).....	\$ 42
Collected on case 83 for 84 (Dr. Hanks).....	15
Collected on case 84 for 85 (Mrs. Klein).....	9
Collected on case 85 for 86 (Mrs. Nowlin).....	35
Collected on case 86 for 87 (Mr. Hoblitzel).....	21

Collected on case 87 for 88.....	180
Collected on case 79 for Expense Fund	2
Collected on case 80 for Expense Fund.....	9
Collected on case 82 for Expense Fund.....	2
Collected on case 82 for Expense Fund.....	2
Collected on case 83 for Expense Fund.....	1
Expense Fund Balance from last year's fund.....	23

 \$338

G. A. OGG, Sec.-Treas.

Your committee has examined carefully the accounts of the secretary-treasurer of the Maryland Conference Mutual Relief Association and find them correct.

LOUIS RANDALL,

Committee.

MEMBERS OF MUTUAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Adams, Ziba and wife	Farring, G. F.
Alexander, Mrs. C. N.	Fenby, J. T.
Bacchus, G. Q.	George, J. P. and wife
Bailey, F. B.	Gibson, N. O.
Bailey, J. T. and wife	Gill, J. M.
Balderston, J. W.	Gordon, L. W. and wife
Bauscher, W. F.	Graham, E. C. and wife
Baxley, J. W. and wife	Gray, J. W.
Beauchamp, Mrs. Edna	Green, A. H. and wife
Bennett, L. A. and wife	Green, J. Leas and wife
Benson, F. T. and wife	Greenfield, Mrs. Kate
Betschler, T. J.	Haddaway, G. W. and wife
Bowers, Mrs. Lucy	Haddaway, L. E. and wife
Brewer, O. G.	Hanks, W. S.
Brown, J. McL. and wife	Hill, G. J.
Browne, Robert	Hines, George and wife
Bryan, B. A. and wife	Hodge, Mrs. Emma F.
Bryan, J. F. and wife	Hodges, W. H. and wife
Butler, C. P. and wife	Holland, F. A.
Cain, F. S. and wife	Holloway, F. G. and wife
Cassen, Paul M. and wife	Hooker, G. J. and wife
Cassen, S. F. and wife	Hungerford, M. E. and wife
Clayton, G. M. and wife	Johnson, H. W. D. and wife
Clough, N. C. and wife	Johnson, Mrs. Sarah R.
Coe, S. W. and wife	Jones, E. H.
Coleman, E. E. and wife	Jones, Thomas C.
Crosby, P. W. and wife	Judefind, W. B. and wife
Crouse, T. O. and wife	Keen, H. O.
Cullum, C. M. and wife	Keehner, Edw.
Cummings, J. Earle and wife	Kester, H. A.
Cushing, Mrs. Clara P.	Kindley, B. W. and wife
Dawson, C. L.	Kirk, J. W. and wife
Day, C. C.	Kirkley, E. T. and wife
Dearholt, M. E.	Klein, Mrs. Mary E.
Dobson, C. H. and wife	Leister, Guy E.
Donovan, Avery	Lewis, T. H. and wife
Donoway, W. A.	Link, J. N.
Dryden, C. E. and wife	Litsinger, Mrs. Adele C.
Dudley, J. A. and wife	Litsinger, Mrs. Amelia C.
Eaton, J. G. and wife	Litsinger, W. H.
Elderdice, J. L. and wife	Little, F. T. and wife
Elderdice, H. L.	Lynch, J. H.
Ewell, A. W. and wife	

Members Mutual Relief Association—Continued

Makosky, E. C. and wife
Marker, J. Lee
Mather, Mrs. Sallie B.
McCaslin, C. K. and wife
McCready, Mrs. Mary C.
McKeawn, J. R.
Melvin, W. A. and wife
Mumford, W. C. and wife
Murphy, H. L. and wife
Mulligan, T. C. and wife
Nepier, Mrs. A. S.
Nichols, J. L. and wife
Nicholson, R. Y.
Nowlin, C. P. and wife
Ogg, G. A. and wife
Owens, I. S.
Parris, J. W.
Ports, G. W. and wife
Randall, L. C. and wife
Randall, Louis and wife
Raum, A. F. T. and wife
Read, E. T. and wife
Reynolds, F. D. and wife
Rice, P. L. and wife
Roberts, W. P. and wife
Robey, C. B.
Ross, G. S.
Ruley, B. F.
Sanders, W. B.
Sapp, R. W. and wife
Schauer, P. M. R. and wife
Schlincke, H. L. and wife
Schmeiser, Wm.
Sexsmith, E. A.
Shipley, R. L. and wife
Sheridan, J. M.
Simms, E. W. and wife
Smith, Mrs. Annie A.
Smith, L. B. and wife
Stevens, Mrs. Sadie B.
Stocksdale, G. H. and wife
Straughn, J. H. and wife
Strausburg, C. R. and wife
Strayer, W. M.
Townsend, J. W. and wife
Trader, John A.
Tredway, Mrs. Cornelia
Trout, J. W.
Turner, G. E. and wife
Volk, Frank M.
Walter, Mrs. Isabella S.
Ward, A. N. and wife
Warner, L. F. and wife
Warner, Paul F.
White, R. W.
Weigand, Mrs. Anne R.
Williamson, Mrs. Laura B.
Wooden, J. F. and wife
Woodford, T. R. and wife
Wright, J. A. and wife
Wright, W. F. and wife
Yingling, Mrs. Ella

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

MUTUAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

ARTICLE 1—NAME AND OBJECT

Section 1—This Association shall be known as the Mutual Relief Association of the Maryland Annual Conference, of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Section 2—Its object shall be to provide a fund for the benefit of the surviving relatives of its members, said fund to be provided for and disbursed as hereinafter provided for.

ARTICLE 2—OFFICERS, ELECTIONS AND MEETINGS

This Association shall meet annually on Thursday afternoon of the Conference week, at the Conference church, and shall elect from its members, a President, two Vice-Presidents, and a Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE 3—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Officers of this Association shall constitute an Executive Committee to which all matters of business, ad interim, shall be referred for adjustment.

ARTICLE 4—MEMBERSHIP

All ministers and preachers of the Maryland Annual Conference, of the Methodist Protestant Church, and their wives, under (50) years of age, if in good health, upon the payment of an entrance fee of \$1.00 shall be eligible to membership in this Association, provided, however, that no member of the Annual Conference who neglects to make application for membership in this Association for more than one year next after his admission into the Conference shall be admitted to membership except on the same conditions as provided for the reinstatement of lapsed members.

ARTICLE 5—REINSTATEMENT OF LAPSED MEMBERS

All members having lapsed may be reinstated upon the payment of a reinstatement fee on the following graduated scale:

Between the ages of 20 and 30 years.....	\$2.00
Between the ages of 30 and 40 years.....	3.00
Between the ages of 40 and 50 years.....	4.00

It being understood that this is an entrance or reinstatement fee and that mortuary due of \$1.00 per member, payable upon the death of a member, is exclusive of this reinstatement fee.

ARTICLE 6—BENEFITS

Section 1—Upon the death of a member of this Association, upon

due notice of such death, furnished by the President of the Annual Conference within five (5) days of said death, the President of this Association shall order and the Secretary-Treasurer shall, within thirty (30) days from date of such notice, pay to the legal heirs or assignees of the deceased, a sum of money equal to \$1.00 per member, in good standing, of this Association, as nearly as collections will permit.

Section 2—Receipts of such remittance must be acknowledged by the Secretary-Treasurer by the beneficiaries, within five (5) days from receipt thereof.

ARTICLE 7—DUES AND PENALTIES

Section 1—Any member of this Association failing to remit, upon due notice from the Secretary-Treasurer of the death of a member, within thirty (30) days from said notice, the sum of \$1.00 shall forfeit all claims upon this Association for a period of thirty (30) days, and if he shall fail to comply with the provisions of this Article for sixty (60) days, he shall cease to be a member of this Association, and may be reinstated only upon the conditions provided for by Article 5 of this Constitution.

Section 2—A notice directed and mailed to the Post Office address of a member as recorded in the books of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be deemed a legal notice.

ARTICLE 8—EXPENSES

Section 1—Expenses of collections and the disbursement of the mortuary dues shall be provided for from the entrance and reinstatement fees fund, or from such amounts as may be in the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer when each case shall be declared closed at the expiration of Forty (40) days after the notice of the death of a member.

Section 2—When the expense account shall have reached the sum of \$100.00, \$75.00 of said amount shall be transferred to the benefit fund.

Section 3—The dues of the Secretary-Treasurer and his wife shall be remitted as payment for services rendered.

ARTICLE 9—AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended only by the concurrent vote of three-fourths of all the members present at a regular annual meeting of this Association, providing that all such amendments shall have first been submitted to the Executive Committee for review, sixty (60) days next before the annual meeting of this Association.

BY-LAWS

FIRST—FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of this Association shall be from April 1st to March 31st inclusive.

SECOND—VACANCIES

Vacancies in office may be filled, ad interim, by the Executive Com-

mittee, and all such officers shall serve until the succeeding annual meeting of this Association.

THIRD—RESERVE FUND

Section 1—In order to provide a Reserve Fund from which to supplement the amount paid from the Mortuary Dues Fund, each member shall be asked to contribute to the Reserve Fund an additional sum of ten cents (10c) per week, or \$5.20 per year, payable in advance, for a period of five (5) years next after the adoption of this provision, or becoming a member of this Association.

Section 2—Beneficiaries of the Reserve Fund shall be paid such amounts from the Reserve Fund as shall be necessary to supplement the amount paid from the Mortuary Dues Fund up to and including the sum of \$250.00 per member.

Section 3—When the Reserve Fund shall have reached the sum of \$5,000 benefits shall be increased at the rate of 1% of the invested fund, a like increase of $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% to be so appropriated for every additional increase of \$1,000 until the Association shall pay to beneficiaries the sum of \$500.00 upon the death of a member in good standing at the time of death, provided, however, that only such persons shall participate in the benefits of the Reserve Fund as shall have complied with section 1 of this rule.

Section 4—All monies remaining in the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer at the end of the fiscal year shall be invested in approved securities, interest on the same to be added to the supplemental amounts needed during the ensuing year, upon the death of a member as heretofore provided for.

Unexpended balance of interest at the end of the year shall be turned over to the expense account in the collection and distribution of this fund.

Section 5—Payments of the Reserve Fund, by individual members, may be made quarterly, semi-annually, in advance, the desire in each case to be stated at the beginning of such contribution to this fund, or as the exigencies of the case may demand.

Section 6—All payments shall be made to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Mutual Relief Association of the Maryland Annual Conference who shall notify each subscriber, in accordance with his or her stated convenience of the time of payment.

Section 7—The Treasurer of this Fund shall be bonded to the extent of \$5,000 and shall be paid, from the Reserve Fund, the sum of \$50.00 per annum for services rendered.

LOUIS RANDALL, Chariman
ERNEST E. WOODEN

SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY

The meeting was called to order Monday night. The president and vice-president being absent, Rev. J. M. Sheridan presided.

The following officers were elected:

First Vice-President—F. T. Benson.

Second Vice-President—J. W. Kirk.

Third Vice-President—C. K. McCaslin.

Recording Secretary—J. A. Dudley.

Corresponding Secretary—Louis Randall.

Treasurer—T. A. Murray.

Board of Managers: Ministers—G. W. Haddaway, L. F. Warner, J. M. Sheridan, W. B. Judefind. Laymen—T. A. Murray, Daniel Maclea, E. B. Fenby, E. J. Paige.

Treasurer's report was referred to the President of the Superannuated Fund Society, and if found correct, adopted.

J. A. DUDLEY, Secretary.

SUPERANNUATED FUND REGULATIONS

1. The Committee on Superannuated Claimants shall report to Conference all those names which, in their judgment, properly belong to the superannuated list.

2. From the receipts from the invested fund, each superannuated minister be entitled to \$15 for each year of his active service as a member of this Conference, and each widow of a minister of this Conference who is granted a superannuated relation, be entitled to \$7.50 for each year of her active service.

3. The amount received from the collections in the District during the year to be applied to the necessities of the claimants, considering: 1. The time of service in the Conference; 2. The size of family; 3. Peculiarities of condition; 4. Ability to contribute to self-support by business capacity or by private income.

4. That when the Committee on Superannuates has information from claimants to the effect that they do not need the amount required by virtue of their years of service, that the committee be governed by the information thus given. (For items 2, 3, 4, see report H. Superannuates, 1914 Minutes.)

5. The Conference Treasurer shall disburse all moneys coming from the Superannuated Fund Society, and shall make a quarterly distribution of the funds provided the Treasurer of said Society can make a payment in the interim of Conference.

6. When the committee shall have completed its report it shall be read to the Conference twenty-four hours before action thereon, during which time objections to report must be filed before the committee.

7. The Corresponding Secretary of the Superannuated Fund Society shall furnish Superannuated Claimants with blanks containing the following questions, a neglect to answer which shall deprive the claimants of any portion in the distribution of emergency fund for the year:

1. What is your present place of residence? Postoffice address?
2. Do you desire a superannuate relation the ensuing year?
3. What is the number of your family? Age of your children, respectively.
4. Do you attend our church? If not, why not?
5. Do your children attend Sabbath school? If not, why not?
6. What is the amount of your private income?
7. If a widow, how long were you in the ministry with your husband?

THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treasurer,

In Account with

SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY

PERMANENT FUND

To Balance per last Report		\$1,900.93
Amounts received from Conference Treasurer:		
April 12, 1926	\$8,404.31	
April 28, 1926	8,792.71	\$17,197.02
Amount received in reduction of Mortgage	500.00	
Premium on Securities redeemed	20.00	17,717.02
		<u>\$19,617.95</u>

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By Investments per Order of Board	\$16,645.86	
Balance on Deposit	2,972.09	\$19,617.95

INCOME ACCOUNT

To Income from Investments	\$10,282.47	
Interest on Deposits	426.89	\$10,709.36

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By 1927 Taxes on Securities	\$ 54.18	
Rent Safe Deposit Box	5.00	
Expense of Recording Secretary	2.51	
Treasurer's Expense Account	350.00	
Interest on Mortuary Gifts	60.00	
Amounts remitted to Conference Treasurer:		
July 26, 1926	\$2,100.00	
Nov. 3, 1926	2,800.00	
Jan. 19, 1927	2,500.00	
Check herewith	2,837.67	\$10,237.67 \$10,709.36

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treasurer.

We have examined the Books and Accounts of the Treasurer, and find them correct as per above statement, and all income from investments properly accounted for. All securities of the Society deposited in its safe deposit box.

LUTHER F. WARNER,
W. B. JUDEFIND,
Auditing Committee.

April 4th, 1927.

THE MEMORIAL ROLL

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day."—2 Tim. iv:7, 8.

Name	Born	Entered Conference	Died
Charles Rigby	1782	1829	1830
Joseph Scull	1785	1829	1830
Washington Hamilton Hays .....	.....	1830	1831
William Bamber .....	.....	1831	1832
Charles Wesley Jacobs	1812	1829	1833
John James Hanson .....	.....	1829	1834
William Kesley .....	.....	1830	1841
Isaac Webster Clippinger .....	.....	1842	1842
Samuel L. Rawleigh .....	.....	1834	1843
Daniel Davies, M. D. ....	.....	1833	1844
William W. Maddux .....	.....	1838	1844
William W. Ball .....	.....	1842	1844
William H. Boardley .....	.....	1843	1846
Samuel D. Norwood	1820	1844	1847
Isaac Webster	1787	1829	1851
Levi Rogers Reese	1806	1832	1851
Frederick Stier	1783	1830	1851
Richard Adkinson	1817	1841	1851
Levin A. Collins	1814	1837	1853
John Smith Reese, M. D.	1790	1829	1855
Francis George Wright	1823	1849	1859
Nevelle Steele Greenaway	1824	1852	1861
William Turbert Wright	1808	1845	1862
Washington Roby	1816	1839	1862
Thoroughgood C. Ewell	1832	1856	1862
Josiah Varden	1806	1831	1863
George D. Hamilton	1798	1831	1864
Reuben Tyler Boyd	1794	1833	1865
Thomas Hart Benton Austin.....	1842	1863	1865
James Francis Whiteside	1828	1850	1866
Eli Henkle	1787	1829	1867
Francis Waters, D. D.	1792	1838	1867
Thomas H. Burgess	1828	1861	1868
Thomas Mahlon Wilson	1814	1842	1870
Luther J. Cox	1791	1869	1870
Christian Eversole	1820	1852	1870
Daniel Bowers	1832	1854	1871
John Morgan	1811	1844	1871
Henry C. Hayghe	1844	1869	1871
John Elderdice	1814	1838	1874
John Robers	1818	1843	1875
Amon Richards	1787	1870	1876
Abraham S. Eversole, M. D.	1813	1839	1877
Daniel Evans Reese, D. D.	1810	1830	1877
Samuel Guest Valiant	1852	1870	1877
William C. Ames, D. D. S.	1839	1869	1878
John Edgar Read	1846	1865	1878
Thomas M. Bryan	1818	1846	1879
William Corrie Lipscomb	1792	1869	1879
Thomas Asbury Moore	1824	1845	1881
David Norwood Gilbert	1851	1873	1881

Name	Entered		Died
	Born	Conference	
Isaac Tunnel Adkins	1808	1865	1881
Thomas Lee	1821	1857	1882
Peter Light Wilson	1822	1842	1883
Thomas McCormick	1792	1869	1883
Charles Theodore Cochell	1832	1859	1884
James Martin Elderdice	1817	1840	1884
Arthur Daniel Murray	1856	1879	1884
Henry Edward Miskimon	1845	1866	1885
Joseph Alexander McFaden	1825	1847	1885
Alfred Baker	1813	1841	1885
Christopher Burns Middleton	1854	1876	1886
William Thomas Dumm	1817	1843	1886
David Anthony Shermer, M. D.....	1824	1844	1886
Daniel Fitchett Ewell, M. D.....	1817	1839	1888
William Francis Livingston	1836	1861	1888
Charles McFeely Thompson	1843	1868	1889
Robert Thomas Smith	1850	1874	1889
Augustus Webster, D. D.	1808	1832	1890
Samuel Tucker Ferguson	1840	1864	1890
James Thompson	1819	1853	1890
Robert Wilkins Berryman	1816	1876	1891
James Henry Ellegood	1817	1850	1892
Theodore Denny Valiant	1820	1846	1894
John Byrd Whaley, A. M., B. D.....	1867	1891	1894
Edwin Ruthven McGregor, A. M., B. D., D. C. L.	1817	1872	1895
James Kane Nichols, D. D.	1817	1836	1895
Daniel Webster Bates, D. D.	1815	1843	1895
John William Charlton	1832	1860	1896
Thomas E. Coulbourn	1853	1880	1896
Riley Seth Williamson	1863	1887	1896
John Robert Nichols	1815	1838	1886
James Thomas Ward, D. D.	1820	1843	1897
Rhesa Scott Norris	1820	1843	1897
James L. Killgore, D. D.	1832	1872	1898
John Wesley Everist	1810	1834	1898
Robert Luther Lewis	1847	1871	1899
Andrew James Walter	1847	1874	1899
Joshua Thomas Murray, D. D.	1830	1851	1899
George Jeffrey Smith	1844	1876	1900
Hamilton Jefferson Day	1820	1846	1900
William Greenbury Holmes	1822	1855	1900
Lawrence Webster Bates, D. D.....	1819	1840	1901
W. J. Floyd	1831	1871	1902
Jesse Shreeve	1824	1847	1902
John Edward Tyson Ewell, M. D.	1834	1859	1902
Benjamin Franklin Benson, D. D.....	1835	1856	1902
Edward Jacob Drinkhouse, M. D., D. D.	1830	1850	1903
Hammond Spencer Leas, A. M., B. D.....	1872	1899	1903
Adolphus David Melvin, D. D.	1846	1872	1904
Abraham Downs Dick	1826	1854	1904
Charles Humphreys Littleton	1829	1852	1905
John Jackson Murray, M. D., D. D.	1824	1842	1905
William Sim Hammond, D. D.	1832	1851	1905
George Durbin Edmonston	1844	1864	1905
William Augustus Crouse	1824	1870	1905
David Wilson, M. D.	1826	1845	1906
William John Neepier	1848	1871	1906
Silas Bruce Southerland, D. D.	1817	1841	1907
Jacob Mathias Yingling	1847	1873	1907

Name	Born	Entered	
		Conference	Died
John Hewlings Stockton Ewell	1865	1889	1908
Henry Caleb Cushing, D. D.	1828	1853	1908
James Thomas Lassell, D. D.	1836	1866	1909
John Bayley Jones	1833	1860	1909
Benjamin Parker Truitt	1861	1887	1910
Solomon Ashbury Hoblitzell	1836	1859	1911
John David Kinzer, D. D.	1841	1863	1911
William Sherman Phillips	1868	1889	1912
Herbert F. Wright	1866	1896	1912
Robert Semple Rowe	1832	1865	1912
Charles Smith Arnett	1852	1875	1913
Samuel Joseph Smith, D. D.	1854	1877	1913
James Ernest Litsinger	1879	1904	1913
Jacob Ezra Nicholson	1844	1881	1913
William James Dillon Lucas	1849	1873	1914
James Earle Maloy	1834	1859	1914
Charles Walter Sanderson	1879	1911	1914
George Roberts McCready	1850	1880	1915
John Carter Poston	1833	1913	1916
Fitzhugh Lee Stevens	1866	1895	1916
Robert Thomas Tyson	1867	1908	1916
Thomas H. Wright	1840	1895	1916
Silas Baldwin Tredway, D. D.	1846	1872	1917
David Lee Greenfield, D. D.	1848	1868	1917
John Lee Straughn	1848	1870	1917
George Robert Hodge	1862	1889	1917
Edwin Oliver Ewing	1851	1884	1917
Joseph Augustus Weigand	1847	1874	1918
Charles William Cole	1887	1916	1918
John Solon Bowers, D. D.	1861	1881	1919
Robert Kendall Lewis	1865	1891	1919
Aquilla Augustus Harriman	1845	1871	1920
Walter Raleigh Graham, D. D.	1852	1873	1920
Jesse W. Norris	1856	1884	1921
Edward L. Beauchamp	1885	1909	1921
E. H. Van Dyke, D. D.	1863	1887	1921
E. A. Warfield, A. M., B. D., Ph. D.	1869	1884	1922
Charles Nathan Alexander	1879	1917	1923
William Duncan Litsinger	1839	1863	1922
Francis Thomas Tagg, D. D.	1845	1871	1924
Joseph Levin Mill, D. D.	1840	1860	1924
C. E. McCullough	1865	1891	1925
Harry Sherman Johnson	1864	1890	1925
John Matthew Holmes, D. D.	1845	1865	1925
William N. Sherwood	1876	1900	1926
Augustus Webster Mather	1845	1866	1926
Frederick C. Klein, A. M., D. D.	1857	1879	1926
Charles Price Nowlin, B. D.	1864	1893	1926
Wm. S. Simms	1849	.....	1926

OBITUARIES

REV. WILLIAM NICHOLAS SHERWOOD

"It is good for me that I have been afflicted that I might learn thy statutes. The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver." This testimony of the Psalmist, applicable to the case, certainly enriches the memory of Rev. William Nicholas Sherwood. This man of God, shicken in the midst of life, had far more than the average amount of affliction that falls to the lot of man. After an heroic struggle against the ravages of disease, lasting more then a decade, he passed to his reward, June 6th, 1926.

Brother Sherwood was born in Kent County, Maryland, August 6th, 1876. He was the only son of William Nicholas and Mary Matilda Sherwood. His father was removed by death early in life, while his mother still survives to mourn his loss in her aged years. After completing his early education in the public schools of Kent County, he entered Washington College, Chestertown, where he graduated in 1898. Following his graduation he taught school at Sasafra, Maryland, for two years prior to his entrance into the Maryland Conference in 1900. He rendered nineteen years of active service at the following charges:

Clinton Avenue, (Newark, N. J.), Lawsonia, Christ Church, St. Johns, (Canton), West Wilmington, Talbot, Powellville, Clayton, Union, Northumberland, Selbyville, Salem, and Rolandville.

In 1919 he was superannuated because of ill health, and resided in Wilmington, Delaware, until his death occurred in 1926.

In 1907 he married Miss Fannie Wolfe, a sister of Rev. George L. Wolfe, deceased, former pastor of First Church, Wilmington, Delaware. His sufferings were greatly mitigated by the faithful ministrations of his devoted wife, who survives him.

As a youth Brother Sherwood, though of frail physique, was an industrious, careful and earnest boy. Everything appeared to him as a serious proposition, and he took life as an elderly man long before he became of age. As a student he was the pride of his uncle, Joseph N. Wheatley, who assisted him in his education. As a pastor his sincere piety impressed deeply those with whom he came in contact. He was a good preacher, faithful to the letter of the Word of God, studying it diligently and preaching it fearlessly. In the pastorate he was busy "in season and out of season," shepherding the flock with fidelity and care. As a citizen he exerted an influence for good in the communities where he lived. His lovable disposition and unquestioned Christian character made warm friends on all the charges he served. He was deeply interested in every phase of his work, and faithful in the performance of every duty involved.

Brother Sherwood was far more concerned in the welfare of others than of himself. Invariably he sought the difficult and more

responsible pastorates, and, even in the years of his decline, could not understand why he was not given more arduous work. He replied always to inquiries about his health by minimizing every symptom and evading his real suffering. With bitter disappointment he finally yielded to the insistent demand of his friends to accept a superannuate relation. Gradually the incurable malady consumed his waning vitality, increased the burden of his sufferings, and finally sent his body to an untimely grave at the age of forty-nine years.

Funeral services were conducted in Christ Church, Chestertown, by the President of the Conference, Rev. E. C. Makosky, D.D., assisted by Revs. N. O. Gibson, L. W. Gordon, C. W. Cullum, and L. B. Smith. His body was laid to rest in Chester Cemetery, to await "the triumph of God," when "the dead in Christ shall rise . . . to meet the Lord in the air," . . . and "ever be with the Lord."

"How well he fell asleep!

Like some proud river, widening toward the sea;

Calmly and grandly, silently and deep,

Life joined eternity."

"Life's race well run,

Life's work well done,

Life's crown well won,

Now comes rest."

L. B. SMITH,
J. M. SHERIDAN,
E. H. JONES,
FRED. G. USILTON,
WILLIAM FONTAINE,
G. C. LOGAN.

FREDERICK C. KLEIN

Nearly three score years and ten have come and gone since Frederick C. Klein first opened his eyes upon the light of this world in the city of Washington, D. C. His birthday was May 17, 1857, and his parents were John M. and Catherine M. Boutellier Klein. They soon moved to Alexandria, Virginia, where the father died when his son was only nine years old and the mother was left to seek a new home in Baltimore. In 1880 he graduated from Western Maryland College with the degree of Bachelor of Arts and by the same institution the Master's degree was conferred soon afterward. In 1892 and again in 1905 the degree of Doctor of Divinity was bestowed by Adrian College, and a few years later the same honor was given by Kansas City University, but both institutions were answered by refusal. In 1883 he married Miss Mary Elizabeth Patton who, after more than two score years of faithful and sympathetic and effective work by his side at home and abroad, survives him.

The times and places he served as pastor are as follows: Campbell, assistant, 1879; Southside, 1880; Wilmington, 1881-2; Trinity, Alleghany City, Pennsylvania, loan, 1894; Laurel, 1895-1900; Newark, 1901-4; and North Baltimore, 1905-8. The decade 1883-93 was spent in Japan as the first male missionary from the Methodist Protestant Church. Though he was elected missionary in August 1882, yet he did not leave Baltimore for the Orient until August 1883. From September 23, 1883, to June 1887, his field was Yokohama. In 1888 he came back to the homeland, but returned two years later with money which he had secured for the Nagoya College which he had organized and served as first President and which today has an enrollment of 1,100 students. He also was President of the First Methodist Protestant Conference organized in Japan. The multiplicity of his arduous labors and the shocking experience of witnessing an earthquake which killed four and injured sixteen of his congregation of forty, undermined his health until he was forced to return to America in 1893.

His pioneer work in the foreign field has been told so often by pen and tongue, that there is need in this paper to mention only one fact which may not be so widely known. Having no authority from the Board of Foreign Missions to purchase the property of Nagoya, his faith in its future worth was so firm and his love for the cause was so deep, that he himself assumed the responsibility of borrowing the purchase money. Later, the Board learning of the conditions, paid him back the cost. His financial wisdom was evidenced by the fact that when the Board disposed of the property enough profit was realized to pay the travelling expenses of the two trips made by him and his wife from Japan to American and return, and in addition pay all the salary received by him during the entire time of his service while in their employ. All this inspired in him not a vain pride but a genuine joy, because he had thus helped the church he loved.

His last and perhaps most far-reaching work for his denomination was accomplished during the nearly one score years he filled the office of Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions. From 1908 until his translation December 27, 1926, he traveled through the near and distant conferences, and visited the local churches in cities, villages, and rural regions, and at the same time personally performed the thousand and one details of routine office work. Frail of body, nervous of temperament, prodigal of mental and spiritual energies, the marvel is that he stood so long the unceasing and terrific strain. But his creed was to spend, and be spent financially, physically, intellectually, and spiritually. Volumes could be written on this man, his messages and his monuments; but time and space permit only a passing tribute by a few who knew him best and loved him most.

The first is this: "I knew Fred C. Klein for many years, but for eight years of my life I lived with him in the old Book Rooms at 316 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md. Here I came into an intimate fellow-

ship with him. We were together every day. Such intimacy is a true test and he measured up. He was a man to whom the word duty was imperial, and he had a heart as tender as a child's; he sought with utter unselfishness to serve others; he had a real and deep loyalty to his Master, and he lived the life always. He suffered much, but he loved much, and death came to him as a friend to lead him into the perfect realization of the completeness of the life which he had hid in Christ."

That appreciation by Editor Benson is echoed by Dr. J. M. Sheridan: "I appreciated Brother Klein for his fine Christian character, his devotion to his sacred calling, and his loyalty to the Church of his choice. He was strictly conscientious in his religious life, faithful in his duties as a minister of the Gospel, and believed with all his heart in the great underlying principles of his own beloved denomination. He gave his life freely and unreservedly to the work of the ministry and the foreign missionary cause. The denomination has lost a modest, but consecrated laborer. Having served his Lord faithfully, he has entered upon a rich reward. We shall miss him both in the social sphere and the councils of our conference and denomination."

In singing his virtues and graces, the voice of the laity is as eloquent as that of the ministry. Brother Rowland Watts, a fellow member of the Board of Foreign Missions, a parishioner and personal friend for a quarter of a century, found that in every office "he was true to the highest traditions of Christian fellowship; brave and courteous; always mindful of the rights and opinions of others, yet inflexible where principle was at stake. His Master's business was his chief concern, and he burned with zeal to obey the Great Commission: 'Go ye therefore and teach all nations.' Obedient to that command, he sacrificed purse, physical powers, personal comfort, personal triumph, and mightily moved the hearts of men to forward the cause so dear to his heart."

And Dr. W. R. McDaniel, an old class mate at Western Maryland College about half a century ago, sat in the audience of the Starr Methodist Protestant Church December 29, 1926, during the memorial services of his old friend, and referring to that occasion, gives this testimony: "I was much impressed with the beautiful eulogies paid to our deceased brother at the time of his funeral and the many loving tributes that have appeared since, and as I think them over, it occurs to me that there has not been said one word too much in praise of him whom I knew as an almost life-long friend."

Possibly his last written words were found in pencil on his desk by his wife after his funeral. Under the nom-de-plume of "Traveler," he wrote this allegory: "The road still runs on through valleys and over hills, but the traveler has suddenly stopped. It was not his will to do so, for he had come a long way and had hoped to reach a famous peak just beyond (the Centennial General Conference of his Church), and afterward he would rest in the shade. His mind and heart yearned to go on, but a relentless, incurable disease seized

him, took away his voice, but did not dim his mental power nor his faith, and incited him to act the man in all that is to come. Thus alone, as he sits in silence, with things swirling through his mind, seeking vocal utterance, forced to realize that life's work was done when mental and physical remains is beyond the power of comprehension. Yet the traveler utters no word of complaint, for far too many rich blessings he has had, far too honored and privileged his position, far too many things has he been privileged to achieve for God and his church, and too much happiness has he had in the years of his long journey. Then he faces what is better and could not reach or attain unless he stopped on the road. He knows so many who have gone, and prays for equal faith and devotion and submission to all in store for him of pain or . . ."

Here the pencil fell from his trembling hand, and no one knows how he intended to finish the sentence. Nor need we care, for we know that there was soon and silently for him the kind of departure for which he had prayed. In a private drawer of his desk was found:

"Lord, grant me if Thou wilt
To slip away
As slips the night
Into the dawning day
So soft
That e'en the watchers watching

Can not say
Here ends the night
And here begins the day,
But only know
The night's thy night,
The day, thy day."

The funeral services were in charge of Dr. E. C. Makosky, President of the Maryland Conference, and eulogies were pronounced by J. C. Broomfield, J. M. Sheridan, H. L. Elderdice, G. W. Haddaway and F. T. Benson.

H. L. ELDERDICE,
J. M. SHERIDAN,
F. T. BENSON,
ROWLAND WATTS,
W. R. McDANIEL.

REV. A. W. MATHER

Augustus Webster Mather was born near Abington, Harford County, Maryland, February 25th, 1845, called from his earthly to his heavenly home Sunday, November 14th, 1926. He was the son of Thomas and Sarah Webster Mather, raised on a farm, educated in the public school and Belair Academy; was converted at

the age of ten years at a meeting held in the Methodist Episcopal church at Abington and united with the church. Nine years later he transferred his membership to the Abington Methodist Protestant church, Belair circuit, of which his parents were members, Rev. R. S. Norris pastor.

Early in life Bro. Mather expressed his desire to preach the gospel, and while a member of the M. E. church was licensed to exhort. Soon after becoming a member of the Methodist Protestant church he was elected class-leader, and the same year—1864—the Quarterly Conference of Belair circuit granted him license to preach.

The following year Bro. Mather left the farm and went to Lutherville, Md., where he lived with his honored uncle, Rev. Augustus Webster, D. D., until March 1866 when he was received into the Maryland Annual Conference. His first appointment was assistant to Dr. S. B. Southerland on Talbot circuit; the next year he was assistant pastor of Queen Anne charge.

During that year his brother having met with an accident and his father having been called to the home above, it became necessary for him to return to the farm, and was transferred to Belair circuit. In 1868 he was assigned to Kent circuit with Dr. J. T. Murray.

On June 23rd, 1870, he married Miss Carrie Cullison. The marriage ceremony was performed by his uncle, Dr. Augustus Webster, in the St. John's parsonage. On the 25th day of March 1886, during his pastorate at St. James charge, after a very brief illness, his wife slipped away from him to be with Jesus. Four children were left for him to care for, two of them have since joined their mother. The remaining two, Mrs. Ada Lawson of Crisfield, and Mrs. Sarah Tull of Baltimore, are on this side.

On April 2nd, 1889, it was my privilege to unite him in marriage to Miss Sallie Belle Harper, a most estimable young lady of Seaford, Delaware. Five children blessed this union; four of them are in Heaven; his son Harper, a splendid young man, lives with his mother at Seaford, Del.

It is not necessary to name the several charges our brother served during the almost fifty years of active pastoral service, suffice to say he served them well; always on business for his King. He who served God faithfully will do his work conscientiously.

I think it can be said of our lamented brother, he always left a charge better than he found it. He gave his mind, soul and body to the Master's work. Much of this work was in large circuits, before the days of automobiles and hard-surfaced roads; long drives, exposure to all sorts of weather—sand in summer, mud in winter—small salaries and much to discourage. If he complained, if he was dissatisfied, no one knew it. I flatter myself in believing that no one outside his family was closer to him than the writer of these lines—he was my spiritual father—but complaining and fault-finding he did not indulge in; he loved his church and his conference, but Christ

was his all in all. For His sake he graciously accepted whatever lot assigned him.

In his diary he wrote: "My mother taught me my obligation to God, and my duty to serve Him. One of her first gifts to me was a copy of the Holy Bible". In this book he found his texts.

Rev. A. N. Ward, D. D., pays this beautiful tribute: "In the passing of Augustus Webster Mather one of our best men went to heaven. He was well-born into this world. His forebears were men and women of high ideals and strong religious conviction. Ancestry and the grace of God had most to do with the making of this man, whose life meant so much to the Maryland Annual Conference. He came from people who have an honored past in the founding of the Republic, and whose descendants helped to shape the course of history from earliest colonial days. He believed in his country and in the ideals which gave it birth. As a citizen he studied conditions in the political world, and gave allegiance only to the causes that were just and right; as the head of a household, in all the relation of family life he ruled with honor and kindness; as a man he governed his own life with all strictness, and even severity, keeping his body under and his spirit in the ascendancy, but dealing with generous patience with the frailties of others; as a minister, he preached with simplicity and with charity, and always practiced what he preached.

"For more than half century he was a minister of the Maryland Conference. For fifty years he preached, in season and out of season, always abounding in the work of his Lord.

"Wherever he went the people knew that a man of God was among them who feared not to declare the whole counsel of God, and who hesitated not to rebuke where rebuke was needed. He estimated himself with an accurate knowledge of his own limitations and powers, and did not presume to think more highly of himself than he ought. He coveted no man's silver or gold or place, but sought to do his duty with all conscientiousness and fidelity wherever the providence of God placed him. In conference discussions he made no display and rarely took part, but when he did speak he was listened to with attention and respect, and his judgments frequently prevailed. He loved the Methodist Protestant church with a rare devotion, believing sincerely in its polity and in its principles, and he gave the church all he had to the very limit of his powers. He belonged to no faction, but put the good of all above the interests of the few, and followed the leadership his convictions approved. In the pulpit he made no pretensions for which his gifts did not qualify him, but his sermons commanded the attention of the learned and the ignorant, for he preached 'Jesus Christ and Him crucified,' and showed the way for the sinner to return to God. The people heard him gladly, and many through him found salvation. In the pastorate he mingled with the people as a friend and a brother. He heard the confessions of the publican and pointed him to Christ. He went to the home of the sorrowful and quietly and unobtrusively spoke the simple words that brought

peace and quiet to anguished hearts. When he spoke at the grave-side of the Resurrection and the Life, those who sorrowed saw in the shining of his face the way their beloved had gone in the journey to the Father's house.

"The Maryland Conference is honored in having him as one of its honored ministers. His brethren, especially those of his own generation and the one immediately following, will miss him and long for his presence. Some among the number will have occasion to keep his memory forever cherished in their hearts, for his life and ministry had special significance to them. The writer acknowledges with profound gratitude the good influence the life of this good man had in the making of his character and in establishing his faith in God and in man.

"God was very good to Augustus W. Mather, for He gave him a long life and grace for all his needs; and Augustus W. Mather was good to God, in that he believed in Him with all his heart, and gave Him, without stint or limit, a service that never grew weary in well-doing, as he went about doing good for more than fifty years. It is well for us to pause awhile in our conference deliberations to think lovingly and prayerfully of this man whom God has taken and whose like we may not see again."

Rev. J. H. Straughn, D. D., writing for this obituary gives the following tender and loving expression of his appreciation of the good man. He says: "One cannot think of Brother Mather's going without a sense of very definite loss. Ever since I started preaching in the summer of 1899, when he was pastor in charge of the old Union camp ground, near Sharptown, Md., he has had a very distinct place in my life and thinking. I wish I had known him in his youth. He was the kind of a man one could wish for a boyhood friend, or, lacking that, could have wished for a father.

"This is not because of brilliant achievement, conspicuous position, acquired wealth, but for those finer and more to be desired attainments, the highest rectitude and dignity of genuine worth. Because of our common calling I did not often hear him preach, I do not know how well he may have done it from the pulpit. It was given to me however, for a number of years, to walk in the closest fellowship with him through the usual affairs of every day life, the severest test to which any one can be subjected. Here he was eloquent, not with word, but with actions.

"He was an honorable man; I do not believe anyone could truthfully charge him with unfair dealing. He was a circumspect man; he knew the finer values of conduct and I have never wished he might have conducted himself differently. He was a fine man; neither in word or deed have I known him to be without due consideration and charity.

"Others will tell you he was a man of rare wisdom and good judgment; that he was thrifty, a good business man. Yes, he had many fine qualities. If ever a man did his work well, conspicuous or obscure, and went up to give account, here was a man whose books balanced, and who need have no fear.

"How do men get this way? I cannot speak of his youth, he was many years my senior. His parents were gone before my time. I knew with pleasure his excellent brother, Thomas W. Mather of Westminster, and I have become acquainted with the Mather strain. Evidently some of these fine traits of our dear friend are of the natural blood. But there were so many things about him not of earth that we must find their origin in another creation. Early in life he passed under the blood of Christ Jesus. Oh, what a compound of character; a good birth on earth and a new birth of heaven. One cannot ask for more.

"These two blended birthrights, fully operative, the glory of earth and the inheritance of heaven. Such things as we say now he would blushing have denied in life, such was his humility. But one cannot easily be extravagant in telling his goodness. Gracefully old. If ever a man accepted the inevitableness of years and peacefully lived out his declining years, this man did. Many men knew the fret of loosened grip, but he lived in peace all his life. He had been getting ready for this when first he found his Saviour, and never lost his possession. Not because he was exempt from those bitter cares and struggles of the average man; he was acquainted with blasted hopes and trial of soul; times when to stop were much easier than to go on. When his splendid son and daughter died in their early maturity; many of you will remember. Telling me about it one day: 'All that saved me,' he said, 'was that I leaped into my work.' So when he had to retire from active work, it was not so hard. And when these last days, the creeping sense of one more change, I know the transition was to him but another appointment which God himself read out. May the dear Lord bless and keep his loved ones here."

The Rev. N. C. Clough, pastor of Seaford charge, says: "As a member of the conference I had known Brother Mather for two score years, but when I became his pastor three years ago I came to know him, not only as a brother minister, but as a brother parishioner. He was gentle, kind, sympathetic and loyal to every interest of the Kingdom, even to the point of sacrifice. His counsel in local affairs was always wisely directed. He was not a critic, strong in his convictions, yet always charitable with the views of others. Zealous for the success of his local church, yet never obtrusive. He was truly the preacher's friend and ever ready to encourage him with a word of praise. He believed in scattering sunshine along life's way. He loved flowers, but the one he knew best was the 'Rose of Sharon.' If he knew anything about astronomy it was the 'Star of Bethlehem.' To company with Brother Mather was to come in touch with the Master. After a visit with him I always felt better fitted for my day's work. He truly lived not for himself, but for others. To those in his home and among his fellow townsmen his memory is most sacred. He was known as Seaford's good man."

Mr. L. W. Hurley, a member of our Seaford church, writes: "It was not my privilege to know Brother Mather in his younger

days, but since I have known him his life has been a great inspiration to me; his courage and fidelity to things that were good and great has been a source of admiration. I often found myself, almost unconsciously, imitating his example. He was the most conscientious christian gentleman I ever met, so evenly poised and self-controlled; loyal to his friends and church, loyal to his family and to his God. A man loved by all who knew him, unswerving in his convictions as to what he believed to be right; a safe consellor. No man need fear to follow in his footsteps or act upon his advice. A man full of hope, faith, trust and charity; in fact, he was a dear old soul, none knew him but to love him."

Mr. L. M. Culver, another member of our Seaford church, says: "I had known Brother Mather for more than thirty years, and as I knew him can say his was the most all-around, nearest perfect life I have ever known. While he was in the active work I knew him and always admired him as a straightforward, upright man of God; but since he gave up the active work of the pastor he has been located in my town and attended my church—which was also his church—and here I knew him better and never found any reason to change my mind. Quite often he stopped in my place of business and would talk with me. He always talked of the highest things of life, never of low things, unless it was to suggest ways to lift the low higher. He seemed more like a father to me, and I learned many things from him that helped me in the christian life. His doctrine was sound, his faith strong.

"He had a way of putting things that made my faith stronger and my vision of life brighter, always ready with his wise counsel, his hands and his money to help his church, which he so much loved. I miss him, but I am glad that it was my good fortune to know him, and today I think of him as not dead, but just away. He was true to his God, true to his church and true to his friends. I am glad I was one of his friends."

Mr. J. T. Sharpley of Franklin City, Va., says. "Rev. A. W. Mather was a good friend of mine and to all mankind. His greatest ambition was to get men to accept Jesus Christ for their Saviour. Call upon him when you would you did not find him idle; he was either studying, writing, or if in the spring or summer time you would likely find him in his garden—he liked to work in his garden—but always ready to lean on his hoe and talk about Jesus and His love. While pastor of Franklin City charge he made many lasting friends, and he was often invited by them to their homes.

"These visits were much enjoyed. He took Jesus with him wherever he went, and because of this he was a blessing to the community. He had no time for frivolity and worldliness. He has gone. He could not remain with us, and we believe he will be glad to meet us where he is, for surely he is in Heaven."

Augustus Webster Mather has filled out his day and gone to his true home. His ability was recognized by our church in placing him on various committees, a member of the Faculty of Instruction, Trustee of Western Maryland College and other important positions. In his death we have lost one of our most loyal members and able

preachers, an ideal father, a staunch and helpful friend, a genial companion. He was loved by those familiar with him. He preached and lived a clean and simple gospel.

Funeral services were held in the M. P. church, Seaford, Del., on the afternoon of November 18, 1926. The church was filled with his friends and admirers, sixteen of our ministers were there. Dr. Makosky, president of the Maryland Annual Conference, Revs. T. O. Crouse, N. C. Clough and D. W. Anstine taking part in the service. His body rests in the beautiful cemetery of that town.

"Servant of God, well done;
Thy glorious warfare's past;
The battle's fought, the race is run,
And thou art crowned at last."

D. W. ANSTINE,
A. N. WARD,
J. H. STRAUGHN,
N. C. CLOUGH,
L. W. HURLEY,
L. M. CULVER,
R. Y. NICHOLSON,
J. T. SHARPLEY,
Committee.

REV. CHARLES PRICE NOWLIN, B.D.

Charles Price Nowlin, the son of James Bowker and Susan Hamner Nowlin was born in Lynchburg, Va., on October the 11th, 1864, and passed to the Heavenly Home on January the 29th, 1927. He was converted while yet a youth and united with the Methodist Protestant Church of Lynchburg. This was a most natural step for him to take reared as he was in a home sanctified by the lives of two such godly parents. It was our good fortune and great privilege to be entertained in that home a number of times. We enjoyed many strolls with his father as we went afield looking for mushrooms, with whose habits and haunts he was so familiar. His conversation was edifying and to the young preacher a rare treat. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, but his was the kind of religion that could not be confined within denominational barriers. His mother was a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, and was one of the sweetest christian women we have ever known. She presided over the home with such simplicity and graciousness, that a stranger was made to feel that he was a welcome guest. She was such a mother as is idolized by her children. Of such parents and in such a home was Brother Nowlin born and reared. The culture and refinement of two of Virginia's aristocratic families met in him. He was a thoroughbred Christian gentleman to the tips of his fingers. In 1890 he heard the call to the Gospel ministry and in the fall of that year he entered the Westminster Theological Seminary. As a student he was indefatigable.

Although he did not pride himself on being able to memorize, he had a most retentive mind. Learning to him was like storing grain in bins. He mastered every subject that engaged his attention, and he saw to it that what he learned about that subject was his to command at whatever time he wanted to use it. I believe he could summon anything he ever knew on a subject on a few moments notice. It was not uncommon occurrence when he was reciting, especially in Hebrew or Latin or Greek, to have the professor to quietly check him by saying that the answer was perfectly satisfactory. The midnight oil was not a figure of speech in his case. Long after all the lamps in the building were extinguished, his would be still burning. And when the curriculum at the seminary was revised so as to give those students who had high school diplomas an opportunity to make the degree of Bachelor of Divinity, by doing additional college work, although it would consume all the time he could possibly spare from his other studies, he took the course and completed it with credit to himself and to the college and seminary and received the degree: the first and only man ever to have that honor.

Brother Nowlin was a general favorite among the students, both at the college and the seminary. He was active in all branches of religious work and represented the College Y.M.C.A. at the Northfield Summer Conference in 1891. He graduated in the class of 1893, of which the president of this conference, Rev E. C. Makosky, D.D., and the writer were members. He joined the conference in that year and began his ministry on Fairfax Circuit, and was ordained at the conference held in Alexandria, Va., 1895. For nearly thirty-four (34) years he labored in this conference in season and out of season for the church he loved almost passionately. He was a most earnest worker and a wise and faithful pastor. Visitation and the business problems of his charge were the fields in which he excelled. As Dr. Melvin, of precious memory, once said of him, "He is a natural born man of affairs." He knew how the business of a church should be managed and he saw to it that it was managed that way, even if he had to do it himself. And on many of the charges which he served, where the official members, because of the pressure of their own affairs they could not give the necessary time and attention to their duties, they found in Brother Nowlin an efficient helper. In his zeal he doubtless did more of this kind of work than he should have done, with all the work that devolved upon him as conference treasurer, but he could not let it go unattended to.

In the homes of his people or in public places he never forgot that he was a Christian minister. Gentle and sympathetic he was drawn to the afflicted and to the bereaved as the needle is to the pole. As a preacher he was earnest, fearless and orthodox to the core. A careful, painstaking sermonizer, he preached the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. And he wore well. Several of his pastorates extended over a period of six years. And in all of them he held the confidence and respect of his people to the last. He looked after the property

on the charges he served and kept them in good repair. On Susquehanna and Lisbon charges he led his people in the erection of modern and commodious parsonages, and on the latter charge he rebuilt Howard Chapel.

As a mark of the regard in which he was held by this conference he was elected to the office of treasurer of the conference for consecutive years. I do not remember that the auditing committee ever reported that they found a single flaw in his work. His untiring assiduity, his meticulous carefulness his pride in his work, and his ability as an accountant fitted him in a very peculiar way for this office. In further recognition of his services to his conference he was elected a representative from this body to the General Conference 1924.

Brother Nowlin was married to Miss Lelia M. Mackey on April 26, 1894, who, with their four children, Virginia, Ross, Charles, and John survives him. Other members of the committee pay the following tributes of love and respect to his memory.

Brother F. W. Whitaker of Lynchburg, Va., writes: "Of course you know that Mr. Nowlin was a pious boy from his youth up, having been in that atmosphere in his home all of his life. His record and faithfulness as a preacher and as the treasurer of the conference are well known."

Rev. B. W. Kindley writes: "My life is better and richer by having been a close and intimate acquaintance with Charles P. Nowlin. There is not a man among us I knew better and loved more. For several years past we mutually agreed to room together during the Annual Conference sessions in the same hotel or home. His quiet manner, his unfailing loyalty, his true friendship, and his great heart that was kind and loved people, and his royal manhood appealed to one strongly, and won my highest regard and admiration which do not end now but follow him into the Home of Eternal Shining. His ministry was one of constant hard work; it would seem he did not know how to relax. Each charge he served will for years show evidence of his wise constructive work. His conference will never be able to remunerate for all the faith, energy, blood and toil he put into the office of conference treasurer. His strength was the strength of ten because his heart was pure. Coleridge uttered a great truth in the following lines which apply so graphically to our good friend:

"Greatness and goodness are not means but ends.
Hath not he always treasures, always friends,
The great good man? Three treasures, love and right
And calm thoughts: regular as infant's breath.
And three firm friends more sure than day and night:
Himself, his maker, and the angel death."

Brother Sidney Orem, of St. Michaels, Md., writes: "I consider it a great privilege to have known Rev. C. P. Nowlin. During his pastorate here I learned to admire him for his genial personality, his sympathetic interest in others, and most of all his Christian

character. Our people feel that his death is a great loss to the Methodist Protestant Church."

Rev. Louis Randall, D.D.: "One thing stands out in bold relief during all the years of our friendship, which began during our seminary days and which has ripened through all the intervening years of our conference relationship, and that was his manhood. He was a man. Every inch a man. A man of lofty ideals, strong convictions, scrupulous in all his dealings with his fellow man, but, withal a Christian gentleman. Minot Judson Savage once wrote significantly when he said, 'To find out what makes a true man, it is needful only to look at his parts and faculties, to conceive of them completely developed, unperverted, rightly ranked, and set in harmonious relations with each other.' Which was as much as to say, that true manhood demands not only all the parts of a man, body, mind, heart, and spirit, all developed to individual perfection, but with equal emphasis demands that they be in harmony of combination. To say that Brother Nowlin was a perfect man would be an extravagant appraisal of human worth—but to say that he was a man of faith, is to place him with all of God's noblemen on the roll of honor of the ages, with that goodly company, who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises—out of weakness were made strong, for he was a man of faith, faith in God, and faith in his fellow man. Faith was the great power that harmonized his whole life, and brought it into obedience to the will of God."

Brother Mendenhall of Leeds Charge, writes: "The members of Leeds charge feel the loss of Brother C. P. Nowlin with deep regret and sorrow. As a minister he always looked on the bright side of difficulties. As a Sunday School teacher he had wonderful ability. Our Bible class of which he was the teacher had grown to be the best class we had had for years under his direction. As a visitor to our homes, we shall never forget his frequent visits as our minister or his ability as a friend and advisor. There was no subject with which he was not familiar. Our loss is his gain, and we humbly bow to the will of our Heavenly Father."

Rev. R. L. Shipley, D.D., writes: "A few years ago I got my closest touch with Brother Nowlin by helping in a meeting while he was pastor in Elizabeth. I lived in his home and saw the beautiful companionship with wife and children. By day we saw the sights of New York together, and at night we labored for the souls of his people. Between whiles we talked of books, men, conference problems, and the thousand things preachers talk of when they have days of fellowship. We have worked together in the conference for years. We have had long nights working on stubborn lists of figures that would not come straight. We have debated with and against each other on the conference floor. In every case I have felt that the reactions of his mind were toward righteousness. If the figure is permissible, I should say, the reflex action of his heart was always in the direction of the pure, the true, and the kindly. He sought to keep down his expense account as the treasurer of the conference and saved for other but never

saved himself. While his consecration to God and the Church was complete he showed nothing of the crank or the prig. He commended the Christian religion because he lived the Christian life,—for others, without display, graciously content that he was allowed to serve.”

Brother Nowlin was called home in the midst of his labors. No man among us appeared to be in better health at the last session of this conference than did he. Anyone might have predicted that there were years of usefulness before him. But how inscrutable are the ways of Providence; how frail these houses in which we live. Suddenly, as a bolt out of the clear sky, he was stricken. At the advice of Dr. J. Burton Nowlin, his brother, he was taken to the Memorial Hospital in Lynchburg, Va., where everything was done that medical science could do to restore him to health again. Through friends we kept in touch with him day by day, hoping against hope that he would be spared. On the morning of January the twenty-ninth he quietly fell asleep in Jesus. He passed away in the midst of the scenes of his childhood and young manhood, and surrounded by relatives and life long friends. The John Marshall Lodge of the Masonic order, of which Brother Nowlin was a charter member, rendered every service in their power to the bereaved family. The funeral was held from the Methodist Protestant church of Lynchburg, Monday, January 31, the president of the conference officiating assisted by the pastor Rev. J. H. Lynch. The large assembly which filled the church attested to the genuine and universal sorrow felt by the whole community. A friend wrote to us that the service was a most impressive one, and that the sermon by the president of the conference was an eloquent and fitting tribute to the life and services of our beloved brother. The burial, in which the Masonic Lodge assisted, was in the beautiful Laurel Hill Cemetery.

There, near father, mother and sister, all that it mortal of Charles P. Nowlin awaits the Ressurrection Morn. On every hand are the resting places of sainted men and women he knew during the years of his membership in the church he loved. How beautiful so to rest. A life well spent. The course, every step of which is sanctified by faithfulness, patience, courage, and devotion, finished. The crown won.

GEO. HINES, Chairman,
R. L. SHIPLEY,
LOUIS RANDALL,
F. W. WHITAKER,
B. W. KINDLEY,
W. L. BARNES,
H. H. MENDENHALL.

REV. W. S. SIMMS

Rev. J. McLain Brown, a close personal friend of Brother Simms, has the following to say about him: “Rev. W. S. Simms was born in Fairfax County, Va., on the eighth of May, 1849; and fell

asleep in Jesus October fifteenth, 1926. He was converted to God in the Alexandria, Virginia, Methodist Protestant Church on Sunday morning, December 19, 1880, and received into membership the same day, under the ministry of the late Rev. Silas B. Treadway, D. D. The Quarterly Conference of the above named church granted him an Exhorter's License, and immediately he began his life of usefulness and consecration, by calling men to forsake sin and get right with God.

"In the year 1887 he removed to Baltimore, Md., and connected himself with the old Broadway Church, under the ministry of Rev. Hugh L. Elderdice, D. D. This old church granted our brother a Local Preacher's License, and when the Maryland Conference met in this church in April 1910, Brother Simms was ordained for the ministry. These references to his official relationship with the church and conference are but milestones along the King's Highway, that he traveled for 46 years.

"Brother Simms had a fine physique, a strong voice and a passionate zeal for the souls of mankind, which he exemplified largely in pulpit and personal evangelism.

"It was said of his ministry, while located on Chinocteague Island, that he visited every family on the Island; and it might be truthfully added, that he prayed in every home where it was possible for him to do so. At the conference held in Salisbury in 1905, Bro. Simms was one of a small group of ministers that held early morning services in the Jail, at one of the East-End Churches at noon, and at the Court House in the afternoon. In all these services men were converted to God; among them a colored prisoner sentenced to pay the death penalty for his crime, and another, a young man who was the son of one of the Judges of the Orphans Court. He was with the writer in the great revival at Fawn Grave, Pa., and did splendid work, both in the pulpit and among the unsaved in the congregation. He had early in his ministry learned the true value of prayer, and he invariably turned to his Lord in seasons of sunshine or storm, that he might have the sustaining power of God's grace for every emergency."

Rev. Thomas O. Crouse, D. D., writes, "My acquaintance with Brother Simms was not as intimate as that of some others of the committee, but I knew him long enough and well enough to admire and love him for his genial and gracious spirit, his evangelistic zeal, and his faithfulness to the work to which he felt the Lord had called him, and to the charges to which the conference assigned him from year to year.

"He had the consecration and courage to accept some of the less desirable fields of labor, and at no small sacrifice toiled where others of us were not ready to go.

"Though his name was not recorded on the roster of the conference, we shall cherish his memory as our companion in labor and

brother beloved, and rejoice to believe that his name was written in Heaven, and he has entered into the faithful servant's reward."

Mr. Jesse H. Linticum writes: "He was my pastor for a number of years, and I can truthfully say that he was the happiest and most consecrated minister I have ever met. He would not ride in the street cars on Sundays, yet he did not stop administering to the poor, the sick or the needy on that day. For years he conducted meetings at the Penitentiary, and he always walked. He was a member of the old school, and persons who were fortunate in coming in contact with him will remember him always as charitable and ready to serve his Master.

"He conducted many meetings on Sundays during his pastorate of Waverly Church. He had his regular morning service at 11 o'clock, Sunday School at 2.30 P. M., Christian Endeavor at 7.15 P. M., and preaching again in the evening at 8 o'clock. During the week he arranged for other services and went into the highways and by-ways between the Sunday School hour and the Christian Endeavor Services. These meetings were usually held on the street corners in the Waverly section, where Brother Simms perhaps did the best work of his life. Methodist Protestantism has lost one of its most beloved pastors."

Mr. W. Finney Hall writes, "Brother Simms was a true man of God. He lived the Gospel that he preached, and was held in high esteem by the people of Conquest Charge, which he served so faithfully. While we feel that we have lost a true friend and brother, we bow in humble submission to God's will, knowing that he has gone to live with Jesus, which is far better."

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"Thou shalt come to thy grave in full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in its season." The death of the ripe Christian. The comparison here is a beautiful one. The shock of corn has passed through many changes of weather and heat, has resisted many attacks of the enemy, enjoyed many blessings of wind and rain and sunshine, and at last has come to fruitage; is ripened for the sickle and garner. Precisely so with the aged Christian, who has lived out three score and ten years, amid storms of temptations, floods of wickedness, attacks of enemies, evil encroachments within and without, as well as delights. He has struggled through them all, resisted, survived, rejoiced, and at last is ripened for the eternal harvest, and crowned with glory. His work is done. Precisely so with our beloved Brother Simms.

Some years ago Brother Simms became a member of the Quarterly Conference of Starr Church, and his family also became members of said church. His health began to fail soon after the last session of this conference. He did not give up his work however until about two weeks before his death, at which time he came to Baltimore, accompanied by his faithful wife and co-worker. From

then he grew rapidly worse until the end came on Friday, October 15, 1926, at about 12.30 P. M. His funeral service was held in Starr Church on the following Monday, participated in by Rev. Drs. Makosky, L. F. Warner, Louis Randall, H. L. Elderdice, Rev. J. McLain Brown and Dr. Haddaway. Interment was in Druid Ridge Cemetery. Brother Simms is not dead, but alive; and physically only sleeping.

I met Brother Simms for the first time about thirty years ago, when I was much impressed with his sincerity and consecration. This impression has deepened as the years have gone by. Some one said to me recently, "Brother Simms is a peculiar man". So is every sincere Christian. He was peculiarly charitable, to the extent of even emptying his pockets when someone was hungry. He was a man of strong convictions, and never took a neutral position on any question of importance, never on the fence, but swung clear out on the positive side of right. He was consecrated to religious work, soul and body; there was no half-heartedness in his life.

He was a man of few words. Every word was weighed before uttered. What he said he meant, and what he meant he said, and let it go at that. He never argued with anybody about anything. He stated his convictions and beliefs without argument or justification of his stand.

He was a slave to his work, day and night through cold and heat, he lived for the task to which he was assigned. He was deeply spiritual and pious, and his was a spirit-filled life. His was a demonstrable religion, emotional, and his "Amens" were audible. We have too few of them today, even from ministers of the Gospel. When he said "Amen" it thrilled you. In a word, he was a good man, one of the very best; God's prime elect, innocent, inoffensive, childlike. He was a church man. He believed in the church, defended the church, exalted the church of the Living God. He was a denominationalist, believed in and was loyal in the extreme to the Methodist Protestant Church.

He was a home man. Never out with others, caring little for masculine associations, he lived for his wife and children in the home. Now, he is in his heavenly home.

He will be greatly missed by the Annual Conference, in which he was so well and favorably known, and most highly respected by every minister of the conference. He will be missed by the parishioners he has served, for they were devoted to him. He will be missed, sadly missed, greatly missed in his home. His full worth will be appreciated now more largely and fully than ever before. This is true with every good man or woman. We "never really miss the water till the well runs dry".

Christians, like poets, never fully live until they die, and usually poets have to be dead a hundred years before they live at all.

Brother Simms will live in the memory and affection of those who knew him from now on in a larger, fuller appreciation and regard than he could have possibly enjoyed while he lived in the flesh.

“Servant of God, well done;
Thy glorious warfare's past;
The battle's fought, the race is won,
And thou art crowned at last.”

Goodnight Brother, we will meet you in the morning. We can almost hear him say to us, “God be with you till we meet again.”

His bereaved wife and children he committed to the same God whom he loved so well, and served so faithfully during his life.

Signed:

G. W. HADDAWAY, Chairman,
T. O. CROUSE,
J. McLAIN BROWN,
W. FINNEY HALL,
J. H. LINTHICUM,
PRESTON BARROW.

MRS. FANNIE LEE SEXSMITH

Mrs. Fannie Lee Sexsmith, the beloved wife of Rev. E. A. Sexsmith, D.D., a member of the Maryland Conference, was born near Westminster, Maryland, March 1, 1874, and passed from her earthly home to her heavenly home November 11, 1926.

Mrs. Sexsmith, before her marriage, was Miss Fannie Lee Williams, the second daughter of Christopher Columbus and Isabelle Williams, good and upright citizens of Carroll County, and faithful members of the Methodist Protestant Church.

She was converted early in life and then united with Providence Church. She soon became active in the work of the church, grew in favor with the young and old alike, and was known where she went for the gentle and consecrated life which she lived.

She received her early education in the public schools of her native county, and afterwards attended Western Maryland College, and after finishing her education there she devoted a short period of her life to business activities.

She was married to Rev. E. A. Sexsmith, D.D., at North Baltimore Church, to which she had transferred her membership, by Rev. Frank H. Lewis, D.D., June 11, 1901. Then with her husband she entered upon the life of an itinerant, in which relation she continued to be faithful and patient, doing good wherever she was located, and

always making religion and the things of the higher life more real and attractive to all who came under her influence. In this happy relation she served her Master for more than a quarter of a century.

Rev. H. L. Elderdice, D.D., pays this tribute to her memory: "She recognized and to the limit of her frail bodily strength realized the high ideal of a minister's wife. His post of duty, East or West, in crowded city or on the frontier, was her post of duty. There she stood side by side with him so long as her physical powers responded to her will. The pain of disease was not more disturbing than the mental distress over her inability to do more in the many fields of service in the parishes. But she illustrated the truth that 'they also serve who only stand and wait.' Though sickness slowed her step, it also chastened her spirit and sweetened her soul. Her faith found wings and she echoed the song of faith.

'Oh! yet we trust that somehow good
Will be the final goal of ill.'

Judged by years her life was short, but by spiritual development of self and blessing to others, it was long enough to reach a rich measure of success. For

'Early, bright, transient,
Chaste as morning dew,
She sparkled, was exhaled,
And went to Heaven.'

Why it was her lot to suffer so many years is a mystery beyond solution by human reason; but it is not beyond the reach of Christian resignation, faith and hope. We may well believe that could she speak to us today with audible voice she would say:

'Let us be patient!
These severe afflictions not from the ground arise;
But often Celestial benedictions assume this dark disguise.'

'The broken family circle can find the bright light that is in the cloud,' for in reply to the question: 'If we still love those we lose can we forever lose those we love?' they answer No! for they have learned to believe the comforting words of Him who said: 'She is not dead but sleepeth'."

Rev. W. H. Litsinger, D.D., pays this tribute: "The fact which to me stands out with greatest prominence in the life of Mrs. Sexsmith was her interest in people. She was gentleness personified, and devotion; and she loved people, she thought about them, she gave herself to them. This applied to those who were older, as some I know can testify, but especially to young people. They were attracted to her; they came to her home. Delicate of health, she could not engage in all their activities, but they like to be near her. The attraction was not superficially sensational but wholesomely spiritual. How impossible it is to estimate the influ-

ence of her life on the plastic hearts she thus quietly and delightfully moulded into nearer likeness to her Master."

Brother C. F. Jenness of Delta, Pa., says: "I can say that I had the highest regard for Mrs. Sexsmith. I always regarded her as one of the finest Christian characters I ever had the pleasure of meeting. While her health had been bad for a number of years, she was always cheerful and happy in the midst of her suffering. She was always ready to help in any way that she could any one with whom she came in contact, whether or not they were closely connected with her or hers."

Brother F. G. Reinicker, of Eutaw Church, says: "I deem it a great privilege to have known Mrs. E. A. Sexsmith, and to be permitted to pay this tribute to her memory.

"Our acquaintance dates back to 1916, when she, with her husband, came to Eutaw. She was never physically able to take any active part in the church work, but whenever possible she was present with her gentle but cordial hand-shake and genial winning smile. She was always a welcomed visitor in our home. With James Whitcomb Riley;

'I cannot say, and I will not say
That she is dead; she is just away'."

Brother A. E. Woodward of Christ Church says: "When she first came to Christ Church she became active in the Sunday school work, and her faithfulness in this work helped to make possible the present Christ Church of today. When she came back as the companion of her husband, Brother Sexsmith, who had been assigned to Christ Church as pastor, her patience amid sickness was so evident, she always had a pleasant smile and a hearty hand-shake to give. Truly it might be said she served her Master in every condition of life."

Mrs. Sexsmith is survived by her husband, Rev. E. A. Sexsmith, D.D., a sister, Miss Hollace Williams, and a niece, Mrs. Paul Keedy, all of whom live in Baltimore.

The funeral services were conducted from her late home in Baltimore by the chairman of this committee, assisted by Rev. H. L. Elderdice, D.D., President of the Westminster Theological Seminary; Rev. F. T. Benson, D.D., Editor of the "Methodist Protestant;" Rev. G. W. Haddaway, D.D., Rev. W. H. Litsinger, D.D., Rev. Lewis Randall, D.D., Rev. E. D. Stone, D.D., and Rev. G. H. Stocksedale, pastors of our city and nearby churches.

At the conclusion of the services in the home her remains were taken to Druid Ridge Cemetery, where they were laid to rest to await the Master's coming and the resurrection of the dead.

J. L. WARD,
H. L. ELDEIDICE,
W. H. LITSINGER,
C. F. JENNESS,
F. G. REINICKER,
A. E. WOODWARD,
Committee.

MRS ELLA VIRGINIA HOBLITZELL

Mrs. Ella Virginia Hoblitzell, the widow of the late Rev. S. A. Hoblitzell, for many years an honored and beloved member of the Maryland Annual Conference, was born September 9, 1844, at Hickory Vale Farm, Fairfax County, Virginia, fifteen miles from Washington, D. C. She was the daughter of James and Mary Follin. She received her education in the public schools and the boarding schools of Fairfax County.

She was married on April 1, 1863, in the present Congress Street Church, Georgetown, D. C., by Rev. D. E. Reese, D.D., pastor of the church at that time, assisted by Rev. Dr. James K. Nichols, who was then president of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. Their first charge, as bride and groom, was in Harford County, Maryland, and included the historic old Wesleyan Chapel, so well known to all Harford Countians and many of the ministers of the Conference as well. In later years Rev. and Mrs. Hoblitzell again served the Susquehanna Circuit, and still later were stationed in Belair for ten consecutive years. When Brother Hoblitzell retired from the active ministry he located in that town, where he had many friends, and since his death his wife kept her home there and was cared for by her devoted children.

An outstanding characteristic of the life of Mrs. Hoblitzell was her abiding faith in her religion and church. The book she loved most dearly, and which she regularly read, was the Bible. Another of her christian characteristics was her self-sacrificing devotion to her children, of whom there were eight, one daughter and seven sons. Through all of later years this devotion never for a moment waned, and she departed leaving the family ties just as closely woven as during any former period of their family life.

Mrs. Hoblitzell was always deeply interested in the activities of the church. It would be most difficult to estimate her worth to her husband in his ministerial and pastoral work on the various charges where he was stationed. She loved the ministers of the Conference, and one of her greatest joys was that of attending the Conference sessions. This was continued until incapacitated by age and affliction. She was an appreciative reader of her weekly church paper, the "Methodist Protestant," for more than sixty years, and one of the last requests she made, while on her bed of affliction, was to be handed the paper to read.

Rev. W. A. Melvin, who was a member of the church in Pocomoke City during Brother Hoblitzell's pastorate there, has expressed his appreciation of her as a friend: "I have known Mrs. Hoblitzell well for more than forty years. In 1835 I gave my heart to God under the preaching of Rev. S. A. Hoblitzell, at Pocomoke City. Although I was just a small country boy, Mrs. Hoblitzell took a great interest in me and gave me a Bible, in which she wrote her name and mine. I still have the Bible, and have read it through a number of times. Her interest in me and encouragement did much to keep me close to God then and shape my life since."

Rev. B. W. Kindley presents the following tribute: "My acquaintance with Mrs. Hoblitzell reaches back to the days of my early youth. She was truly a princess among women. A devout christian, a tireless toiler in the church, a loyal friend, a sympathetic counselor, a wonderful mother and an ideal minister's wife, are a few of the splendid virtues her life has registered to her credit.

"To her, religion was not simply a message to be heard, but a deed to be done. Her philosophy of life was like that of Huxley who said, 'The sense of uselessness is the severest shock that my organism can sustain.' She also believed, 'All who jey would win must share it. Happiness was born a twin.' She lived to bring people into fellowship with Jesus Christ, and nothing could turn her aside from her supreme purpose, but the infirmities of advancing years.

"For any of us to try to write a true story of her life is 'like writing the record of a fragrance.' Her record is with God, who alone can properly translate it. The Maryland Annual Conference is richer by the united toil of this dear, good woman and her sainted husband. They have obtained the incorruptible crown."

Rev. G. E. Turner, her pastor during her illness and death says: "I came to know Sister Hoblitzell when I became pastor of Bel Air charge. It was in the eventide of her life when I, as her pastor, knew and loved Sister Hoblitzell. She was an invalid in her last years, but bore her affliction with christian fortitude, and was of a cheerful disposition. She was always interested in her church, and eager for news concerning its progress. Sister Hoblitzell loved her Bible, and spent hours in meditation upon it. She possessed a most beautiful christian character, and her presence among us will be sadly missed.

Mr. Thomas D. Bowers, of Chestertown, a very close friend of the family, expresses his appreciation of Mrs. Hoblitzell and her husband in the following beautiful language: "If I were asked to write an epitaph for this life which has been so nobly lived, I would write, 'Truly she was God's own handmaid.' I speak from the experience of one of the most pleasant years of my life spent in the home of Brother and Sister Hoblitzell, in St. Michael's, when I was a teacher in the high school there, when I say that her life in the home was like a benediction, her devotion as a wife was beautiful, and as a mother she embodied every characteristic of sweetness and loyalty that glorifies the name, mother.

"I have for years felt especially close to the family because of the genuine friendship of our dear friend, Brother Hoblitzell, for my father, the late Rev. Daniel Bowers, and when apparently there seemed no place in St. Michael's for me to find a home, because of the closing of our former boarding house, Brother and Sister Hoblitzell opened their home to me, took me in, and made me feel just like one of their own, and because I lived with them and learned the sweetness and beauty of their home and church life, there will linger with me always the hallowed influences of two of the finest characters I ever knew and loved."

Mr. W. L. Barnes, a layman of Bel Air, and who has had for

many years very close church and social relations with the entire family, has expressed the high esteem he had for this christian woman, as follows: "Among my earliest recollections are the members of the Hoblitzell family, when they were on the Susquehanna circuit and living near Hopewell. I wish to add to what will be said in memory of Mrs. Hoblitzell that:

"The life of Mrs. Hoblitzell exhibited in a marked degree the fine qualities of the dignified christian woman, a worthy helpmate to her revered husband. Always cheerful, loyal to her church and devoted to her family. Although having lived to a good old age she will be mourned by a large family of sons and one daughter, and many friends."

Mr. J. T. Norris, a prominent citizen of Union Chapel, one of the churches on Belair charge, says: "I knew Mrs. Eilla V. Hoblitzell for more than forty years. She was a loving, devoted wife and mother. It was a delight to go into her home, and well I remember when she occupied the parsonage in Bel Air how the young people of Bel Air circuit enjoyed gathering there in a social way, and what delightful times they had, and Sister Hoblitzell was just as young in spirit and as delighted as they. She was an ideal preacher's wife. You had but to know her to appreciate her christian character. She loved the church of her choice, and its great loss is her eternal gain."

She had been an invalid for almost two years, and in all that period she never complained. She became unconscious two days prior to her demise, and passed to her heavenly reward without a struggle, simply took a long breath and it was all over.

The surviving members of the family are William A. Hoblitzell of Washington, D. C., James M., Raymond N., and Albert M. Hoblitzell of Baltimore, and Harmon E., and Solomon A. of Bel Air, and one daughter, Mrs. Robert F. Maddox of Baltimore. Three grandchildren also survive her. They are Robert H. Maddox of Brooklyn, New York, Henry R. Maddox of Charleston, W. Va., and William P. Maddox professor at University of Oregon.

The funeral services were held in the Methodist Protestant Church, Bel Air, conducted by her pastor, Rev. G. E. Turner, assisted by Dr. E. C. Makosky, president of the Conference and Dr. G. W. Haddaway. Rev. H. O. Keen, who was received into church by Brother Hoblitzell, made the address.

Thus ends a long life, a useful and beautiful life. She measured up to every responsibility as a wife, mother, friend and christian, and has received from her Lord, she truly loved and faithfully served, "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

REV. J. M. SHERIDAN,
 REV. W. A. MELVIN,
 REV. B. W. KINDLEY,
 REV. G. E. TURNER,
 MR. THOMAS D. BOWERS,
 MR. WILMER BARNES,
 MR. JAMES T. NORRIS,
 MR. SANDY T. MULLINIX.

MRS. ALICE FLETCHER HANKS

Mrs. Alice Fletcher Hanks, the wife of Rev. W. S. Hanks, D.D., a member of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, was born in Wilmington, Delaware, in 1857. Her parents were natives of Manchester, England. While she was a small child the family moved to Patterson, New Jersey, where her father became a prominent manufacturer. In her young girlhood she united with the Methodist Protestant Church.

In 1885 she became the wife of Dr. Hanks. Her husband was at that time a member of the New York Conference and was stationed at Brooklyn, New York. In 1890 he transferred his membership to the Pittsburgh Conference, and again in 1906 to the Maryland Conference. In all his pastorates in these three Conferences Mrs. Hanks was her husband's loving companion and wise and competent assistant.

On several charges she organized Women's Foreign Missionary Societies and Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor. The present flourishing W.F.M.S. of our Oxford church is the result of her wise council and leadership. During Dr. Hanks' pastorate of the Brooklyn Church, Baltimore, the Senior, Intermediate and Junior Societies were greatly increased through her efforts.

She planned wisely and successfully many membership drives in various organizations. She was a strong advocate and liberal supporter of missions, and she knew many missionaries intimately. Gifted in prayer, her petitions at the Throne for Missions, Sunday school and Christian Endeavor workers were always fervent. She was an efficient and popular leader of women and young people, and she was the recipient of many gifts from them—tokens of warmest affection.

A devoted wife and mother, and disciple of the Master, she leaves a void in both home and church. It was the privilege of the chairman of this committee to be entertained often by Dr. Hanks and his estimable companion. It was a home of refinement and culture. Mrs. Hanks gracious manner and genuine hospitality, with her beautiful christian character, made it a pleasure to be in her company.

Dr. Benson has written as follows: "I was not intimately acquainted with Mrs. W. S. Hanks, but I was in her company a number of times, and I was impressed with the charm of her gentleness and courtesy. She was one who had known intimately her divine Master, and had learned of Him those things which build the Life Beautiful in the soul. There was a winsomeness about her that made and kept friends, and in her Dr. Hanks had a helper who was most congenial to his people. When she went home there were no clouds in the sky."

Rev. J. McLain Brown has given expression of his appreciation of Mrs. Hanks, in the following appropriate tribute: "For forty-two years our deceased Sister Hanks was permitted to share the joys and sorrows, the activities and responsibilities of an itinerant's life,

and into these years were breathed the rare fragrance of a 'life that was hid with Christ in God.'

"Her heart, her home, her husband, felt the joy of a life made radiant by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and this love was made manifest in its devotion to her son, his wife and the grandchildren, and to that large circle of friends who held her in high esteem for her work's sake. I knew her in the after days when she was not strong physically; but I never knew her to mention the weakness or weariness that ultimately released the immortal spirit from the frail body of flesh.

"Her beautiful christian character, her devotion to the church of her choice, her sincere friendship is after all the most expressive eulogy of the deceased."

Rev. G. A. Ogg, whose acquaintance and friendship dates back through a long period of years, has expressed his appreciation of her character and worth as follows: "I have known Sister Hanks since she was a bride at Canterbury, Conn. My acquaintance with her has always impressed me that she was an ideal wife for a christian minister. Gentle, sweet of disposition, thoughtful of others, devoutly religious. She drew others Christward by the very atmosphere of her godly life."

Dr. Legg, a physician and layman of our church, in Union Bridge, has expressed the high esteem in which Mrs. Hanks was held by the membership of his church: "Mrs. Hanks, the beloved wife of Dr. Hanks, was among us for four or more years. Her physical afflictions prevented her from being as useful as was her wish, but notwithstanding this drawback, Mrs. Hanks took an unusual interest in the church, not just in one part, but in the entire work. The people of Union Bridge regret her loss most keenly."

Mrs. Hupfield and Mrs. Fenby, both of whom were associated with Mrs. Hanks in the missionary societies, have expressed their appreciation of the christian character and devotion of their co-laborer. Mrs. Hupfield says: "I first met Mrs. Hanks about eighteen years ago, and as the years passed we became firm friends. She was a devoted christian—a firm believer in Jesus Christ. She would often come to my home, and many pleasant hours were spent in discussing missionary problems. She was an earnest missionary worker, and always eager to learn of the latest from the several fields. I am honored to have had the friendship of such a noble woman, who has laid aside the old rugged cross for a crown. She is not dead but just asleep till the resurrection morn."

Mrs. Fenby pays her this brief but beautiful tribute: "Mrs. Hanks was a refined intelligent lady with a lovely disposition; always ready to do a kind act. She was especially interested in foreign Missions. We have lost a friend."

Her death occurred in Oxford, Maryland, December 7, 1926, at the home of her son, Fletcher Hanks, after an illness of several months. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. W. D. Johnson, the pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church, assisted

by Dr. J. L. Elderdice. She was conscious to the last and knew her end was near, and almost her last words to her husband were, "I shall die in the Lord."

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the spirit, that the may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

J. M. SHERIDAN,
F. T. BENSON,
J. McLAIN BROWN,
DR. T. H. LEGG,
G. A. OGG,
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MRS. HENRY HUPFIELD,
MRS. E. E. FENBY,

Committee.

MRS. EMMA REESE FERGUSON

Emma Reese Ferguson, widow of the late Rev. S. T. Ferguson, was born in Central, Maryland, April 20, 1844, and was called to her heavenly home August 8, 1926. She was the daughter of Catherine Reese and Richard Cromwell, and granddaughter of the late Rev. John S. Reese, one of the founders of the Methodist Protestant Church, and three times the president of the Maryland Conference.

She consecrated her life to the blessed Christ September 11, 1857, in a little stone church, near New Market. In Baltimore, December 21, 1870, she was married to Rev. Samuel T. Ferguson of Washington, D. C. To this union five children were born, four of whom survive her, Richard Cromwell, William Eddy, Katherine Reese McCurdy and Elsie Jane Rodgers and four grand-children.

From December 21, 1870, to November 11, 1890, she shared the joys and sorrows of an active itinerant life with her faithful husband. No man in the ministry was ever blessed with a more congenial or helpful companion. In all the charges which she served the fragrance of her beautiful life remains, as a godly heritage to the people.

After the death of her husband she moved to Baltimore, and with her family, united with West Baltimore church, where she remained a consistent disciple of her Lord until called home.

The writer became her pastor nearly eleven years ago, and in my association with her I was impressed more and more with her beautiful christian character. She had lived and walked the rugged path of life so long with her Lord that she had been moulded and fashioned to the image of Christ. She was a lady by birth, refined, modest, humble, gentle, cheerful. She loved her church and took great interest in all of its activities, always inquiring about everything which was going on, when she became too feeble to attend the public services.

Her funeral services were conducted by the writer and Rev. Oliver P. Betton in her home, surrounded by her family, and a large company of friends, after which the body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Libertytown, Frederick Co., Md., to await the resurrection of the just.

J. M. GILL, Pastor,
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CONFERENCE SERMON

REV. GEORGE HINES

THE PARADOX OF THE CROSS

Mark 15: 31. "He saved others, himself he cannot save."

These words were uttered by the enemies of the Son of God as he hung upon the cross. They were words of derision. They were words of triumph. The voice they hated; the voice that had uncovered their hypocrisies; the voice that had told them they were not children of Abraham; was at last to be silenced. And they gloated as they looked on him whom they had rejected. But their cup was not yet full. If he would only curse them. Call down the wrath of heaven upon them. Charge his disciples to avenge him. Anything, but that calm, un murmuring acquiescence in everything that they said and did. And as they watch He speaks but not in anger, not in a cry of execration. But in a tone such as they had never heard before; "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." Never before had such tenderness, compassion and love been poured into one short prayer. But it did not move his enemies. They wagged their heads and reviled Him saying, "If Thou be the Son of God come down from the cross." The chief priests with the scribes said, "He saved others, Himself He cannot save."

And as they gloated a pall as black as death settled down upon the land. Not darkness such as nature makes, but a darkness that made nature shudder. For three hours His enemies must have been transfixed with fear and dread. For three hours the grave suffered an invasion of its domain and saw many of its victims freed. For three hours the pure soul of the Son of God, forsaken by the Father, bore the full weight of the world's sin and shame. "And when the centurion and they that were with Him saw the earthquake and the things that were done they feared saying, truly this was the Son of God."

Jesus emerged from the depths of His humiliation stripped of every sense of divinity, holiness, and power. Only the sense of human depravity and its degradation lay upon Him. And voicing the helplessness and hopelessness of the human race, He cried, "My God! My God! why hast Thou forsaken Me." And they said "Behold! He calleth Elias." They did not know all the anguish of a broken heart was in that cry. How little did they know about what they had done in this the hour of their greatest triumph! But Jesus again conscious of oneness with the Father, calmly contemplates what He has done, and is satisfied. There, doubtless, passed before Him a vision of what was to come out of all this humiliation and suffering. He saw the greatest empire ever conceived, and that could be conceived only in the heart of God, over which He would some day hold sway. He saw the truth He had proclaimed, gripping the hearts and the imaginations of His little band of followers. He saw them endued with power from on high. He saw them take His message and in the very place where their Master was scorned, rejected and crucified like a felon, proclaim that He was the very Christ. And with such earnestness and

conviction deliver their message that many who a few days before had cried "Crucify Him!" would accept Him as Saviour and Lord. Instead of one voice to be quieted the priests and scribes would find that there were now 120, and many of them as insistent as was their Master's; souls as fearless as was His. And the people would listen to their testimony as they had never listened to Him. There would be a power to move sinners to repentance and contrition such as He had never used. The word of the Lord would increase, and many of the priests would become obedient to the faith. And they would remember what was said in derision as He hung upon the cross, "He saved others, Himself He cannot save."

The paradox of the cross, an enigma to the Jews, is the greatest and clearest fact in the knowledge and experience of the Christian Church. A paradox which has always been her greatest inspiration and comfort. A paradox in which the church has always seen an illustration of her own ministry to the world. And because the church has sought to shape her ministry by that example her place among the institutions of the world is as distinctive as is her Master's among men. And in the paradox of the cross we look for our message today.

The paradox of the cross accentuates the need of personal substitutional sufferings and sacrifice for others.

The parable of the good shepherd was intended not only to illustrate Jesus' ministry to the world, but also the ministry of the church to the world. It was not an unusual thing for a shepherd to give his life for his sheep. And those who received the commission to evangelize the world understood that henceforth they were to be the spiritual shepherds of Mankind everywhere. Many would lose their lives, but they would thereby save them, too. They understood that as the Saviour emptied Himself and became obedient unto death that the redemptive price might be paid down that none should perish, so they must not count their lives dear unto themselves. And that they did not forget is evident from the Book of Acts and the Epistles.

Their business was to preach the gospel and make disciples of all nations. That it might be done without personal suffering and sacrifice never occurred to them. They were ready to suffer; and suffer the loss of all things: they rejoiced in suffering for His name's sake. They conceived of their ministry as a continuation of the redemptive work begun by their Master. "I rejoice in my suffering for you, and fill up that which is behind the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for His body's sake, which is the church." Paul. And this was the spirit of them all. It was the spirit of their Master. Something the world could not understand. But they got results. And those who were added to the church were exhorted to follow the example of their leaders, "As we follow Christ." This was the reason they gave the world for their ministry; for the existence of the church. This was the ground of their authority. Their only right to say that they spoke to the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

It was not enough that they bear His name, they must show forth His life, they must deliver their message. Their Master had told them that stripes and imprisonment would be in store for them, and they were not surprised when persecutions came. His suffering was not more needful than was their's. Never was there a clearer demonstration of the regen-

erating power of divine love. Never were men happier in the consciousness of saving grace.

There might never have been a system of theology compiled; there might never have been one stone laid upon another in the erection of a place of worship; there might never have been a system of church organization and discipline as represented by our denominations; yet the church would have survived and flourished, by continued application of the principles of the gospel, and by a life of self-effacement and sacrifice, such as marked the ministry of the first disciples. If we are to continue to preach salvation by the cross; if we are to continue to sing "In the Cross of Christ I glory," we must also preach the necessity of personal substitutional suffering and sacrifice of others.

The paradox of the cross is a judgment against self-aggrandizement from which there can never be an appeal.

The plan of redemption was conceived and executed in love, and the work of redemption must be carried on by those who are "Constrained by the love of Christ." Self-denial and self-sacrifice, are not popular words today. Many professing Christians will have nothing to do with either one of them. This has always been so. The Christian profession was ever more attractive than the cross. But we must not fail to preach all that the cross stands for. And if men will not put the glory of God and the salvation of souls before self-interest, let them not understand from anything we say, or anything we leave unsaid that they are meeting the conditions of the Christian life. Self-aggrandizement is opposed to that slogan given to the church in its infancy, "Christ is all." If a man have wealth, let him rejoice in that an opportunity has been given him to serve God with that wealth. If he prospers, by the blessing of God, let him not call his gains his own. If we preach that the heart must be surrendered as the first step in the Christian life, then let us make it very clear that the life and all possessions are included in that surrender. It is inconceivable that one might give God one's heart and withhold anything. Everything else is secondary, time, means, mind and strength. And without a dedication of these to the service of God there can be no Christian personality. And this in no way hinders ambition. We are not to think of consecration as a curb upon initiative. It has never interfered with the flowering of genius. It has never in any sense discouraged progress. The teachings and example of Jesus have given civilization its greatest impetus in every direction, whether it be physical, moral, intellectual or social. But whatever we may possess, whatever may be our endowments, we are not to think of them as ends in themselves, but they are to be consecrated to the chief end of man, the glory of God. This doctrine was the heart of Jesus' teachings, and He illustrated it on various occasions, especially in the parable of the Unjust Steward. "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." "And if ye are not faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own." He said. The paradox of the cross has determined what shall be the attitude of those who claim to live by the cross toward temporal things. It may satisfy many to preach that the cross is a good thing by which to die; but the men and women who laid the foundations of the church, and gave it its character and power believed that the cross was a good thing by which to live and a good thing for

which to die. You can take it or leave it, but you cannot change it. The Christian can save others, but himself he cannot save.

It is fidelity to Jesus' teaching and example that gives the Church its distinctive place among the institutions of the world.

The first disciples thought it was honor enough to share Jesus' distinction. To be found in His company. To be called His disciples. But He would not have it so. Not enough that they follow Him for what He was and for what He did. He told them they must make a place and a name for themselves. They must be known for those elements of character and those achievements that would inseparably connect their names with His and identify them with Him. And the day came when the people said of them. "They have been with Jesus and have learned of Him."

They were the most conspicuous and most talked about men and women in Jerusalem and Judea. Their names were on everybody's lips. They were easily distinguished from the unbelieving Jews, also they lost themselves in devotion to their Lord and in service for others. "Counting not their lives dear unto themselves." Nothing like it had ever been seen before. They were charged with turning the world up-side down. The glory that was the early church was these men and women. Who had the cross before their eyes night and day. Whatever they could do to continue the work their Master began and bring the kingdoms of the world to his feet; whatever suffering, hardship and deprivation befell them, these expressed only a part of the love they had for Him.

Their interpretations of the teaching of Jesus must ever be to us the most dependable commentary on what He said. Their exemplification of his life and works must be our example and inspiration. They showed forth the power of the Holy Spirit under the most unfavorable circumstances. They demonstrated the practicability of the gospel for every day living, and the sanity of the ideals of Jesus. They told a lost world that there was salvation in only one Name, and that those who refused to believe in that Name would be lost. That nothing short of crucifixion with Christ would guarantee the full benefits of his death and passion. And that these conditions of salvation were not considered unreasonable is shown by the rapid growth of the Church. To them it was an absolute certainty that the day would come when all the kingdoms of the world would become the kingdoms of the Lord and his Christ. For wherever they went; whatever was the nationality, language or religion of the people, the gospel had the same power over all. They vindicated the faith of their Master in the ultimate triumph of His cause. And they left no room for doubt in the mind of any one who would consider the proposition in the light of events then transpiring that the world could be won for Jesus Christ.

And the church can retain its distinctive character only by continuing in the faith, devotion, earnestness, and courage of those who gave it its unique place among the institutions of the world. The church has not survived simply because of its divine origin, but because there have always been in its membership men and women who considered it the highest distinction to be owned by Christ, and who wanted nothing so much as to see the salvation of souls and the spread of the Gospel throughout the world. Men and women who have believed in the continued presence of the Holy Spirit in His church and have sought his guidance and depended

upon his power. Who believed that the church was the only institution in the world ordained to cast out sin and preach the gospel of reconciliation. To them the throne of grace was real, and accessible to all who call upon Him in truth. I do not say that this type of men and women is rare among us today, but I do declare that the church cannot retain its distinctive place as a divine institution unless the need of the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit is deeply felt, and its membership distinguished for piety, self-denial and service.

The paradox of the cross exemplifies the conquest of life and the triumph of faith. "Set your affections on things above, and not on things on the earth, for where your treasure is there will your heart be also." Make no friends, or allies, of the mammon of unrighteousness. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." Your life is more than meat, and your body than raiment. "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you." Jesus said. The whole realm of life must be thought of as a conquest. And how complete was Jesus' conquest of life. We have not a record where he performed a single miracle for his own comfort. But how freely and gladly he spent Himself for the comfort and well being of others. He taught His disciples that His life in them was all that was worth while. And finding their satisfaction in Him, He knew that they would not fail to make a conquest of ambition, pride, avarice, malice, and selfishness, and this is what we mean by a profession of faith in Jesus Christ. A determination to make a conquest of every ambition and imagination and bring it into subjection to him. A mere profession does not make for distinctiveness in living. There are thousands who make no profession who are the equals in moral attainments of other thousands who do. There is always hope for one who unites with the church, it is at least a sign that a beginning has been made in the great enterprise of the Christian life. But there are many disappointments because so many do not make a whole hearted venture. And the trouble lies in a lack of appreciation of the solemnity of a Christian profession. That it must begin with a surrender of the whole heart to the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. A personal consciousness of the need of the pardoning favor of God. A determination to forsake everything that is sinful or has the appearance of sin. To pattern one's life after the teachings and example of Jesus, and to consecrate oneself fully and unconditionally to Him. And the church is losing its distinctive character largely because many who join the church do so under the impression that that is all they have to do to become Christians. The awful significance of the cross is not in their minds.

There can be no rejoicing in the cross unless that rejoicing springs from the consciousness of a victorious faith. One remains in the same spiritual state from year to year and knows the victory of faith! Know no hardship, suffering and sacrifice for the cause of Christ, and die in the blissful consciousness that one has kept the faith! Impossible—Absurd! For their own sakes people must not go through life with that conception of the Christian religion. Never know the peace of God in the soul. Never know the love of God shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. No, nor ever even to have heard of those things.

Did the Master mean to set us an example when on several occasions he tested those who would be his disciples? The rich young ruler found

the test too hard for his faith, and went away sorrowful. But Jesus did not call him back, tho He loved him. He made it very clear to his disciples what it would cost them to follow him and carry on his work in the world. But he wanted those, only, who would serve on those conditions, and He never changed them. Many did not have the courage to accept discipleship on such conditions, and those who did were only half hearted in their loyalty. The very first test in the garden of Gethesemane was more than they were equal to. He must often have been discouraged. But he saw the far off day when these men would sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel; princes of the faith.

They made a successful conquest of life and came forth more than conquerors through fidelity to the teachings and example of their Master. Let us not separate in our mind the conquest of life from the victory of faith. They are one and the same. The men and women of our day who are making a successful conquest of life are men and women of faith. And men and women of faith do not think it is a hardship to devote a tithe of their time and of their income to the service of their Lord. They know in whom they have believed and are persuaded that he is able to keep them and all they have committed to Him. These are the men and women who are keeping the Christian faith alive. To whom must be credited the progressive spirit in our churches. Who help their pastor to promote revival meetings; who hazard their lives for the cause of Christ, who try to keep step with the foremost leaders of the church and are ready to back them financially until it hurts. It is not a question with them of how much they can afford to give, but of how much they can afford to keep.

If Jesus had not set them the example it is very doubtful if his disciples ever would have discovered it was possible to make a conquest of life through faith in him. And I have often wondered if next to redeeming us from sin, if it were not his purpose to show us how to live the life of conquest. Not enough that man be redeemed, forgiven, reconciled to God, face the future with new hope and courage. He must also have a clearly defined idea of the purpose for which he was redeemed, and he must not be left to find the interpretation of that purpose in his own way. He must not be left to establish those rules of conduct and service which he might reasonably expect of himself in his new relation with God. He must not be left under the impression that his future relations with his fellow man were established by law. Man needed above all things, next to conversion, a concrete demonstration of the possibilities of the new life. He needed an interpretation of the new relations he would enter into with God and man, not in terms of doctrines and commandments, only, but in terms of life. He needed to see a life dominated by the will of God and in harmony with that will. He needed to see a life unmarred by selfishness, pride, avarice, vengeance, greed, and hypocrisy. Man needed to see the beauty of a life of unselfishness, humility, faith, self-denial and love, demonstrated in the life of a fellow man, whose elbows he touched day after day, whose voice he heard, whom he could study under all conditions. How he adjusted himself to the circumstances of a poor man. His attitude toward his enemies. His behavior toward the poor and the outcast. His patience with unbelievers. His charity towards those who hated him. His unflinching courage in the defense of his claims for himself. Giving time, strength, in service, day and night, week in week out,

uncomplainingly, without reward, without compensation. Then he said if you would be my disciples take up your cross and follow me. He demonstrated his teachings before them all. "Never man spake like this man," some said. "He doeth all things well," others said. The demonstration was simple, reasonable, illuminating, convincing, inspiring. And such it must be for us and for all his followers for all time. Such it was to Paul, whose irreducible profession of a Christian life was, "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I but Christ liveth in me. And the life I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." And the notes that ring through all his epistles are the notes of triumph and of joy. How much he had to say about the place of joy in this life of conquest!

If to us the cross has lost none of its significance, let us preach and practice all that the cross stands for. Professional Christianity without the spirit of Christ cannot satisfy the soul. A professional ministry is a misnomer. When the ministry becomes a profession it will be time to close the doors of our churches and throw the keys away. When the cross becomes only a theme for song, sermon and story, God pity this poor world. When we can no longer sing "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross," with exulting hope and flaming hearts, let us return our commission to Him Whose name we bear, and confess that we have failed Him. Beloved, the world needs the cross and its message today as it never has needed it. And the church is the only divinely appointed authority to proclaim that message. And whether they heed it or not we must still declare "We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." You hear much about the church letting down the bars. There are no bars! And if by "letting down the bars" they mean we are willing to let them unite with the church on their own terms, let us make it very clear to them that we have no authority to change the terms on which they may be saved, and unless they accept salvation on the terms of the gospel, membership in the church will do them very little good. Let us remember that it is not numbers that give the church its character and power, but the men and women of faith who are making a conquest of life by that faith. These are the men and women who are worthy successors of those who have kept faith with their Saviour. Who in all things were approved the servants of God. "In much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in watchings, in fastings; by pureness, by knowledge, by the word of truth, by the power of God by the armor of righteousness, on the right and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things." Yes, they were the princes of the faith. This is the glory that was the early church. They put every form of worldliness behind them, and found their joy in living by the cross. Self interests submerged and forgotten in devotion to their Lord. Timidity conquered, ambitions trampled under foot, faith triumphant over doubt; pride of race the hardest thing of all to vanquish was laid in the dust. With each succeeding victory faith gathered new strength and daring. As they emerged from one trying experience

after another, it was with a greater certainty of the success of their cause. What were worldly possessions, honors, ease, comforts, now. Death itself was inviting, if thereby, they might add honor to His name. They believed the crucifixion of self was necessary to the triumph of faith. That was their message, and to them it was imperative. The conquest of life for the glory of God is the only assurance of his life in us, and the only demonstration we can give to a dying world of the preeminence of the Christian religion. The only demonstration that will fix the eyes of sinners upon the cross as their only hope. The only demonstration that will appeal to the heroic in men's souls. For we must convince them that the Christian life is the greatest venture to which they will ever have an opportunity to give themselves. It is the only adequate conception of a life of service to God and man. It is the only base upon which a Christian character can be reared. No wood, hay, stubbles, here; but the solid granite of truth, the solid granite of faith in Christ.

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL TABLES

COLLECTIONS FOR GENERAL

Number	CHARGE	Assessed President's Salary		Paid President's Salary		Ass'd Maryland Conference		Paid Maryland Conference		Children's Day	Special for For. Missions	Y. P. Missionary Union	Easter Offering	Special for Home Missions	Rally Day	Special for Education	W. F. M. S.	W. H. M. S.	Gen. Conf. Superannuates	Ministerial Salary Relief	Executive Committee	Children's Home	Home for Aged	Bible Society
55	Melvin Chapel.....	13	7	101	12	12	12	48	15	20	20	128	130	6										
56	Fairview.....	13	13	106	106	15	15	308	230	40	40	20	20											
57	Deer Creek.....	40	40	308	308	70	70	224	200	40	40	20	20											
58	Deer Park.....	17	17	123	70	40	40	224	100	40	40	20	20											
59	Dagsboro.....	23	28	224	224	100	100	200	200	40	40	20	20											
60	Delmar, Del.....	23	28	224	224	100	100	200	200	40	40	20	20											
61	Delta, Pa.....	33	33	253	253	200	200	200	200	40	40	20	20											
62	Denton.....	29	29	223	223	134	134	200	200	40	40	20	20											
63	Dorchester.....	24	24	189	189	141	141	200	200	40	40	20	20											
62	Dover, Del.....	18	18	138	138	30	30	200	200	40	40	20	20											
64	Easton.....	37	37	281	281	60	60	200	200	40	40	20	20											
65	Elizabeth, N. J.....	28	28	218	218	15	15	200	200	40	40	20	20											
66	Fairfax, Va.....	15	15	122	48	64	64	200	200	40	40	20	20											
67	Fawn Grove, Pa.....	38	38	292	292	180	180	200	200	40	40	20	20											
68	Federalburg.....	25	25	196	196	22	22	200	200	40	40	20	20											
69	Felton, Del.....	14	14	109	86	37	37	200	200	40	40	20	20											
70	Finksburg.....	33	33	261	261	92	92	200	200	40	40	20	20											
71	First Ch., Newark.....	136	136	1045	1045	150	150	200	200	40	40	20	20											
72	Franklin City, Va.....	27	27	214	69	100	100	200	200	40	40	20	20											
73	Frederick.....	24	24	185	185	50	50	200	200	40	40	20	20											
74	Georgetown, Del.....	31	31	246	246	100	100	200	200	40	40	20	20											
75	Greenbush & Tasley.....	17	17	137	137	103	103	200	200	40	40	20	20											
76	Greenwood, Del.....	28	28	214	214	4	4	200	200	40	40	20	20											
77	Grove.....	16	16	129	129	10	10	200	200	40	40	20	20											
78	Harbeson, Del.....	23	23	181	148	10	10	200	200	40	40	20	20											
79	Harmony, W. Va.....	17	17	135	135	46	46	200	200	40	40	20	20											
80	Harpers Ferry, W. Va.....	21	21	167	132	29	29	200	200	40	40	20	20											
81	Harrington, Del.....	35	35	276	276	40	40	200	200	40	40	20	20											
82	Hawley Memorial, Pa.....	16	16	123	123	40	40	200	200	40	40	20	20											
83	Howard.....	41	43	307	307	152	152	200	200	40	40	20	20											
84	Hurlock.....	26	26	210	210	156	156	200	200	40	40	20	20											
85	Indian River.....	4	4	36	36			200	200	40	40	20	20											
86	Kemptown.....	34	34	269	236	93	93	200	200	40	40	20	20											
87	Kennedyville.....	19	19	147	124	32	32	200	200	40	40	20	20											
88	Kent Island.....	14	14	109	109	37	37	200	200	40	40	20	20											
89	Laurel, Del.....	45	46	349	349	216	216	200	200	40	40	20	20											
90	Laurel Circuit, Del.....	19	19	148	148			200	200	40	40	20	20											
91	Leeds.....	21	21	164	164	100	100	200	200	40	40	20	20											
92	Leipsic, Del.....	8	8	59	59	15	15	200	200	40	40	20	20											
93	Lewes, Del.....	8	8	62				200	200	40	40	20	20											
94	Lewistown.....	11	11	85	85	3	3	200	200	40	40	20	20											
95	Liberty.....	16	16	131	131	32	32	200	200	40	40	20	20											
96	Lisbon.....	25	25	195	195	60	60	200	200	40	40	20	20											
97	Lynchburg, Va.....	33	33	260	260			200	200	40	40	20	20											
98	Mardela.....	29	29	231	231	100	100	200	200	40	40	20	20											
99	Middleway, W. Va.....	4	4	29	5			200	200	40	40	20	20											
100	Milford, Del.....	47	47	366	366	100	100	200	200	40	40	20	20											
101	Milton, Del.....	23	23	179	179	75	75	200	200	40	40	20	20											
102	Mt. Nebo.....	34	34	265	265	130	130	200	200	40	40	20	20											
103	New Church, Va.....	34	34	260	260	197	197	200	200	40	40	20	20											
104	Newmarket.....	37	37	292	253	66	66	200	200	40	40	20	20											
105	Nichols Memorial.....	19	19	141	141	50	50	200	200	40	40	20	20											
106	Northumberland, Va.....	35	35	276	96	100	100	200	200	40	40	20	20											
107	Oak Grove, Va.....	11	11	81	48	24	24	200	200	40	40	20	20											
108	Oxford.....	17	17	134	134	85	85	200	200	40	40	20	20											
109	Parkley, Va.....	29	29	222	222	107	107	200	200	40	40	20	20											
110	Patapsco.....	3	3	24	24			200	200	40	40	20	20											

AND LOCAL INTERESTS

Christmas Offering	Total Credits	Pd. on Budget less Credits	Ass'd General Conference	Paid General Conference	Ass'd Total Assessments	Paid Total Assessments	Percentage Paid on Total Assessments	Miscel. General Interests	Total Pd. General Interests	Ass'd Pastor's Salary	Paid Pastor's Salary	Rental Value of Parsonage	Current Expenses	Paid on Building and Improvements	Paid on Debt	Pd. for Interest on Debt	Miscellaneous Local	Total Paid for Local Interests	Total Paid for all Purposes	Number			
18	51	303	18	417	30	30	7	24	64	1200	564	300	182	75	101	240	47	851	906	56			
19	110	318	129	437	106	106	81	81	187	1500	325	200	182	65	101	240	47	851	906	56			
42	550	920	720	1263	1063	1063	75	75	1143	1500	1500	600	800	150	1150	100	913	6213	6356	56			
46	332	527	46	527	133	133	87	87	133	1500	1025	120	265	12	509	24	1410	1543	53	56			
50	563	671	553	1040	849	849	95	95	830	1700	300	300	555	248	509	349	3778	4606	56	56			
570	565	570	565	570	778	733	80	80	861	1200	1300	200	147	137	509	164	1811	2672	3481	56			
579	579	579	579	579	778	733	80	80	861	1200	1300	200	147	137	509	164	1811	2672	3481	56			
346	346	346	346	346	416	464	57	57	466	1000	1000	360	1250	250	1400	360	468	5383	6597	56			
57	57	57	57	57	416	464	57	57	466	1000	1000	360	1250	250	1400	360	468	5383	6597	56			
14	108	363	108	500	171	171	34	34	185	900	700	180	28	120	220	220	1249	1434	1434	56			
37	37	37	37	37	447	447	31	31	449	1200	1200	720	1150	200	500	240	551	4361	4810	56			
22	22	22	22	22	806	806	30	30	266	1400	1400	300	300	117	75	110	1402	2314	2680	56			
14	57	168	782	715	1076	1009	103	103	1190	1600	1600	300	285	1500	1149	695	5523	6713	70	56			
3161	3161	3161	3161	3161	4310	4342	101	101	5546	3500	3500	1500	7040	2288	1000	4667	19992	25338	70	56			
209	209	209	209	209	637	209	378	35	62	367	1300	1300	100	160	286	717	3471	3471	72	56			
219	219	219	219	219	555	219	874	305	56	428	1200	1300	153	195	378	2021	2449	2449	72	56			
15	50	736	230	1013	507	507	50	50	628	1700	1700	200	612	626	800	320	3218	3744	74	56			
257	257	257	257	257	409	409	663	563	100	563	1100	1100	300	105	128	230	2806	3368	76	56			
88	88	88	88	88	641	289	883	141	60	181	712	1100	1100	250	281	358	2708	3490	76	56			
10	10	10	10	10	540	10	754	131	24	159	1000	1000	125	120	609	296	2133	2584	76	56			
16	16	16	16	16	404	210	656	352	259	621	850	950	180	120	106	270	2290	2408	76	56			
28	28	28	28	28	494	140	685	293	43	314	1300	1325	189	345	302	223	1579	2000	76	56			
15	15	15	15	15	324	291	1135	602	52	692	1500	1500	400	525	1500	400	17425	18027	81	56			
175	175	175	175	175	367	175	506	314	62	18	329	1200	369	342	70	477	293	2762	3094	81	56		
309	309	309	309	309	919	663	1265	1013	80	449	1462	1600	150	550	5070	600	356	7725	9183	82	56		
10	10	10	10	10	626	636	862	872	100	311	1183	1500	1515	150	600	335	3200	4382	4382	82	56		
129	129	129	129	129	106	106	146	146	100	7	146	300	273	58	331	477	82	56		
74	74	74	74	74	438	74	604	217	36	39	256	900	900	120	210	115	1440	1846	82	56		
72	72	72	72	72	320	325	325	448	100	42	490	900	120	272	2500	361	1531	1847	82	56		
65	65	65	65	65	1043	1043	1437	1437	100	200	1637	2100	600	1255	200	153	544	4352	6489	82	56		
183	183	183	183	183	443	133	610	350	57	350	1200	300	100	102	1702	2052	90	56		
104	104	104	104	104	384	488	673	673	100	320	993	1400	125	369	30	146	2070	3063	91	56		
35	35	35	35	35	49	176	84	243	63	3	154	450	60	48	700	42	1295	1449	92	56		
10	10	10	10	10	186	256	174	400	47	450	162	1059	1233	94	56		
37	37	37	37	37	253	37	349	133	35	41	174	400	47	450	162	1059	1233	94	56		
83	83	83	83	83	393	365	640	412	95	13	525	700	900	120	103	70	1343	1863	96	56		
20	20	20	20	20	582	95	802	315	31	30	345	1000	1000	150	100	360	1640	1955	96	56		
105	105	105	105	105	778	778	1071	1071	100	1071	2100	600	2436	2454	1000	8590	9661	97	56		
5	5	5	5	5	692	180	952	440	5	30	470	1503	1500	120	130	450	165	2365	2835	98	56		
65	65	65	65	65	300	1094	640	1306	70	45	1008	2000	2000	300	2000	3010	282	1261	8934	10032	100	56	
340	340	340	340	340	534	192	736	394	53	40	304	1200	1300	150	390	308	200	51	47	2416	2840	101	56
13	13	13	13	13	619	791	1020	1071	42	275	1346	1700	1700	250	600	190	610	903	1114	102	56	
78	78	78	78	78	872	78	1201	398	31	53	421	1200	1200	200	400	6900	50	55	22	8827	9248	104	56
60	60	60	60	60	422	60	532	210	36	65	275	1500	1500	300	190	679	166	24	287	3146	3421	106	56
134	134	134	134	134	824	134	1135	265	24	24	265	1400	150	500	3800	500	180	175	6100	6700	106	56	
24	24	24	24	24	244	24	336	53	25	5	88	500	425	250	35	77	25	812	900	107	56	
313	313	313	313	313	403	350	554	601	90	30	531	1200	1200	150	234	1000	150	234	1000	1254	108	56	
574	574	574	574	574	664	574	915	925	90	65	890	1700	1700	250	575	100	300	17	133	3075	3965	109	56
21	21	21	21	21	5	73	100	53	50	5	126	40	66	75	213	530	533	110	56		

HONOR ROLL REQUIREMENTS

A Charge to be on the Honor Roll must pay 100 per cent on the Maryland Conference Budget and 100 per cent on the General Conference Budget. A 100 per cent on the General Conference Budget means that each interest in that budget shall receive the per cent due it.

For the per cent of the various interests in the budgets see page 68 Report of the Board of Finance.

ASSESSMENTS

ASSESSMENTS ONE YEAR ASSESSMENTS 17 MONTHS

NAME OF CHARGE	General Conference \$110,000	Annual Conference \$35,000	President's Salary and Expenses \$1,500	General Conference \$165,917	Annual Conference \$49,684	President's Salary and Expenses \$6,375
Accomac, Va.....	\$ 748	\$ 241	\$ 32	\$1060	\$ 341	\$ 45
Amelia, Va.....	482	156	20	682	221	28
Baltimore						
Alnutt Memorial.....	984	316	41	1394	448	58
Bethesda.....	384	124	16	544	176	23
Brooklyn.....	1119	359	47	1585	509	67
Calvary.....	831	267	35	1177	378	50
Chesaco Park.....	245	80	10	347	113	14
Christ Church.....	1962	629	83	2779	891	118
East Baltimore.....	754	243	32	1068	344	45
Edmondson Ave.....	278	88	11	394	125	16
Eutaw.....	1076	354	45	1533	502	77
Evergreen.....	518	167	22	733	237	31
Glenburnie.....	647	208	27	926	295	38
Grace.....	972	314	41	1382	445	58
Graceland Park.....	243	80	11	350	113	16
Hampden.....	2114	678	89	2994	960	126
Keen Memorial.....	822	264	35	1164	374	50
Lauraville.....	569	140	18	806	197	25
Linthicum H'ts.....	725	233	31	1027	330	44
Lowe Memorial.....	1212	389	51	1717	551	72
Marley.....	366	118	16	518	167	23
North Baltimore.....	1614	518	68	2286	734	96
Payson Street.....	427	138	18	605	195	25
South Baltimore.....	906	291	38	1283	412	54
Starr.....	2344	751	99	3320	1064	140
St. John's.....	2015	646	85	2854	915	120
St. Paul's.....	941	302	40	1333	428	57
Towson.....	574	185	24	813	262	34
Trinity.....	832	268	35	1178	380	50
Violetville.....	424	137	18	600	194	25
West Baltimore.....	1794	575	76	2541	815	108
Wilton H'ts.....	896	288	38	1270	408	54
Bedford, Pa.....	623	201	26	882	285	37
Belair.....	649	209	27	920	296	38
Bivalve.....	478	154	20	677	218	28
Buckeytown.....	1012	325	43	1433	460	61
Cambridge.....	1009	324	43	1430	459	61
Cambridge Circuit.....	236	77	10	334	109	14
Cannon, Del.....	464	150	20	657	212	28
Caroline.....	486	157	21	688	222	30
Carroll Circuit.....	405	131	17	573	186	24
Cecil.....	579	187	24	820	265	34
Centreville.....	722	232	30	1022	329	42
Chestertown.....	1249	401	53	1770	568	75
Chincoteague, Va.....	337	109	14	477	154	20
Clayton, Del.....	513	165	22	726	234	31
Concord, Pa.....	605	195	26	857	276	37
Crisfield						
Mt. Pleasant.....	1379	445	58	1953	628	82
Lawsonia.....	354	115	15	501	163	21
Mariners.....	711	229	30	1007	324	42
Crumpton.....	181	59	8	256	84	11
Cumberland						
First Church.....	1041	334	44	1474	473	62
Melvin Chapel.....	292	98	13	427	139	18

ASSESSMENTS

ASSESSMENTS ONE YEAR ASSESSMENTS 17 MONTHS

NAME OF CHARGE	General Conference \$110,000	Annual Conference \$25,000	President's Expenses \$1,500	General Conference \$185,917	Annual Conference \$49,584	President's Salary and Expenses \$1,500
Mapleside & Fairview.....	297	96	13	420	136	18
Dagsboro.....	594	191	25	841	271	35
Deer Creek.....	322	104	14	456	147	20
Deer Park.....	964	310	41	1365	439	58
Delmar, Del.....	684	220	29	970	312	41
Delta, Pa.....	693	223	29	981	316	41
Denton.....	746	240	32	1056	340	45
Dorchester.....	586	189	25	830	268	35
Dover, Del.....	396	128	17	561	181	24
Easton.....	843	271	36	1194	384	51
Elizabeth, N. J.....	639	205	27	905	290	38
Fairfax, Va.....	341	110	14	483	156	20
Fawn Grove, Pa.....	900	290	38	1276	411	54
Federalburg.....	550	177	23	780	251	33
Felton, Del.....	261	85	11	370	120	16
Finksburg.....	810	260	34	1147	368	48
First Church, Newark.....	3037	973	128	4302	1378	181
Franklin City, Va.....	614	198	26	870	281	37
Frederick.....	563	181	24	797	256	34
Georgetown, Del.....	803	258	34	1137	365	48
Greenbush & Tasley.....	423	137	18	600	194	25
Greenwood, Del.....	652	210	28	923	297	40
Grove.....	398	129	17	563	183	24
Hallwood, Va.....	330	107	14	467	152	20
Harbeson, Del.....	552	178	23	782	252	33
Harmony, Md.....	162	53	7	228	75	10
Harmony, W. Va.....	422	136	18	597	193	25
Harpers Ferry, W. Va.....	500	161	21	708	228	30
Harrington, Del.....	821	264	35	1163	374	50
Hawley Memorial, Pa.....	393	127	17	566	180	24
Howard.....	948	305	40	1343	432	57
Hurlock.....	635	204	27	900	289	38
Indian River.....	106	35	5	150	50	7
Kemptown.....	693	223	29	981	316	41
Kennedyville.....	447	144	19	633	204	27
Kent Island.....	322	104	14	456	147	20
Laurel, Del.....	1108	356	47	1570	504	67
Laurel Circuit, Del.....	435	140	18	616	198	25
Leeds.....	496	160	21	702	227	30
Leipsic, Del.....	167	55	7	236	78	10
Lewes, Del.....	194	63	8	275	89	11
Lewistown.....	256	83	11	362	118	16
Liberty.....	384	124	16	544	176	23
Lisbon.....	587	189	25	831	268	35
Lynchburg, Va.....	936	301	39	1326	426	55
Mardela.....	640	206	27	916	292	38
Middleway, W. Va.....	89	30	4	126	42	6
Milford, Del.....	1187	381	50	1681	540	71
Milton, Del.....	536	173	23	760	245	33
Mt. Nebo.....	794	255	34	1124	361	48
Nassawango.....	22	8	1	25	11	1
New Church, Va.....	767	247	32	1080	350	45
Newmarket.....	832	268	35	1172	380	50
Nichols Memorial.....	430	139	18	604	197	25
Northumberland, Va.....	836	269	35	1178	381	50
Oak Grove, Va.....	300	97	13	425	137	18
Oxford.....	417	135	18	590	191	25

ASSESSMENTS

ASSESSMENTS ONE YEAR ASSESSMENTS 17 MONTHS

NAME OF CHARGE	General Conference \$110,000	Annual Conference \$35,000	President's Salary and Expenses \$4,500	General Conference \$155,017	Annual Conference \$49,584	President's Salary and Expenses \$6,375
Parksley, Va.....	696	224	29	986	317	41
Patapsco.....	59	20	3	83	28	4
Philadelphia, Pa						
Emmanuel.....	565	180	24	795	256	34
St. Luke's.....	1162	373	49	1646	528	69
Taylor Memorial.....	1617	519	68	2290	735	96
Pipe Creek.....	535	172	23	758	244	33
Pittsville.....	893	287	38	1265	407	54
Pocomoke City.....	1190	382	50	1685	541	71
Portsville.....	50	22	3	65	31	4
Powellville.....	483	156	20	684	221	28
Prince George, Va.....	46	16	2	65	23	3
Quantico.....	189	62	8	267	88	11
Queen Anne.....	273	89	12	386	126	17
Quinton.....	133	44	6	188	62	8
Reliance.....	546	176	23	773	249	33
Ridgeville.....	869	279	37	1231	395	52
Rowlandville.....	322	104	14	456	147	20
Salem.....	325	105	14	460	149	20
Salisbury.....	2002	642	84	2836	909	119
Seaford, Del.....	960	308	40	1360	436	57
Sharptown.....	610	196	26	864	278	37
Smyrna, Del.....	98	33	4	138	47	4
Snow Hill.....	806	259	34	1141	367	48
Snow Hill Circuit.....	188	61	8	266	86	11
Stewartstown, Pa.....	840	272	36	1188	385	51
St. James.....	606	195	26	863	276	37
St. Michael's.....	678	218	29	960	309	41
Susquehanna.....	500	163	21	716	231	30
Texas.....	287	93	12	490	132	17
Trinity—Marion.....	670	217	29	956	307	41
Tyreana, Va.....	219	71	9	310	101	13
Union.....	945	305	40	1343	432	57
Union Bridge.....	388	125	16	550	177	23
Union Church.....	133	44	6	188	62	8
Wallace Memorial, Va.....	483	156	20	684	221	28
Warwick.....	517	167	22	736	237	31
Washington						
Alexandria, Va.....	730	235	31	1034	333	44
Calvary.....	133	44	6	188	62	8
Cherrydale, Va.....	920	296	39	1303	419	55
Congress Street.....	779	251	33	1103	356	47
First Church.....	890	286	38	1260	405	54
Mt. Olivet.....	817	261	34	1157	370	49
Mt. Tabor.....	610	198	26	871	280	37
North Carolina Ave.....	1227	394	52	1738	558	74
Rhode Island Ave.....	2141	686	90	3033	972	127
Walkers.....	196	64	8	276	91	11
Wesley Chapel of Kent....	500	163	21	716	231	30
Westminster.....	950	307	40	1354	435	57
Wilmington First Ch.....	365	118	15	517	167	21
Peninsula.....	1297	416	55	1837	589	78
West Wilmington.....	204	67	9	289	95	13
Whaleyville.....	816	262	34	1155	371	48
Wiegands.....	12	4	1	17	6	1
Wye.....	314	102	13	444	144	18

MEMBERSHIP

CHARGE		Unsta. Min. and Preachers	Probationers				Full Members			Adults Baptised	Children Baptised	Conversions	Sunday School		Y. P. S. C. E.		Amount for Missions	Am't for Con. Un. Mis'ry					
			Probationers	Full Members	Probationers		Received	Withdrawn	Discontinued				Deceased	Schools	Officers and Teachers	New Scholars			Scholars on Roll	Societies	Members	Junior Societies	Members
					Received	Elected to Membership																		Withdrawn	Discontinued	Deceased
Accomac, Va.	..	272	..	..	..	7	2	10	1	1	3	6	2	19	15	400	1	89	..	..	
Amelia, Va.	..	185	..	..	..	16	7	18	3	..	4	28	2	21	137	183	2	90	..	10-100
Baltimore:																							
Alnut Memorial	..	203	..	..	..	5	1	..	..	..	8	4	1	19	25	135	1	20	1	12
Brooklyn	..	238	..	..	..	25	5	..	..	..	16	10	1	39	95	360	1	42	1	30
Bethesda	..	112	..	..	..	17	9	..	..	..	9	2	1	18	109	240	1	30	1	36
Calvary	..	39	..	39	..	7	7	..	..	..	2	3	..	2	32	325	1	26	1	40
Chesaco Park	..	70	..	..	..	5	3	..	..	..	2	2	..	1	11	110	1	10	..	..	
Christ Church	..	567	..	..	..	29	21	40	15	..	18	29	1	60	40	500	2	65	1	84
East Baltimore	..	190	..	..	..	13	8	..	..	..	14	15	1	24	10	180	1	40	..	10-
Edmondson Ave.	..	200	..	..	..	58	1	11	1	..	2	3	13	1	36	259	1	40	1	35
Eutaw	..	284	..	..	..	23	7	1	4	..	3	13	1	36	..	251	1	25	1	32
Evergreen	..	137	..	..	..	29	..	..	..	..	31	40	1	30	20	130	1	30	..	25-188
Grace	..	1	..	1	..	50	..	29	1	..	2	29	12	1	35	101	2	54	1	68			
Graceland Park	..	63	..	..	..	12	2	..	..	..	26	..	1	10	24	152	..	..	..	1
Hampton	..	1	..	1	..	12	12	29	10	..	20	35	1	50	252	2076	3	235	1	60			
Keen Memorial	..	543	..	..	10	11	1	5	..	..	3	15	7	1	23	25	300	1	48	1
Lauraville	..	204	..	..	..	50	5	6	..	..	5	8	1	20	40	179	1	35	..	10-
Linthicum Hgts.	..	185	..	1	..	24	7	..	..	..	4	..	1	22	41	238	2	40	1	10
Low Memorial	..	400	..	..	..	7	7	42	2	..	2	108	5	1	40	300	..	..	..	150
North Baltimore	..	234	..	..	..	1	4	4	..	..	3	7	1	23	24	166	1	41	1	20
Payson Street	..	115	..	..	..	12	5	2	..	..	1	10	12	1	15	20	150	2	35	1
South Baltimore	..	280	..	..	..	7	5	5	5	..	15	20	1	14	15	150	..	..	..	9-
Starr	..	532	..	1	..	19	5	5	5	..	21	10	1	33	30	300	2	75	1	23			
St. John's	..	423	..	..	..	8	46	3	3	..	21	13	10	1	33	35	418	2	100	1
St. Paul's	..	300	..	..	..	53	..	..	..	..	25	14	1	42	35	275	2	47	1	30
Trinity	..	339	..	..	..	36	4	4	4	..	30	52	1	45	60	691	2	115	1	60
Violetoville	..	124	..	..	..	20	..	5	5	..	6	20	1	15	30	142	2	33	1	10
West Baltimore	..	393	..	24	..	23	17	63	7	..	7	17	1	35	40	318	2	98	1	38			
Wilton Hgts	..	2	..	..	..	38	7	27	3	..	1	13	31	1	23	21	205	1	30	1
Baltimore Circuit	..	213	..	..	..	5	2	9	6	..	1	21	10	2	17	5	190	1	14	..
Bedford, Pa.	..	250	..	..	..	23	11	3	5	..	32	6	6	15	360	1	25	..	..	..
Belair	..	227	..	1	..	8	5	..	..	..	1	7	..	4	30	67	255	1	30	..
Bivalve	..	141	..	1	..	1	4	..	3	..	1	..	2	28	10	184	1	20	..	..	
Buckeystown	..	259	..	..	..	11	8	..	..	..	21	13	1	20	10	172	1	62	..	..	
Cambridge	..	303	..	..	..	10	2	80	4	..	13	..	1	27	53	348	4	112	1	66
Cambridge Circuit	..	58	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	9	..	1	5	..	35	..	..	..	..
Cannon, Del.	..	130	..	4	..	5	1	54	1	..	7	14	2	20	20	225	2	48	1	14			
Caroline	..	173	..	..	..	12	..	..	2	..	12	11	3	16	10	177	1	40	..	..	
Carroll Circuit	..	170	..	..	..	4	..	..	4	..	8	7	3	33	6	210	3	130	2	38
Cecil	..	214	..	..	..	7	..	..	2	..	12	7	4	35	4	230	1	30	..	..	
Centreville	..	170	..	..	..	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	16	10	120	1	40	..	..	
Chestertown	..	350	..	..	6	27	2	12	3	..	8	150	1	25	10	250	2	74	1	33	
Chincoteague, Va.	..	66	..	..	..	4	2	25	1	..	4	7	1	15	7	85	..	..	..	..
Clayton, Del.	..	124	..	1	..	4	2	..	..	..	1	12	4	2	21	80	1	10	2	26
Concord, Pa.	..	278	..	..	..	16	3	2	..	..	7	12	3	36	..	240	3	..	..	..
Conquest, Va.	..	91	..	21	..	21	2	..	..	..	4	14	37	1	14	18	74	..	..	..
Crisfield:																							
Crisfield	..	54	408	3	..	8	2	134	3	..	7	12	1	43	78	675	1	127	..	..	
Lawsonia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mariners	..	220	..	..	..	5	..	..	3	..	3	6	1	22	4	255	1	102	1	52
Crumpton	..	30	..	..	..	..	27	2	..	..	..	..	2	10	..	50	..	..	..	..
Cumberland																							
First Church	..	315	..	..	..	20	4	21	1	3	35	20	1	25	20	252	2	35	1	38
Mapleside & Fairv'w	..	46	..	..	..	10	..	3	1	..	6	25	1	14	25	118	..	..	..	..
Melvin Chapel	..	69	..	1	..	1	..	10	..	..	8	9	1	16	6	165	1	15	1	10	
Dagsboro	..	267	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	2	28	25	288	2	103	..	..	
Deer Creek	..	124	..	..	..	..	9	1	..	..	..	..	2	13	..	55	2	40	..	..	
Deer Park	..	400	..	..	..	4	3	..	1	..	4	20	2	..	13	450	4	163	2	60
Deltmar, Del.	..	222	..	11	..	8	2	..	3	..	15	10	1	22	89	378	2	78	1	30			
Delta, Pa.	..	214	..	..	..	8	4	44	3	..	3	18	7	1	24	12	170	1	55	1
Denton	..	236	..	1	..	56	3	3	3	..	1	13	50	1	25	41	266	2	50	..			
Dorchester	..	209	..	14	13	20	..	5	2	..	10	18	3	36	35	292	1	25	..	5-50			
Dover, Del.	..	77	1	2	6	2	..	5	1	1	12	10	65	1	30			
Easton	..	220	17	5	15	2	..	12	15	1	14	12	148			

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			Received	Elected to Membership	Withdrawn	Discontinued	Decreased	Received	Withdrawn				Discontinued	Deceased	Schools	Officers and Teachers	New Scholars	Scholars on Roll	Societies		Members	Junior Societies	Members
Sharptown.....	240	15	6	8	2	2	2	2	2	2	5	36	245	1	50	25-15							
Smyrna, Del.....	232	57	9	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	20	28	288	1	50	25-15							
Snow Hill.....	308	192	21	1	17	2	2	2	2	2	38	39	45	1	50	25-15							
Snow Hill Circuit.....	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
Stewartstown, Pa.....	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
St. James.....	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
St. Michael's.....	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
Susquehanna.....	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
Texas.....	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
Trinity.....	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
Tyreana, Va.....	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
Union.....	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
Union Bridge.....	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
Wallace Memorial, Va.....	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
Warwick.....	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
Washington:																							
Alexandria, Va.....	1	156	1	3	27	1	12	2	1	25	19	237	1	35	25-5								
Calvary.....	20	42	5	1	13	1	4	2	1	22	40	184	1	25	15-5								
Cherrydale, Va.....	6	245	14	9	13	1	5	4	2	1	30	46	315	1	13	15-5							
First Church.....	6	205	7	1	1	1	5	4	1	20	21	151	1	29	11-12								
Congress Street.....	1	186	13	1	1	1	1	7	1	18	125	253	1	25	10-								
Mt. Olivet.....	1	199	12	1	5	4	11	5	1	28	40	190	1	37									
Mt. Tabor.....	1	117	4	14	3	4	7	1	1	20	35	131	1	18									
North Carolina Ave.....	4	322	15	3	11	2	7	8	1	28	74	245	4	28	1	34							
Rhode Island Ave.....	1	519	22	11	28	2	6	8	1	38	25	390	4	89	1	30			-100				
Walker's Chapel.....	1	50	10	1	1	1	3	3	1	10	5	70	1	23									
Wesley Chap. of Kent.....	7	157	3	3	3	4	24	13	3	32	50	300	2	100									
Westminster.....	7	290	3	3	4	4	5	1	1	17	16	257	1	35					-10				
Wilmington:																							
First Church.....	1	74	7	2	3	2	15	7	1	10	10	110	1	15	1	26							
Peninsula.....	1	485	2	5	2	4	9	100	1	38	75	550	1	30	1	30			110-14				
West Wilmington.....	1	50	2	2	33	4	11	1	1	12	118	1	20	1	23								
Whaleyville.....	1	366	18	4	13	8	20	3	42	8	420	1	40										
Wye.....	1	110	4	1	1	1	8	2	1	10	90	1	40										
Detached Churches:																							
Harmony.....	1	50	6	2	2	1	3	1	1	7	68	1	26										
Portsville.....	1	45	2	2	1	1	2	8	1	10	90	1	30										
Quinton.....	1	55	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	62	1	23										
Union Church.....	1	87	38	2	2	2	1	1	1	12	75	1	26										

PASTORS' SALARY AND PROPERTY

CHARGE	Pastor's Salary 1927-1928	PROPERTY						Church Papers Taken	
		Appointments	Churches	Parsonages	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage Property	Debt on Church and Parsonage		Insurance on Church and Parsonage Property
Accomac, Va.....	1500	2	2	1	25000	3000	350	8000	17
Amelia, Va.....	1200	3	3	1	7000	3000	.....	4500	13
Baltimore									
Alnutt Memorial.....	2100	1	1	1	65000	10000	.....	40000	29
Baltimore Circuit.....	2200	2	2	1	30000	8000	.....	18000	21
Brooklyn.....	2400	1	1	1	30000	15000	.....	19000	32
Bethesda.....	1200	1	1	1	9000	.....	1300	4500	5
Calvary.....	2000	1	1	1	40000	5000	10200	26500	9
Chesaco Park.....	700	2	2	.....	10000	.....	.....	4000	10
Christ Church.....	2200	1	1	1	65000	7000	.....	23000	38
East Baltimore.....	1900	1	1	1	25000	4500	.....	8400	24
Edmondson Ave.....	2400	1	1	1	60000	8500	49500	25000	9
Eutaw.....	2400	1	1	1	35000	10000	2500	23000	41
Evergreen.....	1000	1	1	1	6000	14000	11000	15000	14
Grace.....	2500	1	1	1	65000	6000	17600	23500	30
Graceland Park.....	1300	1	1	.....	10000	.....	1600	5000	10
Hampden.....	2800	1	1	1	175000	20000	47314	75000	121
Keen Memorial.....	1750	1	1	1	60000	10000	18300	33500	12
Lauraville.....	1800	1	1	1	18000	800	.....	4200	14
Linthicum H'ts.....	2250	1	2	1	28000	8500	200	27650	5
Lowe Memorial.....	2200	1	1	1	50000	8000	.....	15500	27
North Baltimore.....	3300	1	1	1	42000	7000	6300	35000	50
Payson Street.....	1500	1	1	1	16000	3000	9500	20000	14
South Baltimore.....	2100	1	1	1	25000	8000	.....	14000	31
Starr.....	4000	1	1	1	240000	20000	22000	61000	90
St. John's.....	3000	1	1	1	100000	10000	.....	94000	56
St. Paul's.....	2000	1	1	1	60000	5000	17000	20000	12
Trinity.....	2080	1	1	1	45000	4500	22000	23500	20
Violetville.....	1500	1	1	1	25000	10000	6700	17500	23
West Baltimore.....	3000	1	1	1	90000	7000	1500	41000	71
Wilton H'ts.....	1900	1	1	.....	60000	.....	9250	20000	15
Bedford, Pa.	1100	5	5	1	10700	5000	2000	3200	8
Belair.....	1200	4	4	1	20000	7500	350	10000	22
Bivalve.....	1100	2	2	1	10000	1900	.....	4500	12
Buckeystown.....	1500	2	2	1	35000	4500	.....	14600	34
Cambridge.....	2200	1	1	1	45000	4000	2534	30000	27
Cambridge Circuit.....	800	2	2	1	4000	1500	200	2000	11
Cannon, Del.....	900	2	2	1	15000	2500	905	13000	12
Caroline.....	1000	4	4	1	5000	2500	.....	4500	14
Carroll Circuit.....	900	3	3	.....	5000	.....	.....	3000	10
Cecil.....	1000	3	3	1	20000	3000	.....	13100	7
Centreville.....	1500	1	1	1	30000	5000	9000	23325	24
Chestertown.....	2400	1	1	1	60000	10000	.....	58000	52
Chincoteague, Va.....	1200	1	1	1	6000	1600	.....	3000	5
Clayton, Del.....	1400	2	2	1	16000	4000	3500	7800	6
Concord, Pa.....	1000	3	3	1	6000	1050	.....	4800	16
Conquest, Va.....	1200	1	1	1	14000	4000	1000	11500	7
Crisfield: Crisfield.....	2400	1	1	1	30000	3000	882	41000	22
Lawsonia.....	.....	1	1	1	2000	2500	.....	3000	.....
Mariners.....	1700	1	1	1	30000	2800	8000	22500	14
Crumpton.....	400	2	2	1	4800	1500	.....	1200	2
Cumberland: First Church.....	2000	1	1	1	40000	7000	600	27000	36
Fairview.....	.....	1	1	1	4500	3000	900	4800	4
Mapleside.....	325	1	1	.....	3000	.....	.....	.....	.....
Melvin Chapel.....	.....	1	1	1	4000	3000	4000	2100	8
Dagsboro.....	1025	2	2	1	8000	2000	.....	7000	1
Deer Creek.....	600	2	2	1	4000	3000	.....	5700	18
Deer Park.....	1500	2	2	1	16000	8000	500	11500	54
Delmar, Del.....	1800	1	1	1	15000	4000	400	10500	18
Delta, Pa.....	1600	1	1	1	10000	5000	475	6000	38

PASTOR'S SALARY AND PROPERTY

CHARGE	Pastor's Salary 1927-1928	PROPERTY							
		Appointments	Churches	Parsonages	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage Property	Debt on Church and Parsonage	Insurance on Church and Parsonage Property	Church Papers Taken
Denton.....	1700	1	1	1	20000	3500	1047	8865	20
Dorchester.....	1200	3	3	1	12500	2500	.....	8100	23
Dover, Del.....	1000	1	1	1	2000	5000	.....	10000	10
Easton.....	1800	1	1	1	25000	5000	4600	12885	25
Elizabeth, N. J.....	1200	1	1	1	20000	8000	3300	14300	6
Fairfax, Va.....	800	4	4	1	10000	2000	.....	5625	14
Fawn Grove, Pa.....	1750	2	2	1	20400	3000	.....	12225	23
Federalsburg.....	1400	1	1	1	7000	3000	195	7900	10
Felton, Del.....	1000	5	5	1	5000	2000	337	4500	10
First Church, Newark.....	4000	1	2	1	113000	35000	500	98500	85
Finksburg.....	1600	3	3	1	41000	5500	1014	25000	27
Franklin City, Va.....	1300	3	3	1	28000	3000	2500	13000	15
Frederick.....	1300	3	3	1	5500	2500	.....	5950	12
Georgetown, Del.....	1700	1	1	1	6000	5000	124	3000	21
Glenburnie.....	2000	1	2	1	50000	7000	38000	37000	14
Greenbush & Tasley.....	1100	2	2	1	7000	7000	3200	9000	16
Greenwood, Del.....	1100	3	3	1	10000	2000	.....	10300	10
Grove.....	1000	4	4	1	10000	1800	.....	3500	9
Harbeson, Del.....	1100	2	2	1	4500	2000	.....	5000	.....
Harmony, W. Va.....	1000	1	1	1	8000	2500	.....	4500	20
Harpers Ferry, W. Va.....	1300	2	2	1	11500	5000	.....	6000	13
Harrington, Del.....	1500	1	1	1	60000	6500	.....	27000	22
Hawley Memorial, Pa.....	1200	1	1	1	13000	3000	.....	7500	11
Howard.....	1600	4	4	1	12800	4000	.....	11500	40
Hurlock.....	1500	3	3	1	10000	3000	.....	8500	35
Indian River.....	.....	1	1	.....	6000	.....	.....	4000	3
Kemptown.....	1000	3	3	1	14000	4000	.....	11500	20
Kennedyville.....	900	1	1	1	5000	1500	.....	2300	22
Kent Island.....	900	2	2	1	10000	1800	500	7800	16
Laurel, Del.....	2100	1	1	1	70000	10000	3250	22900	37
Laurel Circuit, Del.....	1200	4	4	1	8000	5000	.....	6200	15
Leeds.....	1400	2	2	1	20000	3000	.....	15475	20
Leipsic, Del.....	450	1	1	1	4000	800	.....	2000	3
Lewes, Del.....	.....	1	1	.....	3000	.....	.....	2000	4
Lewistown.....	400	2	2	.....	4500	500	.....	2200	10
Liberty.....	700	2	2	1	7000	3000	.....	5600	17
Lisbon.....	1000	3	3	1	3600	.....	.....	3000	2
Lynchburg, Va.....	2400	1	1	1	40000	7000	5000	13000	32
Mardela.....	1500	4	4	1	15000	2000	.....	6300	29
Marley.....	1500	3	3	1	7000	5000	3500	11000	13
Middleway, W. Va.....	250	1	1	1	2000	1500	.....	2000	3
Milford, Del.....	2200	2	2	1	41000	10000	5000	24000	15
Milton, Del.....	1300	1	1	1	3800	3000	990	5000	21
Mt. Nebo.....	1200	3	3	1	13000	4000	850	12700	26
New Church, Va.....	1850	3	3	1	70000	3000	.....	24000	29
Newmarket.....	1200	4	4	1	30000	3000	1100	12000	21
Nichols Memorial.....	1600	1	1	1	10000	6000	400	6900	8
Northumberland, Va.....	1400	4	4	1	35000	2500	6000	10000	35
Oak Grove, Va.....	400	3	3	1	3000	1000	.....	2000	15
Oxford.....	1200	1	1	1	4000	3500	128	4000	12
Parksley, Va.....	1800	1	1	1	30000	5000	.....	9000	19
Patapsco.....	255	1	1	.....	1000	.....	.....	1000	1
Philadelphia, Pa									
Emmanuel.....	2000	1	1	1	60000	8000	12000	16300	16
St. Luke's.....	2000	1	1	1	100000	25000	6000	44500	24
Taylor Memorial.....	2400	1	1	1	64000	8000	7000	58000	28
Tioga H'ts.....
Pipe Creek.....	1200	2	2	1	9000	4000	600	8000	16

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		Appointments	Churches	Parsonages	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage Property	Debt on Church and Parsonage	Insurance on Church and Parsonage Property	Church Papers Taken
Pittsville.....	1700	2	2	1	10000	4000		7500	33
Pocomoke City.....	2600	1	1	1	17500	7500		16860	40
Powellville.....	1300	4	4	1	13000	2500		3500	10
Prince George, Va.....	300								
Quantico.....	600	3	3	1	2500	1500		1500	2
Queen Anne.....	700	2	2	1	7500	3000		4800	13
Reliance.....	950	1	3	1	13000	4800		10450	12
Ridgeville.....	1500	3	3		21500		200	14800	18
Rowlandville.....	700	3	3	1	8500	1500		5500	
Salem.....	700	1	1	1	4000	2000		5000	
Salisbury.....	3000	1	1	1	175000	15000	30000	116300	44
Seaford, Del.....	1800	1	1	1	10000	25000	4600	26000	31
Sharptown.....	1700	2	2	1	21000	4500		12500	18
Smyrna, Del.....		1	1		7000			1000	
Snow Hill.....	2100	1	2	1	55000	5000		30000	24
Snow Hill Circuit.....	700	3	3	1	10000	1500		1500	7
Stewartstown, Pa.....	1500	2	2	1	16000	3500		6595	23
St. James.....	1400	2	2	1	11000	3500	600	8500	22
St. Michael's.....	1200	2	3	1	15000	2000		17000	
Susquehanna.....	950	2	2	1	15200	500	123	12000	24
Talbot.....									
Texas.....	900	1	1		8000			6000	9
Trinity.....	1500	2	2	1	30000	4000	7000	20500	22
Tyreana, Va.....	1000	1	1	1	30000	3000		3000	
Union.....	1500	3	3	1	7000	3000		7500	19
Union Bridge.....	1000	2	2	1	10500	3000		7800	13
Wallace Memorial, Va.....	1200	1	1	1	5000	3000	795	3500	27
Warwick.....	900	3	3	1	4800	2500		4300	
Washington									
Alexandria, Va.....	2000	1	1		30000	800	4370	18300	23
Calvary, Va.....	1620	1	1		2700			2700	2
Cherrydale, Va.....	2184	1	1	1	45000	8000	12800	12000	10
Congress Street.....	1800	1	1	1	40000	15000	700	13000	24
First Church.....	1800	1	1	1	40000	10000	4450	35000	25
Mt. Olivet.....	2100	1	1	1	20000	9000	5500	15000	27
Mt. Tabor.....	1600	1	1	1	18000	6000		23000	17
North Carolina Ave.....	2000	1	1	1	80000	10000	5550	33000	21
Rhode Island Ave.....	3000	1	1	1	75000	12000	7575	36000	31
Walkers' Chapel.....		1	1		8000			2500	
Wesley Chapel of Kent.....	1200	3	3	1	25000	2000		6500	10
Westminster.....	2000	1	1	1	25000	4000		13000	35
Wilmington First Church.....	1200	1	1	1	15000	8500	6850	8500	16
Peninsula.....	3000	1	1	1	11000	11000	38200	60500	34
West Wilmington.....	1040	1	1		5000			2100	
Whaleyville.....	1500	3	3	1	11000	2500		5700	
Wye.....	650	1	1	1	5000	4000		4000	10
Detached Churches									
Harmony, Md.....		1	1		1000				1
Portsville.....	300	1	1		6000			1000	1
Quinton.....	450	1	1		3500			2500	4
Union Church.....	400	1	1		5000			2000	2
Wigand's Chapel.....		1	1		800				
Maryand Conference Bldg.....					250000			100000	
President's Parsonage.....					18000			12000	
W. T. Seminary.....					170000			90000	
W. M. College.....					500000			150000	
Home for Aged.....					13000			3000	
Deaconess Home.....					9000			5000	

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

TOTAL FOR GENERAL INTERESTS

	1927	1926	Increase	Decrease
President's salary	\$ 4,625	\$ 4,453	\$ 166	\$.....
Maryland Conference Budget	35,046	28,709	6,337	.....
General Conference Budget	73,611	71,168	2,443	.....
Credits: Children's Day	13,800	12,271	1,529	.....
Special Foreign Missions..	2,241	3,286	.....	1,045
Y. P. Missionary	1,342	1,871	.....	529
Easter Offering	4,403	9,003	.....	4,606
Special Home Missions ..	3,196	1,489	1,707	.....
Rally Day	5,835	4,329	1,506	.....
Special Education	2,657	.....	.....	.....
W. F. M. S.	10,444	9,394	1,050	.....
W. H. M. S.	6,320	6,148	172	.....
Gen. Con. Superannuates ...	772	.....	.....	.....
Ministerial Salary Relief..	655	.....	.....	.....
Executive Committee ...	349	.....	.....	.....
Children's Home	285	.....	.....	.....
Home for Aged	244	.....	.....	.....
Bible Society	219	.....	.....	.....
Christmas Offering	1,969	.....	.....	.....
Total Credits	54,744	49,128	5,616	.....
Paid on Budget less Credits	18,867	22,040	.....	3,173
	1927	1926	Increase	Decrease
Total Assessments	113,278	104,319	8,959	.....
Miscellaneous General	18,650	41,835	.....	23,185
Total for General Purposes	\$131,928	\$146,154	.....	\$14,298

TOTAL FOR LOCAL INTERESTS

	1927	1926	Increase	Decrease
Pastor's Salary	\$228,100	\$222,568	\$5,532	.....
Rental Value of Parsonage	55,434	50,479	4,955	.....
Current Expenses	106,788	104,646	2,142	.....
Paid on building and improvements	121,187	114,994	6,095	.....
Paid on Debt	74,838	98,626	.....	23,788
Paid for Interest on Debt	31,321	26,831	4,490	.....
Miscellaneous Local Interests.....	78,699	73,235	5,464	.....
Total Paid for Local Interest	696,367	691,379	4,988	.....
Total Paid for all Purposes	\$828,295	\$837,533	.....	\$ 9,238
Salaries for 1927-1928	233,929	229,685	4,244	.....

RAYMOND W. WHITE,
Steward.

WM. SCHMEISER,
J. G. EATON,
Assistant Stewards.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

MEMBERSHIP

	1927	1926	Increase	Decrease
Ministers and Preachers	164	162	2	
Supply Preachers	25			
Unstationed Ministers and Preachers..	60	58	2	
Probationers	376	485		109
Full Members	33,816	34,052		236
Probationers Received	212	297		85
Probationers Elected to Membership....	127	151		24
Probationers Discontinued	65	214		149
Full Members Received	2,140	2,291		151
Full Members Withdrawn	464	522		58
Full Members Discontinued	1,408	1,563		155
Full members Deceased	385	498		113
Adults Baptized	180	198		18
Children Baptized	1,438	1,380	58	
Conversions	2,134	2,448		314
Sunday Schools	263	273		10
Sunday School Officers and Teachers	3,840	3,903		63
New Scholars	3,902	3,908		6
Scholars	3,902	3,908		6
Scholars on Roll	37,160	36,406	754	
Christian Endeavor Societies	175	171	4	
Christian Endeavor Members	6,121	5,891	230	
Junior Christian Endeavor Societies....	74	77		3
Junior Christian Endeavor Members..	2,128	2,227		99
Money for Foreign Missions	\$1,319	\$1,874		\$555
Money for Conference Un. Miss.....	\$1,699	\$1,689	\$10	

PROPERTY

	1927	1925	Increase	Decrease
Appointments	282	289		7
Churches	288	290½		2½
Parsonages	141	138	3	
Value of Church Property	\$5,214,100	\$5,036,600	\$177,500	
Value of Par Property.....	787,150	731,250	55,900	
Debt on Ch. & Pars.....	535,308	514,694	20,614	
Ins. on Ch. & Pars.....	2,804,005	2,722,555	81,450	
Church Papers taken.....	3,077	3,448		371

K. H. WAREHEIM,
 J. L. MARKER,
 J. D. MANDRELL,
 D. HUGO GOLDEN,
 Committee on Statistics.

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Rule 1. ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE. 1. Conference shall convene in Annual session on the second Wednesday in September. (The first date for annual session under this rule being Wednesday, September 12, 1928.) The current conference year shall end on Monday following the first Sunday of September.

2. The Pastor shall send to the Secretary of the Annual Conference the certificate of election of the delegate or delegates to the Annual Conference immediately after the election of the same. He shall also send the name to the President of the Conference and to the pastor of the Church where the Conference is held.

3. The Secretary shall make a list of the delegates so certified, omitting all contested cases; and this list, together with the list of the ministerial members, shall constitute the roll of Conference upon which the Conference shall organize.

4. The churches shall be assessed in a sum sufficient to meet the incidental expenses of the Conference, including the publication of the Minutes—each church receiving Minutes in proportion to the amount contributed.

Rule II. OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE. Duties of the President:—1. To take the chair precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.

2. See that the business of the Conference shall proceed according to these Rules of Order and other Rules and Regulations adopted by the Conference.

3. Shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference.

4. Preserve the most rigid order, and confine the members to the subject under consideration.

5. Not allow improper personalities nor reflections upon any religious communities.

6. Announce each person arising to speak as soon as he shall have addressed the chair by declaring him "The minister from _____," or "The delegate from _____."

7. State a question sitting, but stand when the question is put and taken; also when he states a point of order, and also when he makes any formal communication to the Conference.

8. Is not allowed to vote when a question is taken unless there be a tie, but he may vote in case of ballot.

9. May call any member to the chair when he wishes to participate in debate or for other purposes, but such person shall not be entitled to the chair after adjournment.

10. The office of stationing the ministers and preachers is committed to the hands of the President of the Conference.

11. It shall be the duty of the President to fill blanks in statistical reports for all charges unsupplied.

12. In the event of the death of any ministerial member or his wife or widow, the President shall immediately appoint an Obituary Committee from any number of the most intimate acquaintances of the deceased.

13. The President of the Conference is relieved from the usual plan of visitation on the Charges. He is to make survey of the District; assume general oversight of all church work; he is to use his official leadership in securing the most constructive development for the Charges.

And so far as possible, he is to meet the Official Board of each Charge once in the year.

The failure of the President to visit any Charge does not vitiate his right to the amount assessed on said Charge for his salary.

And each charge shall forward, not later than July 1st of each year, the amount levied thereon for President's salary to the Conference Treasurer—who shall pay monthly to the President his salary.

14. The President shall represent the general interests of the Conference, and shall present their claims in such a manner and at such times as in his judgment may be necessary. And he shall use his utmost efforts with the Quarterly Conferences of the various charges to secure a salary of not less than \$1,200 for the pastor. And he, the President, shall urge upon the various charges the prompt payment of the salaries of the pastors, and upon all the churches the importance of being incorporated.

Rule III. Duties of the Secretary:—1. To perform such duties as are usually required of the Secretary of a deliberative body.

2. Should the President not be in place at the hour of meeting the Secretary, or in his absence one of his assistants, shall announce the fact, and the Conference shall elect a chairman "pro tempore" and proceed to business.

3. Have charge of all the papers belonging to the Conference and be accountable for them.

4. Be in his place precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.

5. Keep an accurate list of members of the Conference, and be the Committee on Credentials.

6. Keep correct minutes of the proceedings of the Conference, including all written resolutions, whether adopted or rejected, and the mover and seconder of such written resolutions.

7. Keep a list of business, on which he shall record all business brought before the Conference and in the order of its presentation.

8. Keep a list of committees, on which he shall record: First, the standing committees in the order of their arrangement in these rules, and second, all other committees that may be appointed, and in the order of their appointment.

9. Keep a correct list of the Circuits and Stations, to be used as occasion may require.

10. Report to the Conference any unfinished business of the preceding annual session.

11. He, with the Treasurer and Steward, shall be the Committee on the Preparation and Printing of the Conference blanks; and shall be the Committee on the Publication and Distribution of the Minutes.

12. Supply the pastors with blanks, and send blank personal report blanks to all ministers who are not pastors, on which they are to state the relation to the Conference they desire for the ensuing year.

13. He shall have a printed record of the Minutes duly certified by himself, which shall be considered the Official Minutes of the Conference, substantially bound every quadrennium, and include in each volume a copy of the General Conference Journal.

Rule IV. Duties of Stewards and Treasurer:—1. The Conference Steward and the Treasurer shall constitute the Board of Stewards, to whom the Secretary shall hand all reports and collections as received from the pastors; and this Board shall be responsible to the Conference for all money and receipts and vouchers delivered to them.

2. They shall meet on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock and open the pastor's envelopes containing the reports and collections; shall deliver the various parts of the reports as designated; shall note the agreement of the pastors' financial reports with the financial envelope and prepare the reports for the Conference. The financial envelopes shall be passed to the Treasurer, who shall have charge of all the moneys of the Conference for distribution, upon order of the Conference Steward, which shall be the voucher of the Treasurer for his transactions, to the persons des-

igned by the Conference to receive them. The Treasurer shall disburse money collected by the Conference for every purpose; in which transactions he shall perform the work assigned heretofore to the Superannuated Fund Steward and of the Church Extension Steward, as per special rules of each Society, and he shall continue in office until his successor shall be elected. He shall keep a ledger and open account with some accepted bank, and his accounts shall be open for inspection at all times to the President of the Conference, or one designated by him.

3. Other duties belonging to the several Stewards shall be performed and reported upon separately as now.

Rule V. COMMITTEES. All committees shall be appointed by the President, except when otherwise directed in the Book of Discipline, or by special vote of the Conference.

2. **The Standing Committees shall be:**—1. Board of Finance—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. The chairman to be appointed one year in advance.

2. Itinerancy and Orders—5 Ministers.

3. Pulpit Service—3 Ministers.

4. Superannuates—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

5. Literature and Education—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

6. Young People's Work—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

7. Moral Reform and Social Service—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

8. Benevolent Agencies—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

9. Official Relations—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

10. Statistics—1 Minister, 1 Layman.

11. Obituaries—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. The Committee not to be appointed until the death of some minister requires it.

12. Missions—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

13. President's Report—2 Ministers, 2 Laymen.

14. Committee of Audit—2 Ministers, 1 Layman.

15. Conference Program for the following session—3 Ministers (one of whom shall be the President), 3 Laymen.

16. Appointees on the Executive Committee of Union of Young People's Work—3 Ministers (one of whom shall be the President), 2 Laymen.

17. Home For The Aged—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

18. Conference Arrangements—The President and the Standing District Committee.

19. Evangelism—3 Ministers and 3 Laymen. The President of the Conference a member, ex-officio, with voting power. (This an ad-interim committee.)

3. Any person being a member of two committees shall have the right to decline an appointment to another.

4. When there are present Fraternal Messengers and other visitors to whom the courtesy of formal recognition is due, the Chairman of the Committee on Official Relations shall quietly inform the President, whereupon the President may request the visitors be brought to him, to be by him introduced to the Conference, either at that time or when the state of business may with more propriety be arrested.

5. The Committee on Official Relations shall read as a part of their report an "Honor Roll" of the charges which pay their assessments in full. And also the percentage of those charges paying less than 100 per cent.

Rule VI. ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION:—

1. At 9 o'clock A. M., on the day to which the Conference adjourned from the last annual session, the President shall open the Conference by reading a portion of the Word of God, singing and prayer.

2. The Roll shall then be called, the Secretary reporting the names of absentees. In the event of the death of any member of this Conference, the chairman, or in his absence some member, of his Obituary Committee shall formally announce the fact to the Conference, and such announcement shall be made when the name of the deceased is reached in the call-

ing of the Conference Roll, and the same shall then, on motion, be transferred to the Memorial Roll by the Secretary.

3. At 10.30 A. M. of the first day of each session of the Annual Conference the President, or his substitute, shall preach a sermon, followed by the Lord's Supper. The President shall appoint some one to preach the Ordination Sermon at 11 A. M. on Sunday. The time for holding Memorial Services for deceased members of the Conference shall be determined by the Conference Program Committee.

4. Examination of the President. At 2 P. M. the President shall call another minister to the chair and read his annual report. The chairman shall then address the Conference thus: "Brethren, you have heard the report of the President; shall his character pass?" In case of any charge against the official character of the President, it shall be handed to the Standing District Committee; and the chairman of that committee shall answer the question: "Shall his character pass?"

5. At 3 P. M. on the first day of the session, the officers of the Conference shall be elected by ballot, as follows: 1. President. 2. Secretary. 3. Steward. 4. Treasurer. The Steward and Treasurer elected at one session shall serve at the following session, and they shall appoint two assistants with the approval of the Conference. 5. Standing District Committee, consisting of three ministers and three laymen. 6. Committee on Appeals, three ministers and three laymen.

6. Examination of Official Character. At 4 P. M. Wednesday the roll shall be called and the pastors shall deposit their reports, and the collections prescribed by the Conference, each in a sealed envelope, upon which shall be marked the amount, the name of the collection, the name of the pastor and the name of the charge in the box of the Conference Steward. The reports and charges against official character shall be handed to the Committee on Official Relations.

7. The sessions of Saturday shall end at noon, that the Committees may have time for their work, and that the President may have opportunity to interview delegates and ministers.

Rule VII. ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE DAILY SESSIONS:—

1. On each day following the opening session there shall be held a devotional service from 10.45 to 11 A. M.

2. Reading of Minutes of the preceding day for correction and adoption.

3. Calling of the roll of charges in alphabetical order, for the presentation of any business by delegates or pastors from the churches they represent. When any such, upon recognition of the Chair, shall present any business it shall be recorded without debate on the list of business, or referred to the proper committee without motion.

4. Call for reports from Boards, Institutions and Societies, and communications, which shall be put upon the Secretary's desk to be taken up in regular order, or made the order of the day.

5. Reports of standing and special committees called for in order, and they shall be handed to the Secretary to be read by him. They shall not report at any other time without special leave.

6. Miscellaneous business.

7. When any business is laid before the Conference it may be made the order of the day for any other day of the session and at a specific hour.

8. Unfinished business from the last annual session shall have precedence of all business except the order of the day.

9. Ordinary business shall have precedence in the order in which it stands on the List of Business.

10. When any business is taken into consideration it shall not be interrupted by any other business except the order of the day or by adjournment.

Rule VIII. DECORUM:—1. When a member desires to present any business, or to speak to any question, he shall arise and address the Chair, "Brother President," and then pause until he is announced to the

Conference, after which he may proceed addressing the chair, and restricting his remarks to the subject before the Conference.

2. If two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall determine which of them is entitled to the floor.

3. No interruption shall be allowed while a member is addressing the chair, except a call to order by the President or by a member.

4. When a member is called to order he shall take his seat immediately, and be silent, until the President or member who made the call shall state the rule or order supposed to be infringed; after which the member called to order shall have the right to explain, and the President shall decide.

5. In deciding a question of order the President shall restrict himself to the rules of order, and any member declared to be out of order by the President may, if he obtain a second, appeal to the Conference. The question on such appeal shall be taken without debate, but the appellant may state the ground of his appeal. If the Conference sustains the chair, the member shall be allowed to proceed only in order.

6. No member shall speak oftener than twice to the same question, without special leave of the Conference, nor longer than fifteen minutes at any one time, unless by the same special permission.

7. Any member shall have the right to call for the reading of the subject under consideration.

8. Every member shall report at roll call of the first day's session, and be present at the daily sessions of Conference.

Rule IX. MOTIONS.—1. Every motion shall be written, signed and read aloud by the mover, handed to the chair and read aloud by the Secretary, before any order can be taken upon it by the Conference; except motions for amendment, to lie on the table, the previous question, or to adjourn.

2. Any motion may be divided, if the sense will admit of the proposed division.

3. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to commit, to substitute, to amend, or to make the order of the day; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand in this rule; the first three to be taken without debate; and the first always in order. But when the report of a committee has been under discussion, the motion to lay on the table shall not prevail until the chairman of the committee shall have been heard once on the subject, if he desires to speak.

4. It shall be in order to move the previous question, or that the question be taken without further debate on any measure pending—except in cases in which character is involved—and if sustained by two-thirds of members present the question shall be taken. It shall not be in order for a member to move the previous question or to move to lay on the table at the close of his speech in which the pending question has been discussed.

5. When motions are made for reference of the same subject to a select committee, and to a standing committee, the question on reference to the standing committee shall be first put.

6. No motion to commit, or to lie on the table, being decided, shall be again allowed, on the same day, at the same stage of the proposition.

7. A motion, after it is seconded, is the property of the Conference, and the mover has no power to withdraw or have it amended, without leave.

8. No amendment shall be in order, further than an amendment to the amendment; but it shall be in order to move a substitute for the main question, and one amendment to the substitute, and if a substitute is accepted it shall replace the original proposition.

9. All motions to fix the place of the meeting of the Annual Conference shall lie on the table twenty-four hours.

Rule X. VOTING.—1. Every member who is within the bar at the time a question is being put shall vote, unless the Conference for a special reason shall excuse him.

2. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question, who is not within the bar at the time when such question shall be put by the President, except by leave of Conference, or when such member has been necessarily absent.

3. Votes for all Conference Officers, the Committee on Appeals, Standing District Committee, Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference and all other officers of all other organizations shall be by ballot. Otherwise, voting shall be by yea and nay; but a division of the house being called a count vote shall be taken, members rising in their places and standing until they shall have been counted.

4. A member may change his vote at any time before the chair announces the decision of the question.

5. Blank ballots shall not be counted.

6. Ayes and nays, and a vote by orders shall be as prescribed in the Discipline.

Rule XI. AMENDING RULES AND REGULATIONS. All motions or resolutions, whether submitted by committees or individual members, contemplating an amendment to these Rules and Regulations, must so specify. Otherwise, such action shall not be binding upon any other session of the Conference than that at which the same is passed.

REGULATIONS.

Regulation I. DUTIES OF PASTORS. 1. The pastor shall seek the co-operation of the Stewards in collecting the assessments made by the Annual Conference, admonishing them of their duty in this matter as contained in the Discipline, under head of "Duties of Stewards."

2. It is the duty of pastors to examine and see that suitable deeds be had for all churches, so as to secure them to the Methodist Protestant Church, and, whenever possible, have them incorporated.

3. Pastors are required to apportion the President's salary equitably among the several appointments, and use their utmost endeavors to collect the same before the annual visit of the President.

4. Pastors are required to see that the families belonging to their respective charges are duly supplied with the Catechism of our Church.

5. Pastors are instructed to ascertain of those received into the Church whether they have been baptized, and if not, to administer the ordinance of baptism without unnecessary delay.

6. Every pastor is required to do his utmost to collect the full amount of the assessments made upon his charge, whatever may be the difficulties that he may encounter.

7. It is the duty of the pastor to preside on the trial of an accused unstationed Minister or Preacher.

8. Pastors, when changing appointments, shall hand to their successors a plan of the work of the charge.

9. Station and Circuit Stewards shall furnish the pastor with a sufficient number of Disciplines, that he may be able to present each new member with a copy, in compliance with Disciplinary law.

10. That no minister of this Conference shall give his consent or assistance to building a church or parsonage on a lot that is not deeded unconditionally to an incorporated board of Methodist Protestant Trustees.

11. No minister of this Conference shall go as a loan to any church outside of the Maryland Conference unless said church is willing to contribute to the Superannuated Fund of this Conference.

12. All pastors are required to submit in detail to the Board of Survey all plans their churches may have for new church buildings and parsonages, remodeling or extensive improvements, locations for buildings, etc., for advice and counsel, before giving their consent to or proceeding with the execution of their plans. This is done that churches may have advantage of the study and experience of the conference in all such matters. Further, no church shall receive any appropriation from Conference

Funds until this Board of Survey shall have reviewed their plans and passed favorably upon same.

13. All married pastors of the Conference shall be guaranteed a minimum salary of \$1,200, and parsonage, and that where the charge either cannot or will not pay the said amount this Conference undertakes to pay out of Conference Funds the difference between the amount the charge pays and the \$1,200, except in cases where the pastors agree to serve for less than the minimum salary to accommodate personal situations.

Further, under the Minimum Salary Regulation, it shall be understood that the maximum appropriation shall not exceed \$300, except in such cases as are specifically recommended by the Board of Survey. See Minutes 1923, page 65, item 16.

14. All pastors of the Conference shall be required to give at least two weeks of their time for evangelistic services during the year, if needed, under the direction of the Committee on Evangelism, provided that pastors shall be given three weeks' notice of their appointment.

15. Pastors, in arranging for their regular Quarterly Conference, shall give the President of the Conference at least two (2) weeks advance notice of date of such meeting, so that the President may be aided in so arranging his itinerancy as to meet the most Quarterly Conference Sessions possible during the year.

Regulation II. SUFFRAGE AND ELIGIBILITY. 1. Every minister, preacher and member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-one years shall be entitled to vote in all cases.

2. All members in full Communion and fellowship shall have the right to vote in the election of their class-leader; and those who have attained the age of twenty-one years shall be "qualified members" for the purpose indicated in Section 3 of Article IV of the Constitution, and in division 1 and 4 of "General Duties of Trustees," of the Discipline.

3. Every minister, preacher and lay member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-five years shall be eligible as a representative in the General Conference.

4. Every member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-one years shall be eligible as a Steward, Class-leader and Sunday-School Superintendent, Trustee and a Delegate to the Annual Conference.

5. No minister shall be eligible to the office of President of the Annual Conference until he shall have faithfully exercised the office of Elder two years. And no minister shall be elected to the office of President of the Annual Conference for more than three years in succession.

6. The Conference strongly disapproves the secret ballot for the removal or return of the pastor, and condemns the complimentary vote that asks for the pastor's return in the public meeting and seeks his removal at the Annual Conference.

Regulation III. THE PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE. 1. The Conference endorses the actions of the Committee in the purchase of the property, 3600 Copley Road, Baltimore, as the President's parsonage.

2. The assessment of \$4,500 shall be continued under the name "President's Salary," to be appropriated as follows; nine-tenths of amount raised to be paid to the President as his salary and travel expenses. One-tenth of the amount raised to be paid to the Agent of the President's parsonage, who shall pay out of this amount, the water rent, insurance and needful repairs of the property.

Regulation IV. RECORDS OF TRIAL CASES. In all cases of the trial of a minister, the Secretary of the Trial Committee shall make a correct record of the proceedings of the trial, and turn the same over to the Secretary of the Conference, together with a copy of the charges, and specification, a copy of the finding, or verdict of the Committee—and all other documentary evidence used in the trial, to be kept by the Secretary among the records of the Conference.

Regulation V. WITHOUT APPOINTMENT AND SUPERNUMERARY REQUESTS. All requests to be left without an appointment for the ensuing year, or for a supernumerary relation, shall be referred by the

Conference to the Committee on Official Relations for consideration and report thereon before such requests shall be granted.

Regulation VI. SABBATH SCHOOLS. 1. As a preparation for more efficient study and teaching of the Word, teachers' meetings should be statedly held under the direction of the pastor or superintendent.

2. Pastors are directed to carry out the Discipline regulations concerning the organization of our Sabbath Schools into Foreign Missionary Societies and the taking of a collection every quarter for Foreign Missions.

3. Children's Day shall be faithfully observed by all our Sabbath Schools, and the money received on that day shall be exclusively devoted to the Children's Day offering for Foreign Missions.

Regulation VII. HOME FOR THE AGED. 1. Every charge shall elect or appoint a Lady Visitor from each church on the charge, where there is more than one appointment, and that the duties of this representative be defined as follows: She shall be expected to maintain a sympathetic understanding of the Home in her church; to visit the Home whenever convenient; to co-operate with the Board of Lady Superintendents in securing special donation of money, food and supplies, and so far as possible to promote the interests of the Home in her local church."

2. The list of charges failing to meet the requirement of the Conference relative to Our Church Home shall be read at each session of the Conference.

3. The second Sunday of November of each year shall be known as "Donation Day" for Our Church Home, and all our pastors are instructed to call the attention of their congregations thereto, and an endeavor made to have donations of provisions, groceries and things needed to conduct the Home, sent to Mrs. Chas. Billingslea, Westminster, Md.

Regulation VIII. ADMINISTERING ORDINANCES. No person, in virtue merely of a license to preach, or even election to orders, is empowered to administer or assist in administering the Christian ordinances.

Regulation IX. UNSTATIONED MINISTERS. The Conference will not recognize as a minister of the Methodist Protestant Church any man who does not bring credentials from some other orthodox denomination, or who has not received suitable testimonials of ministerial character from our own Church. In returning the list of ministers and preachers, pastors shall name no person who does not possess the foregoing qualifications.

Regulation X. LOTTERIES. The practice of raising funds for church purposes, by means of lotteries and other games of hazards is disapproved by the Conference, and pastors are enjoined to discountenance their use.

Regulation XI. MORTGAGING CHURCH PROPERTY. The placing of mortgage upon church property for the purpose, directly, or indirectly, of paying the pastor's salary, is, so far as it has authority, disallowed by the Conference.

Regulation XII. OBITUARIES. 1. It shall be the duty of the Committee, appointed in accordance with the Rule of Conference, to prepare an obituary, without delay, containing a notice of the place and date of the birth of the brother, the date of his conversion, receiving license to preach, and his reception into the Conference, together with any other important facts connected with his history which their judgment may dictate, in addition to the particulars of his death, and said obituary shall be reported to the ensuing session of Conference.

2. Every ministerial member of this Conference is hereby requested to make and keep by him a record of his nativity, and of all the prominent acts in his Christian and ministerial history.

3. The obituaries of wives and widows of the ministerial members of the Conference shall also be published in the Minutes.

Regulation XIII. MARRIAGES. The Conference cannot encourage any of its members to expect support as married men until they shall have served at least four years in the itinerancy.

Regulation XIV. TITLES AND DEGREES. Inasmuch as the degree of Doctor of Philosophy is the badge of University work and most rigid examinations—a degree which our better Colleges refuse to confer, and

Universities do not confer for honor, but only for merit in advanced special studies—we feel sure no worthy institution would confer such a title for work done by correspondence, and the man who consents to bear a title so conferred subjects himself to the ridicule of scholars and involves the ministry in a charge of vanity and insincerity. Therefore, this Conference expresses its disapproval of this method of obtaining degrees, and declines to recognize in any way a title so obtained.

Regulation XV. UNFERMENTED WINE. The Conference recommends the use of unfermented wine in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Regulation XVI. DROPPING MEMBERS. Persons whose names are on the church register and cannot be found, or who have ceased to take an interest in the church, may be dropped from the record by a vote of the church; provided further, that in stations these changes may be made by the Quarterly Conference.

Regulation XVII. PASTORS' MOVING EXPENSES. As the Discipline grants the Annual Conference the right to "make such regulations as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the ministers and preachers," it is the judgment of this Conference that the charge to which a minister or preacher is assigned should pay the moving expenses of the incoming pastor.

Regulation XVIII. CAMP-MEETINGS. 1. Camp-meetings shall have the sanction of Conference and receive ministerial aid from it on the following conditions:—

2. There shall be no traffic on the Lord's Day on the camp-ground or the adjacent territory protected by the laws of the State.

3. The managers or other officers of the camp-meeting shall not bargain for or receive any portion of the money paid to railroads, or to the owner or owners of any conveyance or conveyances, as a consideration for conveying persons to the camp-ground, or the vicinity thereof, on the Lord's Day.

4. No advertisement of the running of trains on the Lord's Day shall be made by any of the persons referred to in the preceding paragraph, nor shall anything be done by their authority or solicitation to contravene the foregoing regulations.

5. Upon receiving from a quarterly conference a request for ministerial supply and a pledge that the above regulations will be faithfully observed, the President of the Annual Conference shall appoint members of this Conference to assist in conducting the camp-meeting.

6. In the absence of a request and a pledge such as are named above, the President shall not appoint such ministerial supply, nor shall any member of this Conference conduct such camp-meeting as pastor.

7. Appointees to camp-meeting service must be given four weeks' notice of their appointment. If they find it inconvenient to attend they shall promptly present their excuse to the President. If the President declines to revoke their appointment, a failure to attend shall be reported to this Conference by the President.

Regulation XIX. ELECTION OF DELEGATES. 1st—In Stations. In stations the election of delegates shall be by the qualified members under the direction of the stewards and whose credentials must be signed by the chairman and secretary of the meeting. The pastor shall announce the time and place of such meeting at least one Sunday before it is held, but in no case shall he preside at the election of delegates.

2nd—In Circuits. In circuits a vote of the qualified members shall be taken by the stewards in each church on the charge, after due announcement by the pastor, for a delegate to the annual conference. The votes shall be brought in separate packages to the quarterly conference where they shall be counted. Anyone receiving a majority of all votes cast shall be declared the delegate elect, but if no one receives a majority the quarterly conference shall proceed at once to the election of a delegate. When it is necessary for the quarterly conference to elect the delegate, someone other than the pastor shall preside during the election,

and whose name, with the secretary of the quarterly conference, shall appear on the credentials of the delegate.

3rd. In both stations and circuits and also at the quarterly conference all voting shall be by ballot and the election must be held at least ten days before the session of the Annual Conference.

Regulation 20.

PLAN OF CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT

See 1921 Minutes, Pages 116-117.)

A.—Expense of Travel.

1. The establishment of a pro rata basis of expense in reaching the seat of Conference for each minister and delegate—the said basis shall be determined by someone designated—that each minister and delegate shall pay his pro rata part of the said basis at a time designated before the sitting of the Conference—that from the amount of the said basis each minister and delegate shall receive the cost of his round-trip ticket to the seat of Conference. The Superannuated Ministers are invited to attend Conference as guests of the Conference.

B.—Expense of Entertainment.

1. That each charge shall be assessed an amount equal to 1 per cent. of the assessed salary for pastor. No man is eligible for entertainment unless his church has paid the apportionment.

2. All members of the Conference, including supplies, are eligible.

3. No man can make a claim on the Conference if entertained by friends or remains in his own home.

4. In lieu of money for board, a member is permitted to charge for his car fare to and from the seat of Conference as the case may be, excluding the first trip. Maximum amount allowed shall be \$2.00 per day.

5. The Superannuate Ministers are guests of the Conference.

Regulation 21. Plan of Levy For The Budgets.

First: The Budget System in distribution is of three parts—

a. The President's Salary and expenses.

b. Maryland Conference Interests, to-wit: Incidental expenses of conference, Superannuates, Church Extension, Our Church Home and Deaconess Home.

c. General Conference interests, to-wit: Board of Education, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Board of Young People's Work, Superannuates (for the General Church), Children's Home, Old People's Home, W. F. M. S., W. H. M. S., American Bible Society and Contingent Fund of the Executive Committee.

Second: The Board of Finance shall ascertain—

a. The average amount paid by each charge for all purposes, plus unpaid total assessments, after deducting the amounts overpaid on "Assessments," "Rental Value of Parsonage," "Building and Improvements," "Paid on Debt," "Interest on Debt," "Special Campaigns, either of the General or Maryland Conference," for each of the five years immediately preceding the current year and determine the percentage of the same necessary to provide for the total assessment on the district.

b. The total number of full members for the current year, and determine the per capita necessary to provide for the total assessment.

c. The division to be 40 per cent for membership and 60 per cent for financial ability.

For the amount levied for the above Budgets, the percentage of Distribution, and for the percentage that each interest shall receive under various Budgets, see Report of Board of Finance as printed in the Minutes for each Conference Session.

