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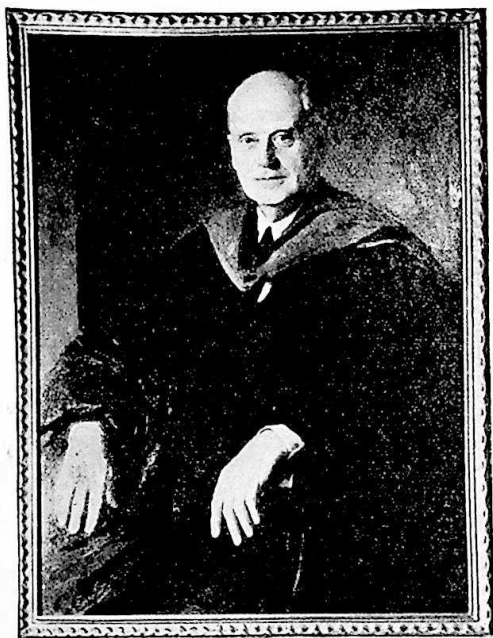
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297	J. M. Gill	1882	1885	423	J. T. Bailey	1905	1907
299	S. F. Cassen	1883	1886	424	N. C. Clough	1905	1907
308	J. W. Kirk	1885	1886	425	Carroll Maddox	1905	1908
309	B. W. Kindley	1885	1887	426	W. P. Roberts	1905	1907
310	H. L. Elderdice	1885	1885	428	C. M. Elderdice	1906	1907
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321	G. W. Haddaway	1888	1890	432	L. B. Smith	1906	1907
339	J. W. Parris	1891	1891	434	W. S. Hanks	1906	Tr.
340	Avery Donovan	1891	1892	436	E. L. Bunce	1907	1907
341	S. W. Coe	1891	Tr.	438	P. L. Rice	1907	1909
342	Dorsey Blake	1892	1893	440	G. A. Ogg	1907	Tr.
344	C. M. Cullum	1892	1893	441	E. A. Sexsmith	1907	Tr.
345	G. R. Donaldson	1892	1895	447	M. E. Hungerford	1909	1911
347	A. H. Green	1892	1894	448	J. R. Wright	1909	1911
350	C. K. McCaslin	1892	1893	459	R. Y. Nicholson	1911	1912
352	Louis Randall	1892	1894	461	W. C. Mumford	1911	1912
354	J. A. Wright	1892	1892	462	C. M. Adams	1912	1914
355	G. M. Clayton	1893	1896	463	W. F. Bauscher	1912	1913
356	J. McLain Brown	1893	1894	464	J. A. Dudley	1912	1912
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358	W. B. Judefind	1893	1896	466	E. W. Simms	1912	1913
359	E. C. Makosky	1893	1895	467	W. F. Wright	1912	1914
364	G. J. Hill	1894	1894	468	Ziba Adams	1913	Tr.
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370	H. L. Schlincke	1895	1897	473	T. C. Jones	1914	Tr.
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372	H. O. Keen	1895	1898	480	E. T. Kirkley	1915	1916
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376	A. N. Ward	1895	1897	483	J. P. George	1916	1918
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382	G. H. Stocksedale	1896	1899	497	P. M. R. Schauer	1917	1918
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398	C. M. Compber	1900	1901	506	J. R. McKeawn	1919	1919
399	J. L. Nichols	1900	1903	507	G. E. Leister	1919	1919
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405	J. H. Straughn	1901	1903	509	J. W. Baxley	1919	1919
406	C. R. Strausburg	1901	1904	513	E. C. Graham	1920	Tr.
409	P. W. Crosby	1903	1904	515	G. E. Turner	1920	1920
411	G. J. Hooker	1903	1904	516	F. M. Volk	1920	1920
413	Clayborne Phillips	1903	1905	518	C. M. Jenkins	1920	1928
415	R. L. Shipley	1903	1905	519	C. P. Butler	1920	Tr.

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520	J. E. Cummings.....	1921	1921	561	F. N. Bowers.....	1928	1928
521	J. T. Fenby.....	1921	1921	562	I. M. Dinkle.....	1928	1928
522	W. H. Hodges.....	1921	Tr.	563	O. W. Prince.....	1928	1931
523	F. G. Holloway.....	1921	1921	564	W. T. Archer.....	1928	1931
524	C. M. Kelser.....	1921	1921	565	A. W. Betts.....	1929	1929
525	P. F. Warner.....	1921	1921	566	C. S. Marshall.....	1929	1929
528	M. E. Dearholt.....	1922	1922	567	F. W. Siffrin.....	1929	Tr.
529	T. J. Turkington.....	1922	1922	570	B. I. Barnes.....	1930	1930
530	J. L. Marker.....	1922	1922	571	A. A. Pierce.....	1930	1930
531	T. G. Betschler.....	1922	1922	572	W. A. Roberts.....	1930	1930
532	T. C. Mulligan.....	1922	1922	573	C. G. Soderbom.....	1930	Tr.
533	A. W. Simms.....	1922	1922	574	Ellsworth Jennings...	1930	1933
534	O. G. Brewer.....	1922	1922	575	W. M. White.....	1930	1932
536	G. W. Ports.....	1922	1922	576	E. C. Woodward.....	1931	1931
537	P. M. Cassen.....	1923	1923	577	A. G. Lynch.....	1931	Tr.
538	L. C. Randall.....	1923	1923	578	G. E. Baughman.....	1932	1932
539	J. A. Trader.....	1923	1923	579	Lee Elliott.....	1932	1935
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541	Wm. Schmeiser.....	1923	1926	581	J. M. Kay.....	1932	1932
542	F. B. Bailey.....	1923	1924	582	H. N. Nicklas.....	1932	1932
544	C. B. Robey.....	1925	1925	583	W. H. Stone.....	1932	1932
545	R. W. Sapp.....	1925	1925	584	J. C. Byrd.....	1933	1933
546	C. L. Dawson.....	1925	1926	585	H. E. Cheyney.....	1933	1933
547	J. G. Eaton.....	1926	1926	586	W. K. Lyons.....	1933	1933
548	E. E. Coleman.....	1926	1926	587	W. H. Stone, Jr.....	1933	1933
549	W. A. Donaway.....	1926	1926	588	C. A. Sutton.....	1933	Tr.
550	Edwin Keehner.....	1926	1926	589	P. M. Lue Rutz.....	1933	Tr.
552	C. F. Cummins.....	1926	1926	590	L. C. Little.....	1934	Tr.
553	G. E. Wunder.....	1927	1927	591	H. H. Schauer.....	1934	1934
554	H. C. Burkins.....	1927	1927	592	H. B. Flater.....	1935	1935
555	H. E. Hudgins.....	1927	1927	593	J. B. Jones.....	1935	1935
556	D. K. Sturgis.....	1927	1927	594	E. H. Taylor.....	1935	1935
557	H. G. Hager.....	1927	1927	595	R. E. Van Cleaf.....	1935	1935
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Trinity .....		B. F. Kerr, Sr.

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West Baltimore .....		Frederic J. Heany
Wilton Heights .....		Chester B. Street
		Harry L. Hogelschatz
Crisfield, (Mt. Pleasant) .....		Nevitt Evans
Cumberland .....		Charles E. Shaw
Cumberland Ct. ....		A. T. Reckly
Dorchester .....		W. G. Wainwright
Easton .....		Charles E. Reed
Fawn Grove .....	John H. Mark.....	
Georgetown .....		Virgil C. Littleton
Harbeson-Lewes .....		George Sempler
		Harvey Baker
		Theodore Landis
Harmony, W. Va.....		Hobart Webster
Hebron .....		Chas. N. Spence
Hurlock .....		George W. Easton
Kempton .....		Lawrence E. Haddaway
Kennedyville .....		George H. Wilson
Milford .....		George Gillespie
		Wm. M. Trees
Emmanuel .....		
St. Lukes .....	Horace E. Millen.....	
Taylor Memorial .....		Frank W. Wolfgang
Pocomoke .....		J. A. Davis
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St. Michaels .....		Chas. Dyott
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		Stanley King
Susquehanna .....		S. A. Hughes
Mt. Olivet .....		S. P. Beach
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**Audit:** A. F. T. Raum, E. C. Woodward, P. L. Reynolds.

**Conference Program:** President, W. F. Wright, E. D. Stone.

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**Home for Aged:** W. L. Hoffman, T. J. Turkington, L. C. Randall, F. M. Bell, E. F. Williams, C. S. Taylor.

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District No. 5.....G. A. Ogg	

(For groups of charges comprising Districts see Minutes of 1934)

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**Committee to Pro-rate Transportation Assessment:** W. F. Wright, J. A. Dudley, G. A. Ogg.

**Committee on Jewish Work:** Dr. E. B. Fenby, W. A. Melvin, C. M. Adams, J. T. Fenby, J. L. Ward.

**Committee to Complete Collection of Deeds and Legal Papers for Churches and Parsonages:** E. C. Makosky, W. F. Wright, F. Murray Benson.

**Committee to Revise Charters in book called "Manual:"** J. H. Straughn, E. C. Makosky, F. M. Benson.

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**Secretary of Temperance:** J. W. Kirk.

**Legal authority with whom to confer with respect to Annuities and Bequests:** F. M. Benson, 2 E. Lexington St., Baltimore, Md.

**Lord's Day Alliance Committee:** Louis Randall, Chairman, and a minister and layman from each Conference District.

**Christian Stewardship Educational Campaign Commission:** E. A. Sexsmith, A. N. Ward, R. Y. Nicholson, J. H. Straughn, H. C. Staley, F. P. Adkins, Henry Gilligan.



## CONFERENCE EXAMINERS AND EXAMINATIONS

(1) The Conference course of study shall be of four years duration and in five groups of subjects as follows:

- (a) Practical Theology.
- (b) Christian Theology.
- (c) Church History.
- (d) Homiletics.
- (e) English Bible.

The students in these courses shall be known as preparatory, first, second and third year students.

(2) The president shall, not later than one week after the adjournment of Conference, appoint a committee of six to be known as the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders. Of these, one shall be appointed as chairman and one each as examiner in "a," "b," "c," "d" and "e" to examine all classes.

(3) The Chairman shall serve for one year. At the expiration of that time examiner "a" shall become chairman and the president shall appoint a new examiner "a." So in order "b," "c," "d" and "e" shall become chairman. The president annually appointing an examiner in the place of him who becomes chairman.

(4) Each examiner may examine students at any time during the Conference year when mutually convenient. Each examiner shall report on each student annually to the committee, who shall thereupon make its recommendations to the Conference.

(5) The Committee shall submit its recommendation concerning application for admission and ordination on Saturday Morning.

N. O. GIBSON, Chairman  
 E. T. KIRKLEY,  
 E. T. READ,  
 G. A. OGG,  
 B. F. RULEY,  
 R. L. SHIPLEY.

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

### PREPARATORY COURSE

(a) Christian Graces and Gifts for the Ministry, which will be an examination of the applicant's experience. The applicant must have read Lewis' "The Minister and His Own Soul."

(b) Tillet's "Personal Salvation."

(c) Lewis' Handbook. The discipline of the Methodist Protestant Church including the preface. The applicant must have shown that he has studied these books and that he is especially familiar with our ministerial function and procedure.

(d) The applicant will be expected to present and read to this Examiner an original sermon, a selection from our psalter, and a hymn. All persons applying for admission to 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 a Quarterly Conference and must personally appear before the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

#### FIRST YEAR

- (a) Elderdice's "The Preacher's Problems."
- (b) Curtis' "Christian Faith." 1-180.
- (c) Drinkhouse "History of Methodist Reform." Volume I, Chapters I, III, X, XVI, XVII, XXI. Volume II, Chapters II, IV, IX, XV, XXVII, XXXV.
- (d) "The Pupil and the Teacher" by Weigle.
- (e) "English Bible," Historical Books of the Old Testament, Genesis to Second Chronicles.

#### SECOND YEAR

- (a) Leach's "Church Administration."
- (b) Curtis' "Christian Faith." 180-344.
- (c) Fisher's History of the Christian Church. 1-286.
- (d) Broadus' "Preparation and Delivery of Sermons."
- (e) English Bible—Books from Ezra to Ecclesiastes.

#### THIRD YEAR

- (a) Squire's "Parish Program of Religious Education."
- (b) Curtis' "Christian Faith," 347—end of book.
- (c) Fisher's "History of the Christian Church." 286—end of book.
- (d) Newton's "The New Preaching."
- (e) Calkins' "Historical Geography of the Bible Lands." English Bible—Prophetical Books—Isaiah to Malachi.

Students: W. A. Schafer.

N. O. GIBSON, Chairman  
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PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
SPECIAL ONE DAY SESSION



# JOURNAL

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Westminster, Md., January 15, 1935

## FIRST DAY, TUESDAY

The Special Session of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened at 10:00 A. M. in the North Baltimore Church at the call of the President and Standing District Committee.

**Devotions:**—E. D. Stone led in the singing of Hymn No. 403. E. A. Sexsmith read a part of the third chapter of Ephesians. R. L. Shipley led in prayer. Conference sang Hymn No. 158.

**Roll Call:**—The Secretary called the roll of the Conference. Motions passed that the names of J. L. Elderdice and H. B. Jester be transferred to the Memorial Roll.

Communications reported from several ministers, explaining inability to attend and these members were excused. The President made a statement relative to lay delegates. B. A. Bryan, J. H. Straughn and J. L. Ward spoke. By common consent it was decided all cases of change of delegate be referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Motion passed that the privilege of the floor be extended to any of our laymen who were present.

E. C. Makosky was called to the chair. The President read his report to the Conference, explaining why we were called together in special session; viz., the crisis existing in the Headquarters Refunding Campaign.

**Recommendations:**—The following recommendations were submitted:

1. That the morning session be given to reports on the Headquarters Refunding Campaign.
2. That the chair appoint a Committee on Findings.
3. That the afternoon be given to the consideration of the report of Findings Committee report.

Report adopted.

E. A. Sexsmith again took the Chair.

E. C. Makosky presented the following recommendations which were passed.

1. That the Minutes of this session be printed with the Minutes of the next regular session of the Conference.
2. That the hour of adjournment be fixed for 3:30 P. M. today.

Report of the Headquarters Refunding Campaign Committee was read by J. H. Straughn, Chairman, reviewing the plan and the results to

date which show a total of 110 subscriptions, with the following recommendations:

1. That the Conference commit itself to an intensive campaign until March 1.
2. That the charges be open to the campaign with the active cooperation of the ministers of the Conference.
3. That workers be assigned to various fields under the direction of the Executive Committee and District Chairmen.
4. That the District Chairmen assume active direction of the campaign within their areas.
5. That pastors be subject to assignments as may seem advisable.
6. That we commit the whole effort to God in our daily prayer.

Motion passed that the report be received and that recommendations be referred to the Committee on Findings.

L. B. Smith, a member of the Committee, reviewed the evolution of the Headquarters Building which showed the following facts:

1. The result of 35 years of labor and sacrifice of the Conference, and the home of our administrative forces of the Maryland Conference, and many of the General Conference, and other Christian agencies.
2. The first five years of the existence of the building produced a net profit of \$15,000.
3. Today we face a crisis due to the changing conditions and the depression.
4. Possibilities and losses that would be sustained if we give up our present home, which would leave us with a debt of \$56,000.
5. The possibilities of the present plan, all clear in 35 years.
6. The increased value in the future due to the expected real estate appreciation because of the location of our property and planned developments in the city of Baltimore.
7. Finally, we must decide to meet the emergency now, or be forced to do so within two years.

A. N. Ward spoke appealingly to the Conference to rise unitedly to bear the burden and meet the emergency. G. W. Haddaway spoke sustaining these ideas.

The special Committee on Findings was appointed by the chair as follows: Ministers: W. H. Litsinger, P. W. Crosby, W. P. Roberts, J. L. Green, E. C. Makosky, K. H. Wareheim, J. Earl Cummings, R. Y. Nicholson; Laymen: Fred. P. Adkins, J. H. Baker, W. C. Scott, H. H. Mackey, J. P. Dodge, W. H. Harrison, S. M. Yingling, C. N. Spence.

J. H. Straughn, pastor of the church, explained the arrangements for the noonday meal.

J. A. Dudley recommended that an excursion be made to the Headquarters Building for the benefit of laymen who might be in attendance upon the Conference.

By common consent Mr. Harry E. Gilbert, special Assessor of the city of Baltimore, was presented to the Conference. Mr. Gilbert addressed the session upon real estate values as relating to our building. He indicated that the building is a proper one for the site, has a good land and location value, and the price will increase *greatly* in the next five years. Its use to the Conference makes it even more valuable to us.

The Committee on Findings was permitted to retire.

Conference recessed at 12:10 P. M. to reconvene at 1:30 P. M.

#### AFTERNOON

Conference convened at 1:30 P. M.

Secretary read a report of the Committee on Credentials as follows: That inasmuch as the delegates from First Church and Second Church, Lynchburg, Harrington, Fawn Grove could not attend, those elected be seated. Recommendation was adopted and the following delegates were seated:—J. C. Holloran, First Church, Lynchburg, F. A. Carroll, Second Church, Lynchburg, Benjamin Knox, Harrington, W. I. Herbert, Fawn Grove.

In the case of Nichols Memorial, the Chair ruled that the delegate elected to the last session of Conference, who was present, be seated.

Report of the Committee on Findings was read by W. H. Litsinger, Chairman. Recommendations of the Headquarters Campaign Committee, with slight modification of the 4th recommendation were considered and endorsed by the Committee.

Motion that the report be adopted by items:

Item 1. Adopted as read.

Item 2. R. L. Shipley, N. C. Clough, B. A. Bryan, J. M. Gill, J. W. Kirk, B. F. Ruley, C. B. Robey, Rowland Watts, S. M. Yingling, G. W. Ports spoke to this item. Item adopted.

Items 3 and 4 adopted.

Item 5. M. E. Dearholt spoke. Item adopted.

Item 6. J. H. Straughn asked for a rising vote and that the Conference remain standing and be led in prayer by J. M. Gill.

J. H. Straughn asked that the men who had been successful in the Campaign might speak of the work.

S. F. Cassen, Louis Randall, M. E. Dearholt asked for information.

Report as a whole adopted.

G. E. Brown requested that all members of Conference in attendance be so marked on the roll.

Rowland Watts spoke of the need for additional information.

J. M. Gill spoke of the need of a keen emphasis upon prayer, and suggested that we join in a prayer band for the cause of the Kingdom.

A. N. Ward stated that he would dedicate \$2,500 from Summer Conferences during the next five years to this cause.

J. H. Straughn, Chairman of the Headquarters Committee, made a direct appeal to the Conference. Reports of a total of about 60 more subscriptions in process were assured by pastors and delegates.

L. B. Smith challenged the Conference to the task.

F. G. Holloway and C. C. Day spoke.

Mr. Earle W. Koons, of the New York Life Insurance Co., and Mr. E. E. Wooden were introduced to the Conference.

A resolution of gratitude to the North Baltimore Church and its pastor was read and adopted.

Motion to adjourn adopted.

Benediction pronounced by H. L. Elderdice.

K. H. WAREHEIM, Journal Clerk.

## REPORTS

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To the Maryland Annual Conference in  
Special Session Assembled:

Dear Fellow-Laborers:

I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church!

After carefully considering a request made by the Trustees of the Annual Conference to the Standing District Committee and the President, we have deemed it wise to call you together in this Special Session for the consideration of important matters concerning the refinancing of the Headquarters Building, at 516 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

You will recall that on the second day of the last session of Conference, the report of the Trustees was presented, together with a report from a Special Committee of that body, dealing at length with the financial condition of the Headquarters Building and reciting a proposed method of refunding the mortgage against the building and other obligations of the Trustees in connection with the same. After thorough consideration the Conference adopted the report with the following recommendation: "That the Trustees be empowered to set up the whole appeal selecting such a group of ministers and laymen as may be necessary to carry out these provisions." (Meaning the provisions of the report).

Following the adjournment of Conference, the Trustees proceeded to set up the proper committees and work out further details of the campaign. Special consideration was given every phase of the program and the best counsel available was sought on all points involved. The final plans were not adopted until after a careful study, out of which had come the conviction that we had selected the wisest and most workable method of refinancing our obligations in connection with the Headquarters Building.

After a number of group meetings through which we sought to acquaint the churches with all the details of the plan, the campaign was started, and has met with splendid success in several localities representing the city, the town and rural sections of our Conference, giving evidence of the workableness of the plan when clearly understood.

The failure to complete the campaign before the Christmas holidays, together with the almost inevitable slacking of interest caused by the holiday season, and the financial crisis which must follow the failure on the part of the Conference to meet the situation confronting us, was of sufficient importance in the minds of the Standing District Committee and your President to call you together in this special session to give due consideration to a full report of the Headquarters Refunding Campaign Committee and the adoption of such further plans as may be necessary for carrying to a successful completion the refinancing of the Headquarters Building. Certainly no more important matter has claimed our attention



for many years. I therefore solicit your most careful and prayerful review of the matter now to be presented.

#### Recommendations

1. That our morning session be given to a hearing of the report of the Headquarters Refunding Campaign Committee, and a discussion of matters pertaining thereto.

2. That a Committee on Findings be appointed by the Chair to which the report of the Headquarters Refunding Campaign Committee and such recommendations as may be offered shall be referred.

3. That the afternoon session shall be given to the hearing of the report of the Committee on Findings and a discussion of the same with whatever action the Conference may deem wise.

E. A. SEXSMITH, President.

January 15, 1935.

### HEADQUARTERS REFUNDING CAMPAIGN REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

To the Maryland Conference:

Dear Brethren:—

At the last session of the Maryland Conference, held at Western Maryland College in June 1934, the Conference Trustees reported the financial condition of the Headquarters Building and made several general suggestions for a Refunding Campaign to liquidate the indebtedness—(See 1934 Minutes, pages 72-75). The recommendations were adopted without a dissenting vote and the Trustees were given authorization to set up the Campaign. Shortly after Conference adjournment the Trustees met, raising a small committee with instructions to create a general organization and to map out the details of a Refunding Campaign in agreement with the plans submitted to the Annual Conference.

The plan adopted, together with the organization, is fully set forth in a pamphlet entitled "A Real Solution to a Real Problem," a copy of which is submitted herewith and with the request that it become a part of the record of this report. This pamphlet, with other literature, has been widely distributed throughout the Conference, for the general information of our constituency as well as for the particular interest of those who might become financially interested.

The general committee reached the conclusion that for the time being we should pursue a single appeal, that with the insurance feature attached, and that appeals for gifts should await the outcome of the major effort. The general plan, given brief outline in last year's report and the one we have been projecting and more fully set forth in the pamphlet mentioned above, provides in the main as follows: To secure 600 subscriptions to the Headquarters Building of \$300 each (the discount price being \$255),

payable \$20 down and \$5 per month for a period of 56 months. This would aggregate a total of \$180,000, on the deferred payment plan. For each subscription, or loan, the subscriber is given a standard 35-year endowment policy in the New York Life Insurance Company for \$450 on his own life or a nominee of his selection, the amount to be paid to the subscriber's estate in the event of the death of the insured, or to the insured at the expiration of the 35-year period. The original amount paid by the subscriber goes to the Headquarters Building and is used to liquidate the indebtedness, in the aggregate \$180,000, the debt reported at last Conference being approximately \$152,000. The difference between the two amounts being required to cover the interest on the indebtedness during the interval of the 56 months and expenses of the Campaign. The Headquarters agrees to pay the annual premium on each of these policies for the period of its life. At the average age of 40 the aggregate premium totals approximately \$9,600, which is slightly more than the amount we are now paying in interest on the indebtedness. The third year's premiums drop to about \$7,600 with a recession, due to dividends, each year over the 35 years, supplemented by suspended premiums due to mortality.

This general plan, with literature, was given thorough circulation to pastors and churches late in October. The Life Insurance Company supplied us with a member of its home office staff, Mr. James C. Rossman, at no expense to your committee, for the period of the campaign projection, a period of five or six weeks. Mr. Earle Koons, a member of our Edmondson Avenue Church and attached to the staff of the local insurance agency, has been and still is actively identified with the Campaign. Meetings of the Committee of Fifty and subdistrict meetings have been held frequently. These have been well attended by our pastors with many laymen. Appointments were made to each charge.

Following these announcement meetings, where every effort was made to set forth the critical nature of the financial condition of the Headquarters Building, the details of the plan adopted and its relation as a solution of our problem, we had hoped and expected that our churches would put the plan in operation during the month of November, so that by Thanksgiving time we might have the Campaign brought to a successful conclusion. Results, however, were slow in realization and the time was extended to December 15, knowing that the Christmas season would definitely end further effort for the year. It became increasingly apparent however that reliance on the general appeal, leaving the matter to the initiative of the local fields, would not bring the desired results and that for the Campaign to succeed it would be necessary to strengthen our approaches.

In the main, that is the occasion for the call of this special session. Your committee is convinced of the essential practicality of our Plan; we see no reason for rescinding or revision. It does offer a marvelous solution of a problem that is most difficult, a solution having in it not alone of saving our Headquarters Building but of creating a fund of large proportions for future application to our Superannuate resources. Not to carry the Plan through will seriously effect us financially for years, and to an extent thwart any effort of a forward-looking nature for years to come and lay upon us a sense of defeatism strange to our thinking. This is neither the

history nor the spirit of the Maryland Conference. Ours has been a record of achievement, we do not know retreat, we have never surrendered, and with God's help, we will not in this Campaign. Our people are able to do this thing, to do it with ease. Perhaps the acuteness of our case has not filtered down, that our pastors and people have not really sensed the critical nature of what is involved. It may be that the subscription idea has befuddled the issue, giving it the suggestion of another gift campaign. Whether the investment be small or great, the whole plan is nevertheless an investment whereby those who pay eventually have a return of a dollar and a half for every dollar invested, giving on the one hand a fine opportunity of aiding the church and on the other of providing an incentive to protect themselves and their families. But whatever the explanation of our comparatively small returns none of us believe it is due either to financial inability or unwillingness. We have the capacity and if finally understood, we have the will for the task.

We submit herewith our returns to date. These are subscriptions which have actually been completed. There are perhaps twice as many more in sight.

Number of units received—110

Number of cash units—40

Average age of units received—39 plus

#### Record of Charges

Accomac .....	4	....	Texas .....	4	....
Amelia .....	4	....	Towson .....	10	....
Baltimore:			Trinity .....	10	1
Bethesda .....	4	....	West Baltimore .....	10	....
Brooklyn .....	8	....	Wilton Heights .....	6	....
Calvary .....	6	1	Bedford .....	6	....
Chesaco Park .....	2	....	Bel Air .....	8	....
Christ Church .....	10	....	Bivalve .....	4	....
East Baltimore .....	8	....	Buckeystown .....	10	5
Edmondson Avenue.....	10	4	Cambridge .....	10	1
Eutaw .....	10	2	Caroline .....	4	....
Evergreen .....	4	....	Carroll .....	4	1
Glen Burnie .....	8	....	Cecil .....	6	3
Graceland Park .....	2	....	Centreville .....	8	....
Hampten .....	10	....	Chestertown .....	15	1
Keen Memorial .....	8	....	Claremont .....	4	....
Lauraville .....	8	....	Clayton .....	4	....
Linthicum Heights.....	8	2	Crisfield:		
Lowe Memorial .....	8	4	Mt. Pleasant .....	12	....
Marley .....	4	....	Mariners .....	4	....
Nichols Memorial .....	4	....	Cumberland:		
North Baltimore .....	20	22	First Church .....	8	1
St. Johns .....	20	18	Cumberland Circuit .....	6	....
St. Pauls .....	6	....	Dagsboro .....	4	....
South Baltimore .....	6	....	Deer Creek .....	4	....
Starr .....	15	2	Deer Park .....	6	....

Delmar .....	8	....	St. Lukes .....	10	....
Delta .....	6	....	Taylor Memorial .....	6	....
Denton .....	8	....	Pipe Creek .....	8	....
Dorchester .....	6	....	Pittsville .....	8	....
Döver .....	4	....	Pocomoke .....	8	1
Doylesburg .....	4	....	Poplar Springs .....	6	....
Easton .....	8	....	Powellville .....	6	....
Elizabeth .....	4	....	Reliance .....	4	....
Fairfax .....	4	....	Ridgeville .....	6	3
Fawn Grove .....	10	10	St. James .....	6	....
Federalsburg .....	6	6	St. Michaels .....	4	....
Finksburg .....	6	....	Salisbury .....	20	2
First Church, Newark.....	20	....	Seaford .....	10	....
Frederick .....	6	....	Shanptown .....	8	....
Friendship .....	2	....	Snow Hill .....	8	....
Georgetown .....	8	....	Stewartstown .....	8	1
Greenbackville .....	4	....	Susquehanna .....	4	1
Greenbush-Hallwood .....	4	....	Trinity Salem .....	4	....
Greenwood-Cannon .....	6	....	Union Bridge .....	6	1
Grove .....	4	....	Wallace Memorial .....	4	....
Harbeson .....	6	....	Warwick .....	4	....
Harmony .....	3	....	Washington:		
Harper's Ferry .....	4	....	Alexandria .....	4	....
Harrington .....	8	....	Calvary .....	6	....
Howard .....	8	2	Cherrydale .....	10	2
Hurlock .....	4	....	Congress Street .....	8	1
Indian River .....	2	....	First Church .....	6	....
Kemptown .....	8	....	Fort Meyer Heights.....	4	....
Kennedyville .....	4	....	Mt. Olivet .....	6	....
Kent Island-Wye .....	8	....	Mt. Tabor .....	4	....
Laurel .....	10	1	North Carolina Ave.....	8	2
Laurel Circuit .....	4	....	Rhode Island Ave.....	15	3
Leeds .....	6	1	Lewis Memorial .....	2	....
Leipsic .....	2	....	Wesley Chapel .....	6	....
Liberty-Lewistown .....	6	....	Westminster .....	12	2
Lynchburg:			Whaleyville .....	4	....
First Church .....	10	....	Wilmington:		
Second Church .....	4	....	First Church .....	4	....
Tyreanna .....	2	....	Peninsula .....	10	....
Mardela .....	6	....			
Milford .....	10	....			
Milton .....	5	....			
Mt. Nebo .....	4	....			
New Church .....	6	3	Total .....		110
Maryland Line .....	8	....	Detached Churches:		
Northumberland .....	4	....	Chateau .....	1	....
Oxford .....	4	....	Eldorado .....	2	....
Parksley .....	6	....	Madison .....	1	....
Philadelphia:			Portsville .....	1	....
Emmanuel .....	4	....	Quinton .....	2	....
			Union .....	2	....

## Individual Subscribers

Calvary, A. F. T. Raum	Buckeystown—C. E. Dryden
Self (Not completed a/c funds)	J. H. Baker .....(Paid) \$1000
Edmondson Ave.—L. B. Smith	C. E. Dryden .....(Paid) \$ 300
L. B. Smith ..... \$ 300	Cambridge—T. C. Mulligan
Robt. S. Maslin ..... \$ 600	T. C. Mulligan ..... \$ 300
Hope H. Barroll, Jr. .... \$ 300	Carroll Ct.—C. F. Cummins
Eutaw—R. W. White	C. F. Cummins ..... \$ 300
Jas. W. Armstrong..(Paid) \$ 300	Cecil—E. C. Woodward
Glenn F. Reinicker ..... \$ 300	Julia W. Woodward ..(Pd) \$ 300
Linthicum Heights—E. C. Makosky	Pica Reed .....(Paid) \$ 300
E. C. Makosky ..... \$ 300	Mrs. Julia E. Reed ..... \$ 300
Paul F. Warner .....(Paid) \$ 300	Chestertown—W. H. Litsinger
Lowe Memorial—W. A. Melvin	W. H. Litsinger .....(Paid) \$ 300
W. A. Melvin ..... \$ 300	First Church, Cumberland—G. E.
Grace E. Melvin ..... \$ 300	Baughman
Ladies Aid Society ..... \$ 300	G. E. Baughman ..... \$ 300
Dorcas Bible Class ..... \$ 300	Fawn Grove—K. H. Wareheim
North Baltimore—J. H. Straughn	Mary E. Webb Wiley (Pd) \$ 300
J. H. Straughn ..... \$ 300	Elizabeth L. Webb (Paid) \$ 300
G. W. Haddaway ....(Paid) \$ 300	Edna W. Manifold (Paid) \$ 300
Jos. D. Baker, Jr., ..(Paid) \$ 600	K. H. Wareheim ..... \$ 300
Jas. H. Jones ..... \$ 300	Elizabeth Blaine ....(Paid) \$ 300
H. C. Staley ..... \$ 600	Jessie A. Webb .....(Paid) \$ 300
Daniel Baker, Jr. ..(Paid) \$ 600	H. N. Wareheim ....(Paid) \$ 300
W. G. Baker, Jr. ....(Paid) \$1000	W. Irwin Herbert ..(Paid) \$ 300
W. C. Scott .....(Paid) \$2040	Mrs. Lula A. Foster(Paid) \$ 300
T. W. Donoho .....(Paid) \$ 300	Federalsburg—G. E. Leister
St. Johns—E. L. Bunce	H. B. Messenger, Sr. .... \$ 600
Claude V. Matthews ..... \$ 300	Dufferin McConnell ..... \$ 300
Mabel H. Schleunes ..(Pd) \$ 300	G. E. Leister .....(Paid) \$ 300
Miriam B. Matthews (Pd) \$ 300	Thos. S. Holt .....(Paid) \$ 300
J. E. Cooper ..... \$ 300	Wm. A. Wheatley, Jr.(Pd) \$ 300
James C. Green .....(Paid) \$ 300	Howard—H. C. Burkins
Marian I. Stiffler ..... \$ 300	H. C. Burkins ..... \$ 300
Annie Oberdalloff ..(Paid) \$ 300	Lura W. Hobbs ..... \$ 300
Daniel MacLea ..... \$ 900	Laurel—J. G. Eaton
E. L. Bunce ..... \$ 300	C. L. Horsey .....(Paid) \$ 300
Women's Miss. Aux...(Pd) \$ 300	Leeds—F. A. Holland
J. Harry Williams ..... \$ 300	H. H. Mackey .....(Paid) \$ 300
Edna F. Linthicum ..... \$ 300	New Church—J. C. Byrd
Grace G. Green ..... \$ 300	Wm. S. Hancock ..... \$ 300
Mrs. Mary R. Sweany ..... \$ 300	Ed. T. Hickman ..... \$ 300
Starr—J. N. Link	LaReine H. Thornton ..... \$ 300
J. N. Link ..... \$ 300	Pocomoke—P. W. Crosby
R. L. Shipley ..... \$ 300	Blanche L. Crosby ..... \$ 300
Trinity—W. L. Hoffman	Ridgeville—B. I. Barnes
W. L. Hoffman ..... \$ 300	Lester Mullinix ..... \$ 300

Salisbury—J. L. Green	Congress St.—H. A. Kester
Bettie S. Brittingham (Not completed) ..... \$ 300	H. A. Kester ..... \$ 300
H. F. Rounds ..... (Paid) \$ 300	North Carolina Ave.—G. E. Brown
Stewartstown—C. B. Robey	G. E. Brown ..... \$ 300
C. B. Robey ..... \$ 300	Mrs. E. A. Sexsmith ..... \$ 300
Susquehanna—H. L. Murphy	Rhode Island Ave.—R. Y. Nicholson
Mayfield Walker .... (Paid) \$ 300	R. Y. Nicholson ..... \$ 300
Union Bridge—G. H. Stocksdale	Henry Gilligan ..... \$ 300
G. H. Stocksdale .... (Paid) \$ 300	J. P. Dodge ..... \$ 300
Cherrydale—J. A. Trader	Westminster—J. E. Cummings
Clarence H. Peck ..... \$ 300	F. G. Holloway ..... \$ 300
J. A. Trader ..... \$ 300	A. N. Ward ..... (Paid) \$ 250

JAS. H. STRAUGHN, Chairman.

### COMMITTEE ON FINDINGS

#### Ministers

W. H. Litsinger, Chairman  
 P. W. Crosby  
 W. P. Roberts  
 J. L. Green  
 E. C. Makosky  
 K. H. Wareheim  
 J. Earl Cummings  
 R. Y. Nicholson

#### Laymen

Fred P. Adkins  
 J. H. Baker  
 W. C. Scott  
 H. H. Mackey  
 J. P. Dodge  
 S. M. Yingling  
 C. N. Spence  
 W. H. Harrison

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINDINGS

Your committee brings to you the following recommendations:

1. That the Conference commit itself to an intensive prosecution of the Headquarters Refunding Campaign from this day until March 1.
2. That all our pastoral charges be open to this Campaign with active cooperation of ministers of the Conference.
3. That teams of workers, or solicitors, trained for the purpose shall be provided by Conference appointment in such numbers as to serve the Conference district as a whole and which shall be made available for assignment to the various fields under direction of the Executive Committee and of the District Chairmen.
4. That the District Chairmen under the direction of the Executive Committee shall assume active direction of the Campaign within their areas, in cooperation with the various charges and in the assignment of teams, to which Chairmen, shall be supplied by pastors lists of names of prospective subscribers.
5. That our pastors hold themselves subject to such assignments as may seem advisable to the Committee with the understanding that where Sunday absences may be necessary pulpit adjustments will be made.
6. That we commit this whole effort to God, beseeching His leading and blessing, committing ourselves to daily prayer that not for this alone but in all other things we may be found His devoted servants.

W. H. LITSINGER, Chairman.

## RESOLUTIONS

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### RESOLUTION NO. 1

The call sent out for this special session of our Conference assured those who came that we would adjourn in time for ministers and delegates to return to their homes for the night, therefore be it

*Resolved*, that we adjourn not later than 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

E. C. MAKOSKY,  
J. A. DUDLEY,  
J. C. HOLLORAN.

### RESOLUTION NO. 2

As the records of this special session of our Conference should be preserved in due form, therefore be it

*Resolved*, that the Secretary of our Conference is hereby directed to print the proceedings of this special session with the Minutes of the next session of our Annual Conference to be held next June.

E. C. MAKOSKY,  
J. A. DUDLEY,  
J. C. HOLLORAN.

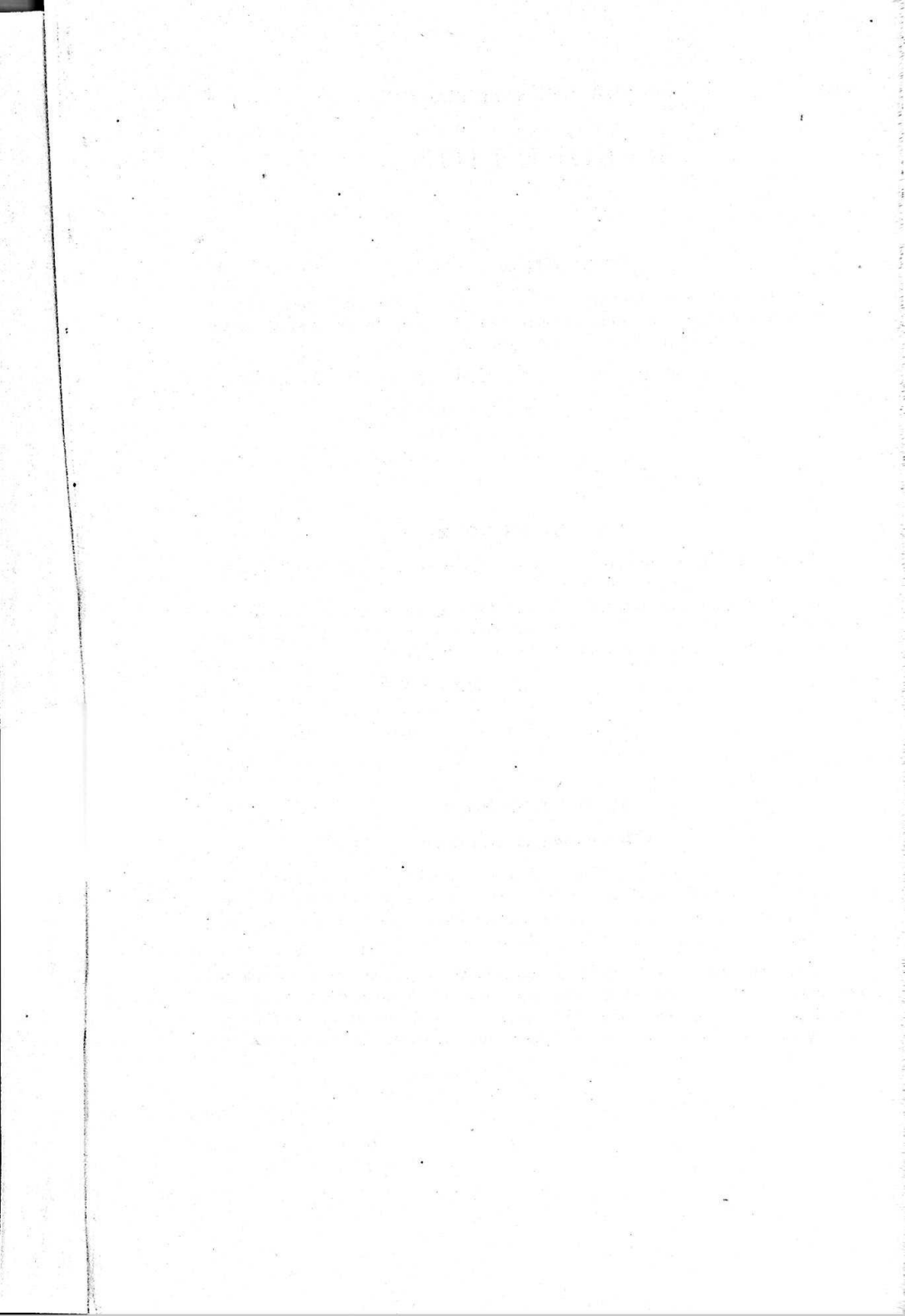
### RESOLUTION NO. 3

#### A Resolution of Gratitude

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the North Baltimore Church has given the use of their building for this special session of the Maryland Annual Conference, and the ladies of the church have furnished luncheon and in the arrangement for our comfort the pastor has shared, be it

*Resolved*, that this Conference express its gratitude for the entertainment provided. The Maryland Annual Conference has grown accustomed to rely upon the North Baltimore Church in every time of need, and in this emergency we have not been disappointed. We are thankful.

R. L. SHIPLEY,  
W. H. LITSINGER.





PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH SESSION



# JOURNAL

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Westminster, Md., June 12, 1935

## FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY

The One Hundred and Seventh Session of the Maryland Annual Conference, of the Methodist Protestant Church, convened in Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, Westminster, Maryland, at 9 A. M., with President E. A. Sexsmith, presiding.

**Devotions:**—The Conference sang Hymn 418, "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord." Scripture Lesson I Peter 1:3-25 was read by E. A. Sexsmith. W. H. Litsinger offered prayer.

**Roll Call:**—Secretary W. F. Wright called the roll of Conference. The President made a statement regarding the illness and absence of B. A. Bryan and A. Donovan. On motion of E. D. Stone, the name of J. H. Lynch was transferred to the Memorial Roll. Conference united in singing Hymn 235 "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds."

**The Memorial Roll:**—The Memorial Roll was read by N. O. Gibson. E. L. Bunce, a member of the Obituary Committee and a class-mate of H. B. Jester, read the obituary of H. B. Jester. Verbal tributes were given by H. O. Keen, J. F. Bryan and E. F. Williams, delegate from Delmar.

G. F. Farring read the obituary of James L. Elderdice. Conference sang a verse of "In the Sweet Bye and Bye." E. W. Simms paid further tribute.

The obituary for Joseph H. Lynch was read by E. D. Stone. E. A. Sexsmith led in prayer, after which E. D. Stone led the Conference in singing Hymn 321, "My Jesus I Love Thee."

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the President, assisted by members of the Conference.

The Communion Service was closed with prayer led by A. N. Ward and the singing of the hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

**Conference Sermon:**—President Sexsmith presented Hugh Latimer Elderdice, the preacher of the Conference sermon, stating that this was the golden anniversary of Dr. Elderdice's admission to the Conference, having been received into the Conference membership April 1885. Dr. Elderdice said this was his anniversary sermon, the semi-centennial anniversary of his membership in the Conference. The theme of the sermon, "The Lord's Supper—A Memorial." Text: Luke 22:19—"This Do in Remembrance of Me."

Conference sang Hymn 159, "O Master It is Good to be High on the Mountain Here With Thee."

Announcements.

Benediction by H. L. Elderdice.

## AFTERNOON

**Opening:**—The President called the Conference to order at 2:05 P. M. E. D. Stone led in the singing of Hymn "Wonderful Words of Life." Prayer was offered by J. F. Wooden.

Roll Call by the Secretary to complete record of attendance for the day.

Motion passed that J. F. Spence be seated as delegate from Grove Charge.

**Committee on Credentials and Secretary's Report:**—The pastors are commended for the good form of the credentials. The ruling of the Executive Committee of General Conference relative to the seating of delegates was read. Report adopted.

Bar of Conference was fixed for the main floor of the auditorium.

**President's Report:**—The President called E. C. Makosky to the chair and then read his annual report. The review of the churches of the Conference presents an encouraging outlook, especially in the church extension work in and adjacent to the Nation's Capitol. A need of improved financial support of the pastors is imperative in many of the churches. The President's activities indicate a thorough and effective oversight of the district. The President's character was passed. (See Report A)

**Standing Committees:**—The list of Standing Committees was read by the President. The chair also appointed the following as Ushers for this session of Conference: H. E. Cheyney, Head Usher; W. H. Stone, Jr., H. N. Nicklas, J. J. Von Hagel, Lee Elliott, W. M. White, H. H. Schauer, G. E. Wunder.

The Program Committee made its report and the programs were distributed.

**Elections:**—G. J. Hooker, W. A. Donaway, J. S. Cooper, A. J. Lank were appointed as Tellers for the election of President. 196 votes were cast, necessary for election 99. Result of vote: E. A. Sexsmith, 172; E. L. Bunce, 13; L. B. Smith, 3; W. H. Litsinger, 2; R. Y. Nicholson, 2; W. F. Wright, J. L. Green, E. C. Makosky and J. A. Dudley, 1 each.

E. A. Sexsmith accepted the office of President, pledging his best endeavor and thanking the Conference for their confidence as expressed in the vote.

Motion passed that the Assistant Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for W. F. Wright as Secretary of the Conference.

Motion passed that the Secretary cast the unanimous vote of the Conference for the following: Treasurer, Chas. F. Cummins, Steward, R. W. White, Statistician, J. Lee Marker, Agent of President's Parsonage, H. C. Staley.

**Standing District Committee:**—Tellers: Wm. Schmeiser, E. L. Jennings, W. I. Herbert, George H. Burgess.

On motion roll call was dispensed with and the Tellers were permitted to retire to count the ballots.

**Committee on Appeals:**—Tellers: J. P. George, W. A. Roberts, Chas. C. Staub, C. H. Storck.

On motion roll call was dispensed with and the Tellers were permitted to retire to count the ballots.

Communications were received from Dr. W. W. Davis and referred to the Committee on Moral Reform.

Roll call of Pastors for reports.

Roll Call of Charges for communications.

**Resolutions:**—E. C. Makosky introduced a resolution of adjusted arrangements in connection with two superannuates. J. H. Straughn, E. A. Sexsmith, J. L. Green spoke. Motion passed to refer this resolution to the proper committee. (See Resolution 1)

A resolution was introduced by E. C. Makosky to provide a change in Item 3, Regulation 18 of the Manual in accord with the Executive Committees ruling about election of delegates. Adopted. (See Resolution 2)

The Secretary announced his assistants: J. W. Townsend, D. K. Sturgis, K. H. Wareheim.

Assistant Steward: J. R. McKeawn.

Assistant Treasurer: G. E. Leister, Clerk E. L. Jennings.

Announcements.

Conference adjourned.

Benediction by H. O. Keen.

## EVENING

President presiding.

Service of Song was led by E. D. Stone. Prayer offered by R. L. Shipley.

Dr. Robert E. Speer, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, was presented to the Conference as the speaker of the evening. His subject was "Missionary Aspects."

Prayer was offered by G. W. Haddaway.

The President expressed to Dr. Speer the personal appreciation of the Conference for his message.

The congregation joined in singing Hymn 477, "God Speed the Gospel."

Benediction was pronounced by G. W. Haddaway.

## SECOND DAY, THURSDAY

Conference session opened at 9:00 A. M. with President E. A. Sexsmith in the chair.

Awaiting transcription of the Minutes the reading was deferred until after the Roll Call.

The Secretary called the Roll of the Conference. Minutes were read and approved.

J. F. Bryan spoke of his brother's health and requested that B. A. Bryan be excused. Motion passed that the Secretary communicate with our brother expressing the interest of the Conference for his welfare.

Devotions were led by E. T. Read. Singing of Prayer Hymns by the Conference. Prayer. Scripture reading from John 15. Devotional thought, "There is fruit where there is life. Where there is life there is some fruit. This refers to character, not service." T. J. Turkington sang a solo. Meditations closed with prayer.

**Communications:**—Communications were read from the following: C. M. Cullum, W. S. Hanks, A. W. Betts, Avery Donovan, C. A. Sutton, C. G. Soderbom, P. F. Warner, W. H. Hodges, A. G. Lynch.

L. B. Smith moved that the Secretary send out sympathies to those whose conditions warrant them, to extend our greetings and best wishes to the brethren in Seattle and in our foreign missionary fields.

J. M. Gill and J. H. Straughn spoke.

J. H. Straughn moved that C. M. Cullum be granted a superannuated relationship and that the matter be referred to the Committee on Superannuates.

Conference stood and was led in prayer by E. L. Bunce for these brethren.

E. L. Bunce, J. F. Bryan and G. W. Haddaway were appointed a committee to convey the greetings of the Conference to Brother Donovan.

The President announced the substitution of S. Elwood Burgess in place of Wm. A. Wheatley as a member of the Committee on Superannuates; and the reference of a number of papers to committees.

The Secretary read telegram from the Mid-West Convention.

The report of the Agent of the President's Parsonage was read and adopted.

The Tellers on election of the Standing District Committee reported the following elected: Ministers: E. D. Stone, W. H. Litsinger, E. C. Makosky; Laymen: J. H. Baker, W. C. Scott, T. A. Murray.

The report of the special committee to complete the collection of deeds to our churches and parsonages was read and adopted.

Communications from the Maryland Anti-Saloon League and the Delaware Anti-Saloon League were read and referred to the Committee on Official Relations.

Request was made by R. W. White, Conference Steward, for a slight change in tabulations. Motion passed that the request be granted.

Dr. W. W. Davis, of the Lord's Day Alliance, was presented to the Conference and spoke of the work of the Alliance.

**Reports:** The report of the Conference Trustees and Headquarters Refunding Campaign Committee was read by E. C. Makosky, President of the Trustees. Motion passed to elect the Trustees as nominated, — J. H. Straughn, W. A. Melvin, Rowland Watts, F. Murray Benson. Report adopted. (See Report D)

The report of the Headquarters Refunding Campaign Committee was read by J. H. Straughn, recommending the continuation of the Campaign, and requesting an appropriation of \$2500 for the balancing of the income-expense account of the building. The committee has contracted for the management of the building by the Chas. H. Steffey Co., Realtors. The committee reports 207 subscriptions secured to date.

Motion was passed to refer the request for the appropriation of \$2500 to the Board of Finance.

Motion to adopt the report.

Mr. E. W. Koons, representative of the New York Life Insurance Co., was presented and spoke to the Conference concerning the Campaign.

G. I. Humphreys, J. H. Straughn, J. M. Gill, J. W. Townsend, E. A. Sexsmith, K. H. Wareheim, Rowland Watts, E. F. Williams, T. D. Bowers, Henry Gilligan and A. H. Mason spoke.

Report adopted. (See Report D).

Dr. J. C. Broomfield, President of the General Conference, was presented to the Conference. He spoke of the purpose of the office of a general traveling President and its relation to the work and program of the churches. A review and interpretation of our church work was given. Methodist Union was forecast to be presented to the next General Conference: The new church Hymnal will be published next fall; the General Conference Superannuate Fund Campaign will be definitely continued in the immediate future; the Board of Administration has decided to stress enthusiasm in Stewardship and Evangelism during this closing year of the quadrennium; the importance of the new Youth Movement should be followed by and demand the interest of the church.

Announcements were made by the President of his plan of interviews, and the arrangements for taking the picture of the Conference.

Dr. W. Robert Goss, President of the Florida Conference, Mr. George W. Crabbe, Superintendent of the Maryland Anti-Saloon League, Rev. A. H. Lynch, one of the missionaries to Japan, and Dr. W. H. Best, of the Southern Methodist Church were presented to the Conference.

Announcements of meetings of committees were made.

Motion to adjourn was passed.

Benediction pronounced by C. C. Day.

#### AFTERNOON

Conference was called to order by the President at 2.00 P. M. and opened with the singing of a Hymn.

Report of the Maryland Educational Endowment Society was adopted as read. (See Report I)

Communication concerning the celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of the Printed English Bible was read and referred to the Committee on Moral Reform.

Report of the Special Memorial Day Committee was read and adopted.

W. A. Melvin requested to be excused from attendance on Friday. Request granted.

L. B. Smith was asked to take the chair.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was read by the Secretary. This report indicates intense and diligent effort of the Chairman of the Committee and is most commendable in the increased number of conversions recorded in connection with this program of evangelism.

Motion to adopt the report. (See Report P).

E. L. Jennings, J. L. Ward, J. W. Kirk spoke. J. F. Bryan moved to amend the report to express the appreciation of the Conference for the splendid work of Brother Melvin, Chairman of the Committee. W. A. Melvin, W. F. Wright, J. M. Gill, E. D. Stone, S. M. Yingling, L. E. Haddaway spoke.

E. D. Stone moved to amend the report further concerning the reimbursement of the Chairman to the amount of \$164 by means of voluntary contributions. Amendment passed.

The report adopted as amended.

E. D. Stone was given the privilege of receiving contributions.

Offering amounted to \$103.00, which was turned over to Brother Melvin.

A rising vote of thanks was given to W. A. Melvin.

G. W. Haddaway moved that the name of Avery Donovan be referred to the Committee on Superannuates.

E. W. Simms seconded the motion and paid tribute to the splendid ministry of Brother Donovan.

On motion the Conference gave way to the meeting of the Superannuated Fund Society and the Mutual Relief Association.

Conference resumed.

Tellers on election of Committee on Appeals reported 146 votes cast, 74 being necessary for election. Ministers elected J. H. Straughn; Laymen elected, Henry Gilligan and F. G. Reinicker.

Motion passed that the Secretary cast a ballot for those receiving the next largest number of votes, namely J. M. Gill, J. W. Kirk and S. M. Yingling.

Conference gave way to the meeting of the Church Extension Society.

Conference resumed at 3:50.

Announcement was made of the meeting of ministers' wives.

The report on the Deaconess Work was read and referred to the Committee on Benevolent Agencies

Partial report of the Board of Finance was read. J. N. Link and J. H. Straughn spoke.

Motion was passed that the report be held in abeyance.

Announcements.

Report of the Special Committee on Revision of the Charter Manual was read by E. C. Makosky. Report adopted.

Motion to adjourn passed.

G. F. Farring pronounced the Benediction.

#### EVENING

Dr. E. D. Stone opened the evening service, leading the congregation in singing. Offering received. Prayer by J. H. Straughn.

Hymn No. 88, "Wonderful Words of Life," was sung.

The President presented Dr. George W. Richards, of Lancaster, Pa., President of the Theological Seminary and President of the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, who spoke on Christian Education.

Closing Hymn No. 221, "Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart."

Benediction by H. O. Keen.

#### THIRD DAY, FRIDAY

Conference was called to order at 9 A. M. by the President, and opened with the singing of a Hymn. F. B. Bailey led in prayer. J. H. Straughn was asked to take the chair.

Minutes were read and approved.

Devotional services were conducted by T. R. Woodford. After the singing of a hymn by the assembly the Scripture Lesson (Luke 10:17-24)



was read. The devotional thought was "The Supreme Joy is to be found in the relationships we have to the Lord." L. C. Randall offered prayer.

G. A. Ogg requested that J. McL. Brown be excused from further attendance upon this session of Conference. Request granted.

A resolution was introduced by J. W. Kirk requesting the President to appoint a Secretary of Temperance. Adopted. (See Resolution 3).

The report of the Committee on Literature and Education was held in abeyance, and the Chairman requested that the representative of our General Conference agencies be heard.

The order of the day was suspended in order to receive a report from the Committee on Superannuates. The Chairman of the Committee, Louis Randall, stated the need of funds to cover a financial shortage. L. B. Smith, E. C. Makosky, B. F. Ruley and W. H. Litsinger spoke. The chair suggested a special committee to cooperate with the Superannuate Committee in the adjustment of the needs and to bring in a recommendation. A substitute motion passed that the question be referred to the Board of Finance.

The order of the day was insisted upon by the Chairman and the following general agents of the Church were presented and invited to address the Conference: R. L. Shipley, Editor of the METHODIST PROTESTANT-RECORDER, Dr. C. S. Johnson, Editor of our Sunday School Literature, representing the Board of Publication; Dr. F. W. Stephenson, Secretary of the Board of Christian Education; Dr. A. N. Ward, President of Western Maryland College, and Dr. F. G. Holloway, President of Westminster Theological Seminary.

Dr. Shipley spoke of our church paper, the METHODIST PROTESTANT-RECORDER, telling of his work and stating that it was the distributor of news throughout the church. Three ideals were set before us: That every family in the church subscribe, that the subscription list may be increased until there is at least one subscription for every ten members enrolled in the church, and every official member reading the paper.

Dr. Johnson spoke of the Sunday School literature of our church.

By request of the President, the Board of Survey and Extension was permitted to retire for a meeting.

Conference stood and sang the hymn "Wonderful Words of Life."

Dr. F. W. Stephenson told about the work of the Board of Christian Education and the glory of the Christian ministry.

Dr. Ward outlined the proposed plans and program of Western Maryland College during the coming years. He emphasized the importance of Christian institutions in preserving "the home-base."

Dr. Holloway spoke of a very successful year for the Seminary. Sixty-three students were enrolled representing the following denominations: Methodist Protestant, 50; Methodist Episcopal, 4; United Brethren, 3; Brethren, 1; Church of God, 1; Reformed, 3; Lutheran, 1. Extension

courses have been given in North Carolina and in Baltimore, Maryland, making a total enrollment of 120. Special lectures were given this year by Dr. R. L. Shipley and P. F. Warner. The plan of field work was initiated this year. The Seminary building was improved and refurnished at a total cost of nearly \$4,000, of which about \$1,100 remains unpaid. A summer school is planned during the month of August.

Dr. G. I. Humphreys, President of High Point College, was invited to address the Conference. He spoke of the development of the college, and stated the enrollment of the past year was 316 regular students, 87 day students, and 50 in extension courses making a total of 453.

G. I. Humphreys was granted the privilege of presenting the request for superannuation of G. E. Brown, who has faithfully served the Conference, and must rest from active work because of ill health. Motion passed that G. E. Brown be granted a superannuated relationship and his case be referred to the Committee on Superannuates.

F. B. Bailey read the report of the Committee on Pulpit Supply which was adopted.

Mr. G. W. Crabbe, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Maryland was presented and addressed the Conference.

A partial report of the Board of Finance was read by the Chairman, which recommended the endorsement of reductions in appropriations to the amount of \$4,565, necessitated by the deficit in assessments. L. B. Smith, Henry Gilligan, E. C. Makosky spoke.

E. C. Makosky moved a special committee as follows: P. W. Crosby, C. F. Cummins, L. B. Smith and J. P. Wantz be appointed to consider the report and report back to the Conference. Adopted.

A resolution was introduced for the changing of the date of Conference next year.

W. F. Bauscher was excused to attend a funeral.

Announcements.

Benediction pronounced by R. L. Shipley.

#### AFTERNOON

Conference was called to order by the President and sang Hymn "Blessed Assurance." Prayer was offered by J. F. Wooden.

The Secretary called the roll of Conference.

Motion passed that the Alernate, Mr. Lee B. Johnson, from Evergreen Church be seated as Delegate.

#### Election of Representatives to the General Conference

Tellers: C. C. Day, Chairman, H. A. Kester, G. J. Hooker, C. B. Robey, J. Melvin Kay, Chas. C. Staub, E. B. Croson, Daniel H. Wright, W. A. Wheatley, Lee B. Johnson. Statistician reported the total member-

ship of Conference at this session 35,822. The President instructed the Conference accordingly to vote for 18 ministers and 18 laymen. The Secretary called the roll for reception of ballots. On motion the Tellers were permitted to retire to count the ballots.

President requested L. B. Smith to take the chair.

W. F. Wright spoke regarding the work of Frederick W. Siffrin, and requested that he be given a superannuate relationship because of illness. Motion passed that the Conference approve the request and refer his case to the Committee on Superannuates.

Louis Randall, Chairman of the Committee on Superannuates, reported conclusion of special meeting of the Board of Finance and the Committee with recommendations for an increased assessment on pastors' salaries for this fund. The report was held in abeyance until after the order of the day.

Secretary announced that mimeographed copies of several of the committee reports are available.

The report of the Committee on Missions was read by R. W. Sapp, Secretary of the Committee. Addresses were made by A. H. Lynch, Mrs. J. W. Armstrong, Mrs. W. J. Bullis and G. W. Haddaway.

A. H. Lynch, one of our missionaries to Japan, spoke of prevailing attitudes and our work in Japan. Mrs. J. W. Armstrong, President of Maryland Branch addressed the Conference on the subject "Keys to Opportunities in the Methodist Protestant Church." She stated that the Key-women were the chairmen of the missionary districts as follows: Central, Mrs. P. E. Douglas; Delaware, Mrs. R. W. Sapp; Lower Peninsula, Mrs. L. F. Warner; District No. 5, Mrs. F. A. Holland; Western, Mrs. B. I. Barnes; Baltimore, Mrs. Lester Keyser. Mrs. W. L. Hoffman was designated as the key woman in connection with the distribution of available educational keys. She said further there is a need of a key-man for missionary work in the Conference.

Mrs. W. J. Bullis, President of the Washington-Virginia Branch brought the greetings of that district. She cited the fact that the past year was the best since the organization of the district and that more than the financial apportionment had been raised.

G. W. Haddaway explained the absence of Miss Bettie Brittingham in that she was attending one of the denominational regional conferences. Dr. Haddaway addressed the Conference emphasizing the fundamentals of missions in the salvation of the world and reviewing the missionary enterprises of the church.

R. L. Shipley raised objection to a statement in the report about the World Service Budget and asked to amend paragraph three pertaining to the use of special days and proper direction of general funds. J. N. Link, R. L. Shipley, Henry Gilligan, G. W. Haddaway, W. H. Litsinger spoke. A substitute for the amendment was made that the paragraph be eliminated. T. D. Bowers, Henry Gilligan, J. N. Link, F. G. Holloway, G. W.

Haddaway spoke to the substitute. Substitute motion carried. Motion to adopt the report. P. W. Crosby, G. W. Haddaway spoke. Report as amended adopted. (See Report M).

Report of the joint committee of Superannuates and Board of Finance which had been held in abeyance was considered. The pastors have paid in full but a large shortage has occurred on returns from the charges. N. C. Clough, R. W. White, W. H. Litsinger, E. C. Makosky, K. H. Wareheim, J. H. Straughn, T. C. Jones, G. W. Haddaway, Louis Randall and P. W. Crosby spoke.

Motion to substitute for the partial report to the effect that the committee ascertain the need for superannuates and recommend to the Conference that a separate assessment be levied for this amount to be printed in a separate column of the Minutes. P. W. Crosby, George Hines, J. L. Green, Louis Randall, Henry Gilligan, E. L. Bunce, E. C. Makosky, L. B. Smith, G. I. Humphreys, J. W. Foard and T. D. Bowers spoke to the substitute.

Motion to adjourn. Adopted.

Announcements.

A. N. Ward pronounced the benediction.

#### EVENING

The President presided.

The Praise Service was conducted by E. D. Stone. J. A. Dudley led in prayer. Offering was received. Congregation joined in singing a Hymn.

R. L. Shipley introduced the speaker of the evening, Rev. Wm. Hiram Foulkes, D. D., Vice President of the United Society of Christian Endeavor and pastor of Old First Church, Newark, N. J. Dr. Foulkes addressed the Conference on the subject "Youth is on the March."

Dr. Sexsmith expressed appreciation of the Conference for the splendid address.

E. D. Stone led in the singing of Hymn "Wonderful Words of Life."

Pictures of the contemplated Lewis Memorial Church in Washington, D. C., were shown and explained by J. H. Straughn.

Benediction by George Hines.

#### FOURTH DAY, SATURDAY

The President called the Conference to order at 9:00 A. M. Minutes were read and adopted. W. B. Judefind led the Devotional Services. Hymn No. 320, "Take Time to be Holy," was sung. Prayer was offered. Scripture selections were read from the fifth chapter of Matthew and third chapter of Ephesians. Theme: "To Bè is as important as To Do." T. J. Turkington sang a solo. Congregation joined in singing "More Love to Thee."

Report of Tellers on election of Representatives to the General Conference was given by C. C. Day, Chairman of the Committee. 172 ballots were cast,—necessary for a choice 87. The following representatives were elected: **Ministers:** E. A. Sexsmith, J. H. Straughn, A. N. Ward, R. L. Shipley, F. G. Holloway, L. B. Smith, E. D. Stone, E. C. Makosky, H. L. Elderdice, J. N. Link, J. L. Green, G. I. Humphreys, E. L. Bunce, W. H. Litsinger, R. Y. Nicholson. **Laymen:** Henry Gilligan, W. C. Scott, J. H. Baker, F. P. Adkins, F. Murray Benson, J. P. Wantz, Rowland Watts; W. G. Monroe, H. C. Staley, Daniel MacLea, S. M. Yingling, C. N. Spence.

Ballots were distributed for the election of the remainder of the Representatives to complete the delegation—3 ministers and 6 laymen. The Secretary called the roll for receiving ballots. Tellers permitted to retire.

The pending motion on the report of the Committee on Superannuates from the previous day was taken up.

A substitute for the pending substitute was introduced by L. B. Smith which called for a temporary arrangement, continuing the same plan as the previous year, and appointing a special committee of 4 ministers and 3 laymen to consider all ways and means, presenting a permanent solution to the next Session of Conference. L. B. Smith, Rowland Watts, J. H. Straughn, E. A. Sexsmith spoke of this substitute resolution. Substitute withdrawn by L. B. Smith and E. C. Makosky in deference to the expressed desires of the President. Substitute offered by Henry Gilligan and A. H. Mason. This substitute lost upon vote. J. F. Bryan spoke.

Original substitute submitted and carried.

Louis Randall asked to be excused from the Conference for the rest of the day.

Special Committee on Finance and Committee on Superannuates permitted to retire for a meeting.

J. F. Bryan moved that the Conference request that the Committee on Superannuates bring in a recommendation to attend to the raising of the assessment for superannuates immediately upon the beginning of the new fiscal year. Motion lost.

Motion by J. W. Kirk that the recent painting of Dr. Ward be exhibited in the Conference room. Motion passed.

Motion passed that the Conference will consider the report of the Committee on Superannuates as before the Conference so as to conform to the Manual Regulation.

Communications were read from L. E. Bee, C. S. Marshall, J. W. Parris and G. A. Morris.

Motion passed that Brother Morris be excused.

Motion passed that the Secretary be instructed to reply to these communications in proper form.

Report of the Committee on Jewish work was read. The Committee has held meetings and considered the work and reports that the time does

not seem appropriate for beginning this work. E. B. Fenby spoke to the report and moved that a committee again be appointed to continue this work. Motion carried. (See Report U).

Report of the Conference Librarian was made by G. M. Clayton, Librarian. R. L. Shipley spoke of the recommendation for the better filing of historical data in connection with the Enoch Pratt Library. G. W. Haddaway made further explanation. Report adopted. (See Report R).

E. D. Stone requested that he be excused from attendance on Monday. Request granted.

Partial report of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders was read and taken up by items.

Item 1. Recommendation that Robert Van Cleaf, John Bayley Jones, Eldridge H. Taylor, Leslie Werner, and Harvey L. Flater, graduates of Westminster Theological Seminary be received and ordained. J. L. Ward, Chairman of the Committee, gave information about these men. After most favorable comment by J. L. Ward, L. B. Smith, Lawrence Little, H. E. Hudgins, F. B. Bailey, J. N. Link and G. W. Ports, motions upon each candidate were passed receiving them into the Conference.

Item 2. Motion that Lee Elliott be ordained with new members. After favorable comment motion adopted.

Item 3. Motion passed that A. C. Ford and Norman Roberts be granted license to administer the ordinances if employed by the President.

Announcements were read by the Secretary.

An invitation from Western Maryland College for the Conference to meet at the College at its next annual session was read.

Partial report of the Board of Finance was read, making readjustments in appropriations.

Meetings of various committees announced.

The President received the new members into the Conference, who were then welcomed personally by the members of the Conference.

The Chairman of Tellers for election of representatives to General Conference reported 170 ballots cast. Necessary to a choice 86—no election. Motion passed that the ballot be deferred until 12:30 so that members of conference in committees could be present. Vote was taken and the Tellers permitted to retire to count the ballots.

Conference recessed.

Benediction by W. H. Litsinger.

#### FIFTH DAY, SUNDAY

The Conference Ordination Service was held in Alumni Hall beginning at 11 A. M. and conducted by the President. The congregation sang Hymn No. 343, "O Could I Speak the Matchless Worth"; prayer was offered

by J. N. Link. The Responsive Reading, Selection 44, was led by P. W. Crosby. F. G. Holloway read the Scripture Lesson, John 21:15-25. Hymn No. 169, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," was sung.

The Ordination Sermon, "Apostolic Bonds"—Text John 21:18, was delivered by R. L. Shipley.

Robert Van Cleaf, John Bayley Jones, Eldridge H. Taylor, Leslie Werner, Harvey L. Falter and Lee Elliott were ordained Elders by the President, assisted by the Secretary, P. W. Crosby, J. N. Link, F. G. Holloway and P. M. R. Schauer.

Benediction pronounced by the President.

Vesper services were conducted on the College Campus by F. G. Holloway at 6:45.

At 8 P. M. a devotional service arranged by J. N. Link was held in the Alumni Hall, after which a Religious Drama, "Pilgrims of the Way," was presented by the Dramatic Club of Starr Church.

#### SIXTH DAY, MONDAY

W. F. Wright, Secretary, called the Conference to order and E. C. Makosky took the chair in accord with the President's request

Minutes of Saturday's session and the special session of the Conference held January 15, were read and approved.

**Devotions:** The devotions were conducted by E. L. Bunce. After the singing of a hymn, and prayer, the scripture lesson from the gospel of John was read. Devotional thought, "The Ever Present Christ."

Report of the Tellers on the election of representatives to the General Conference. 141 ballots cast, necessary to a choice 71. The following were elected: Ministers: R. W. White. Laymen: C. L. Horsey, C. N. Satterfield.

Ballots were cast for the rest of the delegation and the tellers permitted to retire.

J. F. Bryan introduced a resolution to the effect that all incoming ministers shall become members of the Mutual Relief Association and that this regulation be placed in the Manual. G. I. Humphreys, B. I. Barnes, J. A. Dudley spoke in opposition to the resolution. J. W. Kirk, J. McLain Brown, spoke in favor of the resolution. G. I. Humphreys moved to amend that all members of the Conference be required to become members of the Mutual Relief Association and stated that he was opposed to both the original motion and the amendment. R. L. Shipley spoke in opposition. Motion passed to lay the resolution on the table.

The report of the Special Historical Committee to work with L. B. Smith was read by R. W. White, Secretary of the Committee. Report recommended the printing of historical documents with the 1935 issue of the Minutes. Adopted. (See Report W).

The report of the Committee on Benevolent Agencies was read by J. A. Dudley. G. W. Haddaway and G. H. Schumacher spoke of the excellent work of the Deaconesses. In accord with the report the following were elected as members of the Deaconess Board: G. E. Brown, G. W. Haddaway, E. J. Paige, Mrs. W. F. Chew, and Mrs. S. H. Wareheim. Report adopted. (See Report K).

Report of the Committee on Moral Reform and Social Service. Separate resolutions were read by W. P. Roberts, as presented by members of the committee:

1. Relative to the Lord's Day Alliance, adopted as amended.
2. That we fittingly celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the printed English Bible.
3. That this Conference sanction boycotting of motion pictures detrimental to Society.

#### Resolutions adopted

F G. Holloway, Chairman of the Committee, read the general report of the Committee. Motion that the report be adopted. Henry Gilligan spoke of his whole-hearted endorsement of the committee's expression. C. M. Elderdice moved an amendment that under the heading of Temperance that the work of the Anti-Saloon League and W. C. T. U. be commended and that the church continue its co-operation and support of these organizations. J. H. Straughn, W. P. Roberts, L. B. Smith, T. D. Bowers, Henry Gilligan, J. F. Bryan, G. W. Haddaway, E. F. Williams, C. M. Elderdice, E. L. Bunce, L. C. Randall spoke.

R. L. Shipley offered a substitute that all resolutions offered be appended, the resolutions offered by C. M. Elderdice be Resolution No. 1, and adopted as a part of the report and the entire report be adopted. (See Report J).

Report of Tellers on Representatives to the General Conference. The following were elected: Ministers: G. W. Haddaway, P. W. Crosby. Laymen: A. H. Mason, T. D. Bowers.

This concluded the list of ministerial representatives. Conference proceeded to vote for two laymen to complete the delegation and the tellers were permitted to retire.

Conference recessed after benediction by E. L. Bunce.

#### AFTERNOON

Conference was called to order at 2 P. M. with E. C. Makosky in the chair.

The Secretary read the report of the committee on Group Insurance. An increase was shown in the payment of insurance premiums this past year. Request made for increased assessment for this purpose. Motion passed that the report be adopted.

Report of the tellers of representatives to the General Conference. 137 ballots cast, 69 necessary for a choice. F. G. Reinicker and Fred J. Herrigel Jr., were elected.



Motion that the alternates be elected by selecting the ten receiving the highest number of votes on the first ballot, who have not been elected. L. B. Smith, G. W. Haddaway, J. H. Straughn, J. L. Green and A. N. Ward spoke. Motion made to defer the election of alternates. J. H. Straughn rose to a point of order on the entire question, in that we must now vote upon alternates. Chair ruled the point well taken but that as a Conference we can do as we please.

Partial Report of the Board of Finance, recommending reductions in appropriations totaling \$4,500. Report adopted. (See Report E).

Report of the Summer Conference was read by the Secretary, which cited the fact that summer will be the 25th anniversary of the Summer Conference, and inviting ministers and their wives to attend. J. L. Green, Chairman of the Committee spoke. F. G. Holloway also spoke enlarging upon the Summer Conference and the course of study for our ministers. Report adopted. (See Report O).

The Tellers distributed ballots for the election of alternates to General Conference, and the Chair instructed that Conference vote in accord with the following action of Conference: That we vote for six ministers and six laymen and that the persons receiving the ten highest number of votes be elected. Vote was cast and the tellers permitted to retire.

The Secretary read the invitation to the Conference from Western Maryland College, and Conference unanimously accepted the same for next year. Dr. Ward graciously responded to the vote of the Conference, and further invited the ministers' wives as the guests of the College this Summer. J. L. Green, President of the Summer Conference, spoke in appreciation and paid high tribute to Dr. Ward's great kindness.

Resolution, that R. L. Shipley be requested to supply manuscript of the Ordination Sermon for publication in the Methodist Protestant-Recorder. Passed. (See Resolution 6).

Resolution, passed that this Conference add to its list of standing committees, a committee on Missionary activities. (See Resolution 4).

Resolution, that one communion collection be given to the Maryland Tract Society to help pay for office rent in our Headquarters Building, was passed. (See Resolution 5).

The Treasurer of the Summer Conference made a report. Motion made that report be adopted and include an appropriation of \$200 for expense.

Report of the Committee on President's Report was read by J. E. Cummings, Chairman of the Committee. The Committee believes it unnecessary to present recommendation No. 1 because of action of the Conference, and concurs in all other recommendations. Report adopted. (See Report A1).

Report of the Committee on the Home for the Aged was read by L. C. Randall, Secretary of the Committee. J. N. Link moved that the item pertaining to the regulations for admission to the Home be referred to the Committee and that the Committee bring in definite recommen-

dations. Conference concurred. The following were elected managers of the Home: J. H. Straughn, W. P. Roberts, E. B. Fenby, George Mather.

Report of the Committee on Audit was read and adopted. (See Report Q).

Secretary read the report of the Committee on Christian Literature and Education.

The President of the Maryland Conference Council of Religious Education gave his report in connection with the report on literature and education, reviewing the work and the aims of the Council. Recommendations: 1. — Asked for a place on the Conference program. Item 2 — That a part-time Director of Religious Education be employed.

Dr. Lawrence Little, Director of Religious Education of the Conference, gave his personal report of work done in the district during the past Conference year.

Motion that all three reports relating to the Religious Educational work be adopted. (See Report I).

J. H. Straughn presented Rev. William C. Drahn, a representative of the Ministers' Life and Casualty Union, who spoke of his work in relation to the ministers of our church.

The Statistician, J. Lee Marker, gave the statistics of the Conference at this session. L. B. Smith spoke of some apparent inaccuracies that may occur and the difficulties in compiling such reports.

Partial report of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders was given, recommending that W. A. Schafer be continued in the Conference course of study, and that Louis Ransom be granted license to administer the ordinances if employed by the President. Adopted. (See Report F).

The recommitted paragraph of the Committee on Home for the Aged was presented by L. C. Randall. J. P. Wantz spoke explaining the eligibility and reception of members into the Home, and requested an expression from the Conference pertaining to the admission of members of the Conference to the Home. Motion that the Executive Committees of the Board of Managers of the Superannuate Fund Society, and the Board of Managers of the Home, with the President of the Conference be a committee to negotiate this matter and have power to act.

Substitute: That the present policy of the Home be maintained, and that the Home be for the benefit of the laity. Adopted. Report adopted as amended. (See Report N).

Motion to recess passed.

Benediction pronounced by J. W. Kirk.

#### EVENING

Conference opened at 7:30 P. M., with E. C. Makosky in the chair. T. J. Turkington led the song service. M. E. Hungerford led in prayer. Offering.

Report of Tellers on alternates to the General Conference. The following were elected: Ministers: W. F. Wright, C. C. Day, T. C. Mulligan, W. A. Melvin, J. E. Cummings, J. A. Trader, W. P. Roberts, J. A. Dudley, Louis Randall, T. R. Woodford. Laymen: N. J. Parks, R. P. Smith, J. P. Dodge, E. Lester Keyser, W. H. Harrison, E. E. Wooden, W. A. Wheatley, Jr., M. G. Davis, G. H. Schumacher, L. B. Johnson, W. A. Hoblitzell.

Report of the Committee on Official Relations was read by Henry Gilligan, Secretary of the Committee. The report cited the increase of subscriptions to the Methodist Protestant-Recorder, and named 17 charges and 10 churches as being on the Honor Roll.

Recommendations were adopted as read, with the following exceptions:

Motion passed that Item 2 be omitted, the subject matter having been submitted in another report.

Item 8—(a) and (b) L. B. Smith spoke concerning the object of this recommendation. W. H. Litsinger spoke. Henry Gilligan moved that this recommendation, Items (a) and (b), be placed in the Manual as Regulation 1, Section 12. Motion passed.

Item 9 — Motion passed that this item also be placed in the Manual as Regulation 1, Section 13.

Report adopted. (See Report L).

Report of the Board of Finance.

Recommendations:

Item 1—Expense for General Conference delegation, adopted.

Item 2—Maryland Conference Budget be set at \$26,550. L. B. Smith called attention to needed corrections. P. W. Crosby made explanation. Adopted.

Item 3—Superannuate Amount \$13,100. Passed.

Item 4—Transportation of ministers and delegates to Annual Conference session. Adopted.

Item 5—Giving a priority for supplemental salaries. L. B. Smith spoke in reference to the questions involved. J. N. Link, J. H. Straughn, G. I. Humphreys, J. P. Wantz spoke. Motion passed to strike out the item.

Report adopted. (See Report E).

Report of the Committee on Audit read and adopted. (See Report Q).

L. B. Smith spoke of the splendid service of George R. Donaldson, who has served as a member of the Conference for forty-three years, and presented his request for a superannuated relationship. Motion passed that George R. Donaldson be given a superannuate relationship. Committee on Superannuates permitted to retire.

R. W. White, Conference Steward asked the Assistant Steward, J. R. McKeawn, to read the report of the Steward. Report adopted as read. (See Statistical Report).

J. H. Straughn exhibited motion pictures of the Lewis Memorial Church project.

Report of the Committee on Superannuates was read by Louis Randall, Chairman. Appropriations totalled \$21,668, continuing the same basis of distribution of receipts from invested fund.

#### Recommendations

1. That provision for dependent children be published with the Superannuated Fund Society Regulations each year.

2. That the figures "16-21" be changed to read from "16 to 18 years, etc." Report adopted. (See Report H).

W. H. Litsinger introduced a resolution expressing the appreciation of the Conference to all who have contributed to the comfort and convenience of the Conference, which was passed by a standing vote of the Conference.

Lawrence Little moved that W. H. Litsinger, and J. L. Green be elected representatives on the Delmarva Commission of Christian Education.

Partial report of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders that J. H. Mark be placed in the hands of the President. Adopted. (See Report F).

Partial report of the Board of Survey and Extension was read by J. N. Link. Adopted as read. (See Report G).

Journal of the previous day and through the afternoon session read and approved.

Conference recessed awaiting further business.

Chas. F. Cummins, Treasurer of the Conference, read his annual report which was adopted by a rising vote. (See Report C).

Minutes up to this point were read and approved.

Conference recessed pending the reading of the Plan of Appointments.

Partial report of the Board of Survey and Extension was read by J. N. Link and adopted. (See Report G).

Partial report of the committee on Itinerancy and Orders that Willard W. Sylvester be given license to administer the ordinances if employed by the President. Adopted. (See Report F).

By common consent the Board of Finance was permitted to add \$600 to the appropriation for superannuates.

E. C. Makosky relinquished the chair to the President.

The President cited the relationship of George Hines, and the Committee on Official Relations recommended that he be given active relationship. Conference so moved. (See Report L).

The President addressed the Conference.

After the singing of a hymn, and approval of the Minutes recorded, the President read the Plan of Apportionments at 12:20 A. M. (See Plan of Apportionments).

Conference adopted the President's Plan of Appointments.

Conference closed with prayer and benediction by L. B. Smith.

E. A. SEXSMITH, President,  
W. F. WRIGHT, Secretary,  
KARL H. WAREHEIM,  
Journal Clerk.

Approved June 18, 1935

# REPORTS

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## REPORT A PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(See Journal Page 33)

To the Maryland Annual Conference of the  
Methodist Protestant Church.

Dear Brethren:—

“Grace be to you, and peace from God, our Father, and from the Lord, Jesus Christ!”

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved: in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.”

We assemble today in our One Hundred and Seventh Session, having come from our various fields of labor as ministers and lay representatives to report upon the activities of the past year and to confer upon plans and programs as we look to the future.

### OUR DECEASED

We pause to give due recognition to those who have been called from labor to reward. Three ministers and four widows of ministers have passed away during this year.

November 29, 1934, Rev. Harry B. Jester, after a protracted illness quietly rested in peace with Jesus.

December 31, 1934, Rev. James L. Elderdice, M.D., after a long and useful ministry fell asleep in the blessed hope of immortality.

In the early morning of March 11, 1935, Rev. Joseph H. Lynch, one of our young and aggressive ministers, was released by the angel of death from an illness which had held him for several months.

October 1, 1934, Mrs. Georgia Tyson Johnson, beloved widow of Rev. H. W. D. Johnson, died suddenly in Greenwood, Delaware.

November 15, 1934, Mrs. Sadie R. Stevens, widow of Rev. F. L. Stevens, passed away at the home of her daughter in Lansdowne, Maryland.

February 27, 1935, Mrs. Carrie E. Van Dyke, widow of Rev. E. H. Van Dyke, after a brief illness passed to her reward from the Aged People's Home, in Salisbury, Maryland, where she had resided for several years.

On April 23, 1935, Mrs. Annie S. Neeper, widow of Rev. W. J. Neeper, peacefully fell asleep in Jesus, at her home in Baltimore, where she, with her daughter, had spent many happy days.

These all died in the faith. "I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, write, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

In each case Obituary Committees have been appointed who will report at the appointed time during this session.

## OFFICIAL ACTS

### Changes

On July 5, by common agreement of all parties concerned, Rev. L. E. Haddaway was released from Carroll Circuit and assigned to Kennedyville; Rev. B. A. Bryan was released from Kennedyville and assigned to Nichols Memorial; Rev. Charles F. Cummins was released from Nichols Memorial and assigned to Carroll Circuit.

On July 11, Norman Roberts, a local preacher of the Alexandria Quarterly Conference, was assigned as supply pastor of Alexandria, and has served this church acceptably.

On July 17, satisfactory arrangements having been made with all parties concerned, Rev. Owen W. Prince, was appointed pastor of Indian River in conjunction with the pastorate of Milton, Delaware.

Owing to severe illness which prevented Rev. Avery Donovan from entering upon his pastoral duties following the rise of the last Conference, upon his request he was released by the Quarterly Conference from the pastorate of Oxford Charge on July 25, and a schedule of supplies was arranged until a regular pastor could be secured.

On July 30, Rev. F. W. Siffrin because of physical disability and at his request was released by the Quarterly Conference from the pastorate of Mt. Tabor Church, Washington.

August 8, Rev. W. Kenneth Lyons upon his request was released from the pastorate of Cumberland Circuit, and on August 9, was appointed pastor of Mt. Tabor Church, to become effective as of September 1.

August 9, John Bayley Jones, a senior in the Westminster Theological Seminary, was appointed supply pastor of Cumberland Circuit to become effective September 1.

On August 19, Rev. B. R. Collins, a member of the Indiana Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, who is now a student at Westminster Theological Seminary, was appointed supply pastor of Grove Charge, and has been serving this charge very acceptably.

On August 21, Rev. George Hines was appointed pastor of Oxford Charge to become effective September 1.

Owing to the illness and death of Rev. Joseph H. Lynch, it became necessary for the President to arrange with a committee from First Church, Lynchburg, for supplies for the pulpit. A schedule was arranged whereby the pulpit has been supplied since November 7 until Conference.

I wish to record my great appreciation of the splendid cooperation on the part of the ministers who have supplied this church and for the excellent service they have given.

A recommendation contained in the President's report to the last Conference, provided "that either through the Board of Survey and Extension, or through a special committee, there be a revision of district boundaries in order to provide the President with the greatest possible cooperation in the various sections of the Conference." Inasmuch as the special committee was not appointed during the last session of Conference, the matter was referred to the Board of Survey and Extension which made the readjustments of the districts, and the same was published in the Conference Minutes of 1934 as a matter of record. This readjustment seems to be working very well.

The Conference also provided for the appointment of the following special committees:

Sesqui-Centennial Committee.

Historical Committee to preserve the historical records of the Maryland Conference compiled by Rev. L. B. Smith.

Memorial Day Committee.

Jewish Missionary Work Committee.

Legal Authority with whom to confer with respect to annuities and bequests.

Lord's Day Alliance Committee.

Committee to complete the file of deeds to church and parsonage properties of the Conference and properly index the same.

These Committees have been appointed and will report at this Conference Session.

The Conference Session of 1934 inaugurated a plan for the refunding of the indebtedness on the Headquarters Building at 516 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, Md., setting up a committee with Dr. J. H. Straughn as Chairman. Very naturally the President was to have a part in these plans. I have therefore given myself without reserve to the furthering of this program.

Considerable effort was made to give our constituency an intelligent understanding of the seriousness of the condition regarding this indebtedness and also the plans for refunding the same. A number of Group Meetings were held where detailed explanation was made and literature distributed. Several churches responded generously but many did not. Because of the urgency of this Campaign growing out of the difficulties confronted, the Trustees of the Conference requested me to confer with the Standing District Committee relative to calling the Conference together in special session for further counsel and action relative to the Campaign. After thorough consideration the Standing District Committee joined me in calling the Conference to meet in special session for one day on January 15. The attendance was gratifying indeed, there being 123 ministers and 39 delegates present at roll call, with a much larger number attending the afternoon session. The Minutes, with the action taken are on file and are to be printed with the Minutes of this session.



From the interest manifested at this Special Session it seemed we might expect a successful completion of the Campaign within a short time, but bad weather and roads hindered its progress. It does not seem that the Conference has awakened fully to the imperative need of a whole-hearted response to this very vital interest.

The Conference Trustees and Headquarters Refunding Campaign Committee will make full report on the results of this undertaking and offer recommendations to be considered at this session.

### THE PRESIDENT'S ITINERARY

I have visited every charge in the Conference during the year, eight charges twice, and four charges three times; held twenty-seven District Conferences; nine group meetings in connection with the Headquarters Refunding Campaign; held Quarterly Conferences and business meetings wherever the conditions indicated the same were necessary or advisable; delivered 170 sermons and addresses, and travelled by automobile over 18,000 miles, besides considerable distance by train and bus.

### EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES

We are especially favored by having located within our Conference District the two leading institutions of learning of our denomination—Western Maryland College and Westminster Theological Seminary.

Western Maryland College under the wise and aggressive leadership of President A. N. Ward has been steadily forging ahead in spite of the depression. The erection of a new dormitory this year which is now nearing completion, besides extended improvement upon some of the other buildings, equips the College to provide much more adequately for a largely increased enrollment. The enrollment this year has reached 895, with a graduating class of 138. We can justly be proud of the accomplishments of this institution, and with the present equipment and plans for the future, backed by an endowment of \$883,700, it faces the future with bright hopes for a greater and more efficient Western Maryland College.

Westminster Theological Seminary, our School of the Prophets, was started by this Conference, and later was turned over to the General Conference as a denominational enterprise. Its growth under the fine leadership of Dr. H. L. Elderdice, whom we all delight to honor, was one of marked distinction. The present building will stand as a monument to his untiring labors and faith. President Fred G. Holloway, the most worthy successor to Dr. Elderdice has demonstrated his ability as an executive and educator, enlarging the scope of the curriculum and planning to place our Theological School in the group of leading institutions of its kind. They have closed one of the best years in its history with an enrollment of 63, representing seven denominations and a graduating class of 17.

In addition to these institutions we have other agencies offering assistance to the educational life of our ministers and church leaders.

The Summer Conference for Ministers. To many of us the blessings received from this gathering held every year on College Hill have been so

great that we shall always count it invaluable to our work as ministers of the Conference. We cannot understand why more of the members of the Conference, especially the younger men, do not avail themselves of this opportunity of personal contact with many of the outstanding church leaders of this country as well as some from abroad. An excellent program has been arranged for this summer and we sincerely hope that all the ministers of the Conference will embrace this splendid opportunity for fellowship, information and inspiration for their work.

The Maryland Council of Religious Education, under whose direction we have held on College Hill for a number of years, a Leadership School for young people and church leaders which has proven a great blessing to those in attendance, and, through the instruction given has created a better type of leaders in the local churches to such an extent as to make it a very vital part of our Conference program. Every church in the Conference should see that some of their prospective leaders should have the opportunity of the instruction here afforded.

In considering our educational institutions and agencies, we should not overlook our church paper—The Methodist Protestant-Recorder—which must ever have an important part in the mental preparation of a wise and aggressive church constituency. Under the leadership of our genial and resourceful Editor, Dr. R. L. Shipley, we are receiving each week not only the news of our Conference and general church, but a variety of finely written and timely editorials, as well as other valuable material for Sunday School, Christian Endeavor and other church leaders. Our church paper should be a weekly visitor of counsel and inspiration to every family among our constituency, and certainly by no means should it be omitted from the mailing list of any of our official members. It is the only periodical giving the essential information relative to our Conference activities and general church program, and therefore must be in the hands of all church officials who attempt to perform their duties intelligently. There should be a subscription list of not less than 5,000 within the Maryland Conference.

### AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

#### Anti-Saloon League and Women's Christian Temperance Union

We do not wish to anticipate the report of the Committee on Moral Reform but we must deplore the awful consequences which have resulted from the legalizing of the sale of alcoholic liquors as a beverage. Once more this country finds itself reaping the awful debauchery of the liquor traffic. This enemy of human society has again fastened itself upon our nation, furnishing the fertile soil where nearly every form of crime may flourish. "Strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Great promises were made by the advocates of repeal, but they have not been fulfilled. The war against this form of evil, begun many years ago, must be renewed with greater wisdom and determination. The increase in arrests of drunken automobile drivers in a few of the states since the repeal of Prohibition will serve as an illustration of the dangerous effect of this traffic: New York 20%, Rhode Island 100%, Pennsylvania 77%, Oregon 36%, North Carolina 26%, New Hampshire

43%. In some of the larger cities of the country the results are as follows: Philadelphia 300%, Cincinnati 380%, New Orleans 122%, Los Angeles 479%.

The many other forms of evil growing out of the legalized liquor traffic should arouse the citizens of this country to the loyal support of all organizations whose object is the removal of this curse. We commend the Anti-Saloon League and the Women's Christian Temperance Union and their efficient leaders for their undaunted courage in carrying forward an aggressive crusade for sobriety, and urge our constituency to give a full measure of support to these organizations in their educational and legislative programs.

#### Lord's Day Alliance

The physical as well as moral welfare of the nation is largely dependent upon the proper observance of the Lord's Day.

We observe a persistent effort on the part of the enemies of our Lord to break down this day of rest and worship and to make it a holiday rather than a Holy Day. Dr. W. W. Davis, Executive Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of Maryland, has given invaluable service in preventing the enactment of legislation which has been designed to break down a proper observance of the Lord's Day, and has also been faithfully endeavoring to lead the churches in an educational program to create a better knowledge of the blessings to be derived from, and the necessity for a proper observance of the Christian Sabbath. We commend the program of the Lord's Day Alliance and urge a loyal co-operation with the same.

#### Maryland Tract Society

This Society continues to give valuable service in a quiet and unassuming way, having visited 7,434 homes, and distributed 65,109 tracts, besides 4,737 personal interviews giving comfort and making appeal for life decisions during the past year. This represents a volume of valuable service which must commend itself to all thoughtful Christians. They are always ready to be of assistance to any church which may call upon them for a survey of the community or visitation to homes of members. This Society has its appeal to individuals who may never be touched by the organized church, and therefore deserves the loyal support and co-operation of our constituency.

#### BENEVOLENT AGENCIES

##### Home for the Aged

This beautiful benefaction continues its loving service to many of the less fortunate of our aged people. Under the wise management of those in charge the affairs of the Home have been conducted economically and efficiently. The Matron, Mrs. E. A. Warfield, is ever alert to produce the atmosphere of a delightful Christian family among those residing at the Home, and deserves high praise for the real contribution she is making to their lives. Many of our churches continue to make valuable donations to the Home, which are of great assistance. May we suggest this as a worthy undertaking for more churches or church organizations.

### Superannuate Fund

The constantly increasing demands of the modern pastorate with advanced age and disease are compelling an increasing number of ministers to seek retirement. This, with the income of the Superannuate Fund Society having suffered considerable decrease during the depression, causes a situation of deep concern to the Conference. For several years the ministers of the Conference have been giving a percentage of their salaries to the Superannuate Fund, and for the past two years have been paying on an increased percentage. This, with the request that the charges contribute a like amount as their pastor's assessment, has greatly augmented the revenue for distribution. It seems absolutely essential to continue this plan for a while at least. I am therefore offering a recommendation to that end.

### Mutual Relief Association

This Association continues to be a great blessing to those in distress. It gives the opportunity for an expression of sympathy on the part of each member to those of our fellowship at a time when it means much to them. I would remind the members of this Conference, however, that the continued success of this Association is dependent upon the cooperation of all, and that your membership in the Conference implies membership in the Association; the enrollment, therefore, should be greatly increased.

### Group Insurance

We have witnessed a gradual increase in the total premium, caused by the advance of the average age of the insured. For several years the dividends were allowed to accumulate thereby creating a fund with which to offset this rise in premium, but because of urgent needs during the past few years this amount was drawn upon partly to pay premiums and for the Conference indebtedness until the entire amount has been consumed. By the use of the dividends for this year, the Treasurer has been able to pay the premium, and when all amounts due are paid will have a balance in the treasury. The advisability of the insurance has been proven by the great assistance it has given the families of our deceased ministers. The company has paid in dividends to the Conference the amount of \$6,707.86, and to the beneficiaries of the insured the sum of \$19,000.00, making a total of \$26,707.86. The Treasurer will make a financial report, at which time it is likely a full discussion of the matter and of some future plans may be advisable.

We wish to express our gratitude to the Board of Beneficence of St. John's Church, and also to the Pipe Creek Benevolent Society for their generous gifts, whereby many hearts have been made happy and the burdens of financial distress have been lifted in a number of homes.

### BEQUESTS

Wicomico Church on Northumberland Charge, has received a legacy of \$514.00, through the will of Mr. Patrick O. Lewis. Because of legal questions involved this legacy was received by the Trustees of the Conference and by them turned over to the Trustees of the church.

Wilton Heights Church through the will of Mr. John F. Carter, received a valuable property situated beside their church, to be used as a parsonage.

There are other cases where churches have been remembered by friends in their wills. We gratefully acknowledge all such gifts, and would encourage others who desire their assistance to be carried on after they cease from their labors, to provide for this through bequests or annuities .

## THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

### Material Improvements

Only one new church building has been erected during the year. Afton Church on Northumberland Charge was destroyed by fire Feb. 11, 1934, the latter part of last Conference year. However, these devoted people would not be defeated by their misfortune and immediately began laying plans for the erection of a new church. After submitting their plans to the Conference authorities and upon receiving their approval, began the erection of their church. The building is frame and of Colonial type, presenting a more impressive appearance than their former building. The enterprise was begun with the understanding that they would pay their bills as they carried forward the work. The building is now ready for lathing and plastering, the exterior having been completed and painted. The corner-stone was laid on May 31 with appropriate services.

Many church and parsonage properties have been greatly improved during the year, the total cost of which as reported through the information furnished the President, amounts to \$27,853.00, which is in excess of the amount raised for this purpose during the previous year.

The following charges report \$500 or more paid on Building and Improvements:

Brooklyn .....	\$825	Md. Line .....	598
Evergreen .....	525	Salisbury .....	800
St. Johns .....	500	Stewartstown .....	1218
First Ch., Newark .....	1300	Cavalry, Va. ....	500
Harbeson-Lewes .....	1000	Mt. Tabor .....	2000
Finksburg .....	600	Wesley Chapel .....	800
Harrington .....	950	Westminster .....	500
Kempton .....	545	Whaleyville .....	600
2nd Ch., Lynchburg .....	750		

### Paid on Debt

Although we have heard much about hard times, our churches have paid on debts during the year \$37,626.00, which exceeds the amount paid on debt last year.

The following charges report having paid \$500 or more on debt:

Eutaw .....	\$500	Trinity .....	510
Hampden .....	1500	West Baltimore .....	720
St. Pauls .....	800	Bedford .....	800
Starr .....	3500	Georgetown .....	500

Harbeson-Lewes .....	500	Mt. Tabor .....	600
Milford .....	650	N. C. Ave. ....	500
Pocomoke .....	525	R. I. Ave. ....	875
Salisbury .....	1000	1st Ch., Wilmington .....	15162
Seaford .....	600	Peninsula .....	899

### Maryland Conference and World Service Budgets

While the latest reports indicate that we may raise a small amount more for the Maryland Conference and World Service Budget than last year, a comparison of the Treasurer's report shows that for several years we have had a deficit of about \$10,000 in the Maryland Conference Budget, which of course has greatly hindered the Conference program, while the deficit in the World Service Budget has been even greater. We do not believe the amount asked from the Conference is impossible, but rather that our trouble lies in a lack of a proper sense of Christian Stewardship. Were the constituency of our churches to tithe their income for this year, and divide it proportionately among the interests of local and general benevolences, our financial difficulties would be solved. Believing that we must get at the heart of this financial difficulty, I am offering a recommendation which I hope will create a finer sense of Christian Stewardship and liberality among our people.

### Numerical Growth

We rejoice in the fact that there have been a number of very fine revivals during the year and that the reports received indicate there have been 1926 conversions and 2045 accessions to our church membership.

The following charges report 25 or more conversions:

Edmondson Ave. ....	25	Frederick .....	42
Eutaw .....	25	First Ch., Lynchburg .....	175
Hampden .....	70	Second Ch., Lynchburg .....	145
Linthicum Heights .....	26	Tyreanna .....	27
Lowe Memorial .....	35	St. Lukes .....	36
Wilton Heights .....	38	Taylor Memorial .....	40
Accomac .....	28	Salisbury .....	112
Amelia .....	25	Cherrydale .....	25
Bivalve .....	36	Lewis Memorial .....	44
Crisfield .....	40	Mt. Tabor .....	27
Dagsboro .....	36	Rhode Island Ave.....	35
Delmar .....	26	Wesley Chapel .....	25
Finksburg .....	27	Whaleyville .....	45
First Ch., Newark .....	31		

The following charges report 25 or more accessions to their membership:

Brooklyn .....	30	Grace .....	29
Christ Church .....	28	Hampden .....	63
Edmondson Ave. ....	40	Lowe Memorial .....	37
Eutaw .....	40	St. Pauls .....	31

Starr .....	28	St. Lukes .....	36
Wilton Heights .....	43	Salisbury .....	165
Bivalve .....	25	Calvary, Va. ....	36
Buckeytown .....	30	Lewis Memorial .....	32
First Ch. Cumberland .....	26	Mt. Olivet .....	25
Finksburg .....	27	Mt. Tabor .....	42
First Ch. Newark .....	33	Rhode Island Ave. ....	25
First Ch. Lynchburg .....	100	Wesley Chapel .....	26
Second Ch. Lynchburg .....	81	Westminster .....	25

The greatest concern we have for our churches is not financial, but spiritual. Believing as we do that the Conference should take a forward step in Evangelism, we are submitting a recommendation dealing with that part of our Conference program.

#### Pastoral Support

A comparison of the Conference Steward's financial summary reveals rather startling facts relative to pastoral support.

In 1930, the total amount paid for pastoral support by the churches of this Conference was \$235,686. In 1934, it was \$196,342, a decrease of \$39,344. This is undoubtedly too great. Something must be done to stop this reduction and turn the tide upward.

At the beginning of this Conference year there were thirty charges with pastors' salaries set at less than \$1100. It would require a supplement on pastors' salaries of over \$9600 to give each pastor a minimum of \$1200. This of course is impossible. I am glad however to report that it would seem we have come to the low line and that we might expect some improvement this year.

A letter was mailed to all charges to whom a supplement on salary was promised for this year asking them to assume the amount of the supplement, to which a number have responded favorably.

In view of the seriousness of this condition, I am offering a recommendation dealing with pastoral support.

#### Women's Auxiliaries and Deaconess Work

We commend the splendid work being done by the Women's Auxiliaries of our Conference. Unwilling to be hindered by financial difficulties they have pressed forward with their work in a thorough and aggressive manner. We wish there might be an Auxiliary in every church, or at least every charge, not only for the financial benefit it would be to the World Service Budget, but more especially for the missionary instruction given and Christian fellowship created among the women of our Conference.

Miss Lillian N. DeMoss continues her valuable services under the direction of the Deaconess Board. Her training and experience equip her for efficient service. Pastors and churches should avail themselves of her assistance.

## THE OUTLOOK

### Church Extension

During the year by the aid of the Board Managers of the Church Extension Society, and the Board of Missions, Emmanuel Church, Philadelphia, has so adjusted its indebtedness as to bring the carrying charges within the ability of the congregation to meet them. This should give Emmanuel Church a further opportunity to prove its possibilities.

Washington, D. C., and Arlington County, Virginia, now afford to our Conference one of its most inviting fields for church extension. During the presidency of Dr. G. I. Humphreys, the Lewis Memorial Church enterprise was started. During the presidency of Dr. E. C. Makosky a location was selected and a lot purchased. In 1930 during the presidency of Dr. L. B. Smith, an organization was effected, the chapel being opened Feb. 9. The community has grown rapidly, even during the past few years of financial stringency, until we are now confronted with a situation which demands the immediate erection of at least the first unit of the church building or the surrender of this promising field to some other denomination. We cannot expect this congregation to continue with its present equipment nor can we expect the authorities in Washington to allow us to use the present building much longer. I, therefore, after favorable action by the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society, and the Board of Survey and Extension, have taken preliminary steps for the erection of the first unit of this church.

A full discussion of plans and program will be given during this session. A recommendation will be offered relative to this matter.

In Arlington County, Virginia, residential developments of large proportions have taken place in the immediate vicinity of Mt. Olivet, Walker's Chapel, Fort Myer Heights and Cherrydale Churches, giving to each of them greatly enlarged opportunities and demanding wise and aggressive leadership. These, with Calvary Church, which is well located, offer to us a very important church extension field in and adjacent to the Nation's Capitol.

### A New Psychology

Unconsciously we have carried over into our church life some of the effects of the material conditions through which we have been passing. The psychology of defeat has taken hold of far too many in the church. We have become so accustomed to saying we cannot, that we have come to believe we cannot. We must develop a new psychology — the Psychology of Faith. No better illustration can be found than the experience of God's ancient people at the time Moses sent out the twelve spies to examine the promised land. They all brought back the same report of the fruitfulness of the land, and also of the difficulties to be encountered, but quite a different report of their ability to go up and possess the land. Some were looking at the giants in the land, the others were looking at a land of possibilities, and to God, their source of Divine assistance. Which way do we have our eyes focused — upon the difficulties in the way of an aggressive program—or to our possibilities and to the God of our fathers who is still abundantly able to lead us into the possession of the abundance



of life and the establishment of His Kingdom? It may be that these times are for the testing of our faith. Who is to lead out if we as the ambassadors of Christ do not? Is there not a remnant whom God may depend upon to save this confused civilization of which we are a part? Must the church fold her hands because our business and economic programs have been thrown out of gear? I answer a thousand times — NO.

The condition of our civilization demands the wisest and most aggressive program on the part of the church, a vital Christian experience as the priceless possession of every follower of Christ, together with a devotion to Christian service which shall revitalize all our churches, making them dynamic.

A glorious heritage has been left us by the early fathers of our Church. What shall we do with it? Let the banner of democratic Methodism trail in the dust, or quit ourselves like men of faith and courage in the producing of a larger and more efficient Maryland Conference?

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. In view of the urgent need of supplementing the Superannuate Fund, I recommend that the cooperative plan adopted at the 1933 Conference be continued for another year.

2. That the Conference reaffirm its previous action looking forward to the erection of the Lewis Memorial Church in Washington, D. C., and that the work be undertaken as soon as plans can be drawn and financial arrangements made, and that the charges of the Conference shall be open to the personal solicitation of funds for its erection.

3. In view of the great decrease in pastors' salaries during recent years, I recommend that this Conference direct its President to take up the matter with all the charges paying less than \$1500, before their fourth Quarterly Conference, requesting that at least a ten per cent increase be made in the amount of salary set for the ensuing year.

4. That as soon as possible following the close of this Conference session, there shall be appointed a special committee on Christian Stewardship, who, with the President and District Chairmen, shall conduct a Christian Stewardship Educational Campaign throughout the Conference.

5. That this Conference undertake a systematic Campaign of Evangelism to be fostered by the Standing Committee on Evangelism, with the President and District Chairmen, and that the Committee shall be empowered to add additional members to serve during the Campaign as may be deemed wise.

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With sincere gratitude to an All-Wise Providence who has kept us in health and protected us from dangers seen and unseen, and with keen appreciation for the many kindnesses shown me by the ministers and their good wives, as well as many others, and for the splendid cooperation on the part of both ministers and laity, I respectfully submit my first annual report.

E. A. SEXSMITH.

June 12, 1935.

## REPORT A-1

## COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(See Journal Page 47)

The report of the President has been thoughtfully reviewed by your committee. We are grateful to Almighty God for the health and strength that has been given him this year to perform the arduous tasks incident to the office of the Presidency. We believe that he has exercised profound wisdom and sound judgment in directing the affairs of this Conference.

We unite with the President in expressing our sympathy to the families of three of our beloved ministers who have gone to their eternal appointments. We also join with him in expressing our sympathy to the families of four minister's widows who have passed on to their heavenly homes.

We believe that he has in his official acts demonstrated keen discernment and fine judgment. We also believe the readjustments of the Conference districts to be ideal. The fine service the President has rendered in the work and thought he has given to the Headquarters Building problem and solution is appreciated by every member of this Conference. The utter abandon with which he has given himself to the work to which this Conference has called him is demonstrated by the fact that during the past twelve months he has traveled more than 18,000 miles, delivered 170 sermons and addresses, and has also conducted numerous District Conferences and committee meetings.

We concur with the President in the observation that he has made concerning the educational institutions, affiliated organizations and agencies within the bounds of our Conference. It is with pleasure that we note that two of our churches have been the recipients of legacies. We trust other Methodist Protestant members will continue to remember the church in their bequests.

The state of our church concerning material improvements, the amount paid on debt, the number of conversions and accessions as recorded by the President is a cause for great rejoicing. We sincerely trust that ways and means may be found to carry on the important work of church extension and that before another Conference session the first unit of the Lewis Memorial Church shall have been erected.

Your Committee heartily agrees with the President that the defeatism that has gripped the churches in many places must itself be defeated. Our need today as in every day of crisis is for men and women who will dare dream great things and dare attempt great things with and for God.

Concerning the President's recommendations:

Recommendation 1 — Inasmuch as this Conference has already acted upon this recommendation we are therefore offering no comment.

Recommendation 2 — We recommend its adoption and that this Conference pledge the President its full support and cooperation.

Recommendation 3 — We concur with the President and urge its adoption.

Recommendation 4 — We concur with the President and request its adoption.

Recommendation 5 — Concurred in.

Committee on President's Report

J. EARL CUMMINGS,  
B. I. BARNES,  
THOS. G. BETSCHLER,  
WILLARD J. HOWETH,  
N. J. PARKS.

REPORT A-2

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AGENT OF THE PRESIDENT'S  
PARSONAGE OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

For Year Ending May 31, 1935

Receipts

Cash Balance May 31, 1934.....		\$ 251.73
Remittance from Conference Treasurer.....	\$1,059.70	
Special Contribution .....	25.00	1,084.70
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Total Receipts .....		\$1,336.43

Disbursements

Central Fire Insurance Company—		
Principal of Mortgage.....	\$500.00	
Interest on Mortgage.....	109.70	609.70
Water Rent .....		26.50
Repairs .....		189.01
Heating Plant .....		327.04
Furnishings .....		166.70
Federal Check Tax & Carrying Charges.....		5.22
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Total Disbursements .....		\$1,324.17
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Cash Balance May 31, 1935.....		\$ 12.26

## PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS

## Special Appointments

	Yrs.
Editor Methodist Protestant-Recorder.....	R. L. Shipley..... 4
President High Point College.....	G. I. Humphreys..... 6
President Western Maryland College.....	A. N. Ward.....15
Professor Western Maryland College.....	L. C. Little..... 2
President Westminster Theological Seminary.....	F. G. Holloway..... 4
Professor Westminster Theological Seminary.....	H. L. Elderdice.....39
Secretary Board of Missions.....	G. W. Haddaway.....10
President Westminster College, Tehuacana, Tex....	C. A. Sutton..... 2

## Loaned

Board of Missions.....	P. M. Cassen.....11
	P. F. Warner.....10
	W. H. Hodges..... 5
	C. G. Soderbom..... 6
	A. G. Lynch..... 3
	O. W. Prince..... 1
	W. M. Snyder..... 1
Chaplain United States Army.....	J. R. Wright.....18
Salvation Army .....	J. T. Fenby..... 4

## Supernumerary

Clayborne Phillips .....	3	P. M. Lue Rutz..... 3
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## Superannuates

G. F. Farring.....	18	J. McL. Brown.....	3
G. J. Hill.....	15	A. H. Green.....	3
P. L. Rice.....	15	J. L. Nichols.....	3
S. W. Coe.....	13	C. H. Dobson.....	3
Dorsey Blake .....	10	A. W. Betts.....	3
S. F. Cassen.....	9	C. S. Marshall.....	3
B. W. Kindley.....	8	J. F. Wooden.....	2
W. S. Hanks.....	7	F. W. Siffrin.....	1
J. A. Wright.....	7	Avery Donovan .....	1
J. W. Kirk.....	5	G. E. Brown.....	1
G. A. Morris.....	4	C. M. Cullum.....	1
D. W. Anstine.....	3	G. R. Donaldson.....	1
J. W. Parris.....	3		

Left without appointment at own request: C. M. Kelsner 1

*Keen*  
*Justified*  
*fill request*  
*Keen*

## APPOINTMENTS

Charge	Pastor	Yrs.	Charge	Pastor	Yrs.
✓ Accomac.....	E. C. Graham	2	Clayton.....	R. E. Van Cleaf	1
✓ Amelia.....	J. H. Mark, Supply	1	Crisfield:		
Baltimore:			Mt. Pleasant.....	C. M. Elderdice	3
✓ Bethesda.....	G. M. Clayton	12	Mariners.....	W. C. Mumford	1
✓ Brooklyn.....	Carroll Maddox	3	Cumberland.....	G. E. Baughman	13
✓ Calvary.....	F. B. Bailey	1	Cumberland Ct.....	J. B. Jones	1
Chesaco and Graceland			Dagsboro.....	C. M. Jenkins	2
✓ Park .....	W. M. White	4	Deer Creek.....	Ziba Adams	3
✓ Christ Church....	E. T. Kirkley	3	Deer Park.....	C. F. Cummins	1
✓ East Baltimore....	J. L. Ward	4	Delmar.....	E. E. Coleman	3
✓ Edmondson Ave....	L. B. Smith	2	Delta.....	B. F. Ruley	8
✓ Eutaw.....	W. F. Wright	1	Denton.....	T. J. Turkington	5
✓ Evergreen.....	J. F. Bryan	4	Dorchester.....	O. G. Brewer	1
✓ Glen Burnie.....	J. A. Dudley	1	Dover-Leipsic....	L. E. Haddaway	1
✓ Grace.....	N. O. Gibson	3	Doylesburg.....	I. M. Dinkle	3
✓ Hampden.....	E. D. Stone	23	Easton.....	E. T. Read	16
Asst. Supply.....	A. C. Ford	2	Elizabeth.....	J. W. Balderston	16
Keen Mem.....	Louis Randall	2	Fairfax.....	P. M. Lue Rutz	1
Lauraville.....	C. M. Adams	2	Fawn Grove.....	J. G. Eaton	1
Linthicum Heights			Federalsburg.....	G. E. Leister	9
W. A. Roberts		1	Finksburg.....	E. W. Simms	3
✓ Lowe Mem.....	W. A. Melvin	20	First Church,		
✓ Marley.....	J. P. Adams	1	Newark.....	J. N. Link	1
✓ Nichols Mem.....	B. A. Bryan	3	Frederick.....	G. E. Wunder	4
✓ N. Baltimore....	J. H. Straughn	4	Friendship.....	D. W. Anstine, Sup.	3
✓ St. Johns.....	E. L. Bunce	6	Georgetown.....	R. W. Sapp	2
✓ St. Pauls.....	H. E. Hudgins	2	Greenbackville....	W. T. Archer	1
✓ S. Baltimore....	Wm. Schmeiser	4	Greenbush-		
✓ Starr.....	R. Y. Nicholson	1	Hallwood.....	A. W. Simms	4
✓ Texas.....	H. O. Keen	5	Greenwood-Cannon...	J. M. Kay	1
✓ Towson.....	A. W. Ewell	4	Grove.....	B. R. Collins (Supply)	1
✓ Trinity.....	W. L. Hoffman	3	Harmony, W. Va....	E. H. Taylor	1
✓ Violetville.....	W. B. Judefind	19	Harbeson-		
✓ W. Baltimore....	J. M. Gill	20	Lewes.....	P. M. R. Schauer	6
✓ Wilton Heights....	T. C. Jones	7	Harper's Ferry....	Stephen Galley	4
✓ Bedford.....	W. H. Stone, Jr.	3	Harrington.....	H. L. Schlincke	2
✓ Bel Air.....	G. A. Ogg	1	Hebron.....	F. M. Clift	2
✓ Bivalve.....	F. J. Phillips	2	Howard.....	H. C. Burkins	4
✓ Buckeystown....	C. E. Dryden	9	Hurlock.....	C. P. Butler	2
✓ Cambridge.....	T. C. Mulligan	9	Indian River—		
✓ Caroline.....	H. B. Flater	1	Supplied by pastor of Milton		
Carroll Ct.			Kempton.....	G. E. Turner	2
W. W. Sylvester, Supply		1	Kennedyville.....	W. F. Bauscher	1
✓ Cecil.....	E. C. Woodward	5	Kent Island-Wye....	J. P. George	4
✓ Centreville.....	L. C. Randall	4	Laurel.....	K. H. Wareheim	1
✓ Chestertown.....	W. H. Litsinger	2	Laurel Ct.....	Lee Elliott	8
✓ Claremont.....	J. J. Von Hagel	1	Leeds.....	F. A. Holland	2

Charge	Pastor	Yrs.	Charge	Pastor	Yrs.
Liberty-			Salisbury.....	J. L. Green	2
Lewistown.....	C. M. Compher	1	Seaford.....	G. J. Hooker	8
Lynchburg:			Sharptown.....	M. E. Hungerford	5
First Church....	H. E. Cheyney	1	Snow Hill.....	J. W. Townsend	2
Second Church....	G. W. Ports	6	Stewartstown.....	C. B. Robey	5
Tyreanna—Supplied by pastor of Second Church			Susquehanna.....	H. L. Murphey	1
Mardela.....	J. C. Byrd	1	Trinity-Salem.....	H. G. Hager	1
Maryland Line....	M. E. Dearholt	5	Union Bridge....	G. H. Stocksdale	4
Milford.....	J. T. Bailey	2	Wallace Mem.....	A. A. Pierce	3
Milton.....	G. S. Ross	1	Warwick.....	C. K. McCaslin	1
Mt. Nebó.....	C. R. Strausburg	2	Washington:		
New Church.....	J. R. McKeawn	1	Alexandria—		
Northumberland..	H. H. Schauer	2	Norman Roberts, Supply		1
Oxford.....	George Hines	1	Calvary.....	T. G. Betschler	2
Parksley.....	J. W. Baxley	3	Cherrydale.....	E. C. Makosky	1
Philadelphia:			Congress St.....	H. A. Kester	8
Emmanuel.....	D. K. Sturgis	3	First Ch.....	A. F. T. Raum	1
St. Lukes.....	C. C. Day	13	Lewis Mem.....	J. A. Trader	1
Taylor Mem.....	N. C. Clough	4	Mt. Olivet....	G. E. McDorman	4
Pipe Creek.....	W. H. Stone	3	Mt. Tabor.....	W. K. Lyons	1
Pittsville.....	F. M. Volk	4	North Carolina		
Pocomoke.....	P. W. Crosby	2	Avenue.....	B. I. Barnes	1
Poplar Springs....	L. W. Gordon	2	Rhode Island		
Powellville.....	H. N. Nicklas	3	Avenue.....	R. W. White	1
Queen Anne—			Walker's Chapel and Ft..		
Supplied by pastor of Centreville			Myer Heights..	L. E. Werner	1
Reliance—Supplied by pastors of Seaford & Sharptown.....		6	Wesley Chapel		
Ridgeville.....	C. L. Dawson	1	of Kent.....	W. A. Donoway	3
St. James.....	J. L. Marker	8	Westminster.....	J. E. Cummings	3
St. Michaels.....	E. H. Keehner	2	Whaleyville.....	E. L. Jennings	3
			Wilmington:		
			First Church..	T. R. Woodford	1
			Peninsula.....	W. P. Roberts	1
			E. A. SEXSMITH, President.		

## REPORT B

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

(See Journal Page 33)

**Credentials:** Delegates' credentials have been received from every charge except Tyreanna, Queen Anne and Trinity-Salem. Each credential is in good form, showing that the meeting was held in the proper time—ten days previous to the Annual Conference Session, and not a credential was signed by any pastor. More than just passing notice we think should be made of this fact, and we would hereby commend the pastors for this 100% observance of the law.

**Executive Committee Ruling:** By action of the last Conference the interpretation of the rule with respect to the seating of delegates submitted by the Manual Revision Committee, was ordered submitted to the Executive Committee of the General Conference for its ruling. This was done and the ruling of the Executive Committee is herewith submitted.

The action of this Conference to be referred was as follows: That the delegate from Milton, whose election occurred less than ten days prior to the sitting of Conference, be seated. Inasmuch as the church had its regular election in proper time, and finding at a late date that neither the delegate or alternate could attend the Conference,—that the rule be interpreted as having been observed and that the special election be construed as an adjourned session.

The ruling of the Executive Committee:

WHEREAS, Article VII of the Constitution of our Church sets forth the rights of every charge to representation in the Annual Conference, and

WHEREAS, in the case of the delegate from the Milton Charge, the method of whose election was determined by the Manual of the Maryland Annual Conference, and duly followed; a situation had arisen that jeopardized the constitutional right of the Milton Charge of representation in the annual session of said Conference, and

WHEREAS, to meet this situation the Committee on Revision of the Manual recommended that the rule governing the election of delegate be interpreted as having been observed, and that the special election be construed as an adjourned session;

THEREFORE, we, the members of the Executive Committee of the General Conference, approve the recommendation, and regard the interpretation as justified by the spirit and intent of Article VII of the Constitution of our Church.

J. C. BROOMFIELD, Chairman,  
S. W. TAYLOR, Secretary.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the Conference were printed and distributed last year as per Conference regulations. The work was done by our own book rooms, and we have a bid for this year's Minutes which is the same as last year.

Last year request was made of the Secretary for a copy of Robert's Rules of Order and the latest edition of the Discipline of the Church. Your Secretary wishes to inform the Conference that these have been purchased and are now available for the use of the Conference.

Your Secretary has faithfully tried to the best of his ability to perform all the duties incident to the office, and herewith submits his report.

W. F. WRIGHT, Secretary.

## REPORT C

## TREASURER'S REPORT

(See Journal Page 50)

Westminster, Maryland  
June 17, 1935.

To the President and Members of the  
Maryland Annual Conference.  
Greetings:

It may seem strange that in submitting my report as Treasurer of this Conference I should draft within it my personal expression of intense interest in the financial welfare of the church however it is sad to state that to a certain extent many have lost a personal relationship with God in this respect. Studying the situation carefully for some time we have noticed that personal appeals, letters of solicitation and acute financial conditions confronting the church seem to fail in solving this important issue. I am firmly of the opinion that the great need of the church today is power from on high, the Holy spirit to come and enter our hearts and not only enter but fill them to such an extent that the Kingdom and its business will receive first consideration. I speak this feeling the need of a greater power to work within and with me that I may be able to render a greater service in His vineyard. We as leaders in this great cause must be saturated with the Holy Spirit if we are to achieve results. We have a great battle before us during this coming year. Oh let us be strong in His might and power and lead the way in giving of our means to His service. Let us use every effort to meet the financial obligation of our church in full. Personally I lay all I possess upon the altar pledging my loyalty to every phase of church service and thus merit the confidence you have placed in me by again selecting me for this important position.

We desire to renew our request that the assessment for President's salary be forwarded promptly when requested, establish a system whereby we may receive monthly funds for Maryland and General Conference interests and above all make the goal,—a payment of all interests in full.

Sincerely Yours,  
In Christ Jesus,

CHAS. F. CUMMINS, Treasurer.

## BUDGET A—PRESIDENT'S SALARY AND EXPENSES

(Assessment \$4,500.00)

Receipts	
Balance brought forward (Year 1933-1934).....	\$ 1,224.01
Received from District .....	4,346.90
Miscellaneous .....	191.94
Total .....	\$ 5,762.85



**Disbursements**

Apportionment to President	
Salary and Travelling Expenses.....	\$ 4,050.00
Amount Allotted Agent—President's Parsonage.....	450.00
Amount due Agent—President's Parsonage	
Year 1933-1934 .....	150.00
Balance .....	1,112.85
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 5,762.85</b>

**BUDGET B—MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE INTERESTS**

(Assessment \$39,050.00)

**Receipts**

Balance brought forward (Year 1933-1934).....	\$ 1,457.45
From District .....	28,845.15
From Pastors....	
Assessment—percentage of salary .....	1,139.51
Obligations due the Conference.....	221.93
From Churches—Superannuate Special.....	741.87
From F. Murray Benson—Treas. Superannuate So.	9,000.00
Funds—Tract Society .....	59.89
Miscellaneous .....	586.87
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 42,052.67</b>

**Disbursements**

Superannuates and Insurance—	
Superannuates .....	\$20,684.64
Insurance .....	2,000.00
Board of Survey & Church Extension—	
Church Appropriations & Clerical Asst.—	
Churches .....	\$5,335.00
Clerical .....	504.00
Supplemental Salaries .....	5,839.00
Headquarters Building .....	2,925.00
Headquarters Building .....	1,000.00
Incidental Expenses .....	2,666.79
Our Church Home .....	4,000.00
President's Parsonage Fund .....	609.70
Maryland Tract Society .....	59.89
Payment on Loans—Union National Bank	
Westminster, Maryland .....	\$ 125.00
Interest on Loans—Union National Bank,	
Westminster, Maryland .....	500.38
Westminster, Maryland .....	625.38
Federal Tax .....	9.46
Balance on hand and in bank.....	1,632.81
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 42,052.67</b>

**DETAILED STATEMENT**  
**BOARD OF SURVEY AND CHURCH EXTENSION**

<b>Receipts</b>	
From District .....	\$ 8,125.68
Difference .....	1,638.32
Total .....	\$ 9,764.00

<b>Disbursements</b>	
<b>Board of Managers, Churches and Clerical</b>	
First Church—Wilmington—on Debt.....	\$ 350.00
Lauraville—on Debt .....	300.00
Calvary of Virginia—on Debt.....	185.00
Howard—on Debt .....	75.00
Grace Church—Baltimore—on Debt.....	50.00
Evergreen—on Debt .....	50.00
Bethesda—on Debt .....	825.00
Board of Managers—on Debt.....	3,500.00
Secretary to President.....	504.00
Total .....	\$ 5,839.00

<b>Supplemental Salaries</b>	
Accomac, Va. ....	\$ 100.00
Bivalve .....	175.00
Carroll .....	300.00
Claremont, Va. ....	50.00
Clayton, Del. ....	50.00
Dagsboro, Del. ....	100.00
Deer Creek .....	200.00
Dover-Leipsic, Del. ....	100.00
Doylesburg, Pa. ....	50.00
Emmanuel-Phila. ....	50.00
Fairfax, Va. ....	100.00
First Church, Wilmington, Del. ....	300.00
Greenbackville, Va. ....	100.00
Greenbush-Hallwood, Va. ....	100.00
Kent Island-Wye .....	100.00
Lewistown-Liberty .....	75.00
New Church, Va. ....	100.00
Oxford .....	25.00
Poplar Springs .....	100.00
Powellville .....	50.00
Saint Michaels .....	100.00
Texas .....	300.00
Wallace Memorial, Va. ....	200.00
Whaleyville .....	100.00
Total .....	\$ 2,925.00

<b>Headquarters Building</b>	
Headquarters Building .....	\$ 1,000.00
Difference .....	
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$ 9,764.00</b>

**DETAILED STATEMENT  
INCIDENTALS**

**Receipts**

From District .....	\$ 1,771.09
Funds—Offering—Annual Conference—1934.....	101.78
Funds—Offering—Group Meetings—1934-1935.....	207.39
Funds—Union Bridge—1933-1934 .....	12.75
Funds—1933-1934 .....	117.00
Funds—1933-1934 .....	131.00
Funds—Sale of Minutes.....	6.12
Funds—Alnutt Memorial .....	5.83
Difference .....	313.83
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$ 2,666.79</b>

**Disbursements**

<b>President</b>	
Office Expenses—Stamps, Stationery, Etc. ....	\$ 200.19
<b>Secretary</b>	
Office Expenses—Stamps, Stationery, Etc. ....	17.59
<b>Treasurer</b>	
Office Expenses—Stamps, Stationery, etc. ....	136.78
<b>Salaries</b>	
Secretary .....	\$ 50.00
Steward .....	50.00
Treasurer .....	500.00
	<u>600.00</u>
<b>Printing</b>	
Minutes .....	\$568.00
Minutes—Postage .....	26.92
Minutes—Miscellaneous Expense .....	21.12
General .....	150.33
	<u>766.37</u>
<b>Multigraphing</b>	
Letters for President and Treasurer.....	47.08
<b>Stationery</b>	
Books, etc. ....	17.95
<b>Committees</b>	
Auditing .....	\$ 11.02
Evangelistic .....	100.00
Finance .....	7.00
	<u>118.02</u>

**Miscellaneous**

Annual Conference .....	\$ 30.20	
Group Meetings .....	114.33	
Honorarium—Chas. R. Erdman.....	100.00	
Moving—President .....	45.50	
Repairs—Typewriter .....	18.35	
Summer Conference .....	200.00	
Telephone .....	212.88	
Transportation—1934 .....	3.00	
Treasurer's Bond .....	12.50	
Transfer—Property Chincoteague, Va.....	26.05	
		<u>762.81</u>
Total .....		\$ 2,666.79

**STATEMENT SHOWING CONDITION OF LOANS NEGOTIATED TO  
MEET THE DEMANDS OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE**

**Receipts**

From District .....	\$ 4,912.33	
Total .....		\$ 4,912.33

**Disbursements**

Amount Paid on Loan.....	125.00	
Amount Paid—Interest on Loan.....	500.38	
Difference .....	4,286.95	
Total .....		\$ 4,912.33

**Summary**

Amount of Deficit—		
Gratitude Gift Loan Fund—1929.....	\$8,000.00	
Amount of Deficit—Close of Conference Year—1929	7,768.33	
Amount of Deficit—Close of Conference Year—1930	1,458.65	
Interest on Loans—June 1, 1934 to May 31, 1935....	500.40	
Total .....		\$ 17,727.38
Amount Paid on Loans—1930-1931.....	\$3,000.00	
Amount Paid on Loans—1931-1932.....	726.98	
Amount Paid on Loans—1932-1933.....	1,500.00	
Paid Loans—1933-1934—From Dist.....	\$919.04	
From Group Ins..	580.96	
	<u>1,500.00</u>	
Paid Loans—1933-1934 .....	2,160.28	
Paid Loans—1934-1935 .....	125.00	
Amount Paid—Interest on Loans....1934-1935.....	500.40	
Amount Remaining Unpaid on Loans.....	8,214.72	
Total .....		\$ 17,727.38

## DETAILED STATEMENT

## OUR CHURCH HOME

## Receipts

From District .....	\$ 4,433.50	
Difference .....		
Total .....		\$ 4,433.50

## Disbursements

Paid—James Pearre Wantz—Treasurer.....	\$ 4,000.00	
Difference .....	433.50	
Total .....		\$ 4,433.50

## DETAILED STATEMENT

## PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE

## Receipts

From District .....	\$ 369.22	
Difference .....	240.48	
Total .....		\$ 609.70

## Disbursements

Payment on Loan .....	\$ 500.00	
Payment—Interest .....	109.70	
Total .....		\$ 609.70

## DETAILED STATEMENT

## SUPERANNUATES

## Receipts

From District .....	\$ 7,387.24	
From F. Murray Benson—Treasurer.....	9,000.00	
Superannuate—Special—Conference .....	1,846.09	
Superannuate—Special—Churches .....	741.87	
Superannuate—Pastors Assessment .....	1,139.51	
Superannuate—Pastors Obligations .....	221.93	
Miscellaneous—Milton Ilginfritz .....	5.00	
Difference .....	2,343.00	
Total .....		\$ 22,684.64

## Disbursements

Authorized Payments to Superannuates (10 Monthly Distributions) .....	\$20,684.64	
Premium on Group Insurance.....	2,000.00	
Total .....		\$ 22,684.64

**CONFERENCE TREASURER**  
**BUDGET C—GENERAL CONFERENCE BUDGET**

(Assessment \$88,000.00)

**Receipts**

Amount Received from District.....	\$19,299.03	
Amount Received from Y. P. Missionary Union.....	1,020.00	
Total .....		\$ 20,319.03

**Disbursements**

Transmitted to General Conference Treasurer.....	\$20,319.03	
Total .....		\$ 20,319.03

For Detailed Statement of Funds raised for the several interests,  
 see report of Conference Steward.

**TRANSPORTATION AND ENTERTAINMENT FUND**

**TRANSPORTATION**

**Receipts**

For Pastors .....	\$ 638.25	
For Delegates .....	578.75	
Total .....		\$ 1,217.00

**Disbursements**

For Pastors .....	\$ 518.00	
For Delegates .....	459.50	
Miscellaneous—Multigraphing and Postage.....	13.22	
Balance .....	226.28	
Total .....		\$ 1,217.00

**ENTERTAINMENT**

**Receipts**

Amount Received .....	\$ 1,807.14	
Total .....		\$ 1,807.14

**Disbursements**

Amount Paid to Dr. A. N. Ward.....	\$ 1,807.14	
Total .....		\$ 1,807.14

**REPORT C1**  
**GROUP LIFE INSURANCE**

(See Journal Page 46)

Sykesville, Maryland,  
May 31, 1935.

To The President and Members of  
The Maryland Annual Conference;

Greetings:

We take pleasure in submitting for your consideration an itemized statement showing the total receipts and expenditures relating to the Group Life Insurance now in force with the Prudential Life Insurance Company of America.

An increase amounting to \$198.76 is noted in the premium over last year while the dividends show a decrease of profit totalling \$51.90 making an increase in payment for insurance over last year amounting to \$250.66. It was necessary to use the entire amount of dividends accumulated to meet our obligation. This was due to the fact that many members failed to meet the payment promptly. If the entire assessment had been met promptly sufficient funds would have been available to meet the demands thus allowing our dividends to accumulate. Let me urge all to meet this obligation promptly. The Insurance Company demands prompt payment on the day due. In addition to the balance of \$1,118.14 on hand May 31, 1935, we have received since that time \$240.00. There is now outstanding premiums amounting to \$60.00, making a total of \$1,418.14 to be applied to the premium next year. I hereby request that the sum of two thousand dollars be appropriated in the usual manner to assist in meeting next year's assessment.

**STATEMENT OF AMOUNT OF INSURANCE**

May 31, 1935—152 Members..... \$152,000.00

**Receipts**

1934

June 20—Balance Brought Forward.....\$1,279.05

1935

May 1—From Maryland Annual Conference..... 2,000.00

May 1—From Dividends ..... 1,307.58

May 31—From Members ..... 1,320.00

Total ..... \$ 5,906.63

**Disbursements**

1935

May 1—Payment on Premium (Conference).....\$2,000.00

May 1—Dividend Applied on Premium..... 1,307.58

May 1—Payment on Premium (From Collections) 1,480.61

May 31—Balance on Hand ..... 1,118.44

Total ..... \$ 5,906.63

## SUMMARY

Receipts		Disbursements	
Balance .....	\$1,279.05	Paid Assessments .....	\$4,788.19
From Md. Conference.....	2,000.00	Accumulated Dividend ....	.00
From Members .....	1,320.00	Balance on Hand and in	
Total Dividend .....	1,307.58	Bank .....	1,118.44
Total .....	\$5,906.63	Total .....	\$5,906.63

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. F. CUMMINS,  
Treasurer and Conference Representative.

## REPORT D

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

(See Journal Page 36)

Your Board of Trustees has had a number of meetings during this Conference year, most of these were in connection with the campaign for the refunding of the debt on our Headquarters Building. A detailed account of this Campaign will be presented to this Conference by Jas. H. Straughn, the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

As per Charter requirements we elected at our Annual Meeting the following officers to serve during the year 1935 to 1936: E. C. Makosky, President, G. W. Haddaway, Vice-President, Rowland Watts, Secretary, and F. Murray Benson, Treasurer and Counsel.

The membership of the Board of Trustees is now constituted as follows: G. W. Haddaway, W. B. Judefind, W. C. Scott and F. G. Usilton to serve until 1937; E. C. Makosky, B. F. Ruley, Julian P. Dodge and T. W. Donoho to serve until 1936; and Jas. H. Straughn, W. A. Melvin, Rowland Watts and F. Murray Benson whose terms of office expire with this Conference, and whose places are to be filled by election of the Conference during this session.

The Treasurer's Report for the year, which has been audited, is submitted herewith.

E. C. MAKOSKY, President.



**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR JUNE 10TH, 1934 TO  
JUNE 10TH, 1935**

**F. Murray Benson, Treasurer**

in a/c with

Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference of the  
Methodist Protestant Church

**GENERAL FUND**

**Receipts**

To Balance as per last report.....	\$1,073.88
To Commission on Trust Income.....	57.95
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	\$1,131.83

**Disbursements**

By rent Safe Deposit Box.....	\$ 5.50	
By Treas. allowance .....	50.00	
By Balance to Credit Trustees.....	1,076.33	\$1,131.83
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**DRINKHOUSE TRUST ESTATE**

**Receipts**

To Balance as per last report.....	\$ 207.93
To Income from Investments.....	1,057.00
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	\$1,264.93

**Disbursements**

By amount paid Board of Publication for Meth- odist Protestant-Recorder .....	\$ 650.00	
By amount paid Maryland Educational En- dowment Society .....	166.67	
Commission to Trustees General Fund.....	52.85	
Balance on deposit .....	395.41	\$1,264.93
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Respectfully submitted

F. MURRAY BENSON, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct

ROWLAND WATTS,  
Auditing Committee.

**TRUSTEES OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE  
METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH**

Headquarters Building, 516 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md.

**EXHIBIT "A"**

**Assets**

**Current**

Accounts Receivable:

Due from Chas. H. Steffey, Inc. (Real Estate Agents).....	\$ 689.93		
Due from Others.....		3,701.68	
Notes Receivable (Kapsi-Kon Yeast Corporation) .....		920.10	
Interest on aforesaid Note.....		8.43	\$ 5,320.14
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**Fixed**

Land—516 N. Charles St., Bal- timore, Md. ....		60,000.00	
Building—516 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md. ....	\$130,855.10		
Less Reserve for Deprecia- tion 2% per annum.....	27,588.60	103,266.50	
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Property Equipment and Fixtures .....	891.33		
Less Reserve for Deprecia- tion 10% per annum.....	764.38	126.95	
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Office Furniture .....	40.00		
Less Reserve for Deprecia- tion 10% per annum.....	26.00	14.00	163,407.45
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**Deferred**

City and State Taxes.....	1,709.28		
Prepaid Insurance Premium.....	771.03		
Prepaid Int. on Notes Payable	279.70	2,760.01	
		<hr/>	\$171,487.60

**Liabilities**

**Current**

City and State Taxes (1935)..	2,930.20
Notes Payable .....	51,362.50
Accounts Payable:	
Headquarters Refunding Campaign .....	2,370.00
Others .....	820.12

## Accrued Interest:

Mortgage Payable .....	1,959.69	
Notes Payable .....	579.96	2,539.65

Total Current Liabilities.. \$ 60,022.47

## Fixed

Mortgage Payable Mutual Life Ins. Co., of Baltimore.....		83,000.00
Reduction in Mortgage obtained from unknown sources.....		13,000.00

## Net Worth

Balance, June 1, 1934.....	20,461.85	
Less net loss for year ended May 31st, 1935 Exhibit B	7,378.39	13,083.46
		\$169,105.93

## EXHIBIT "B"

OPERATING PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR YEAR  
ENDED May 31st, 1935

## Income

Rents .....	\$ 10,238.88	
Interest earned on Kapsi-Kon Yeast Corp. Note .....	8.43	
Discounts earned .....	.80	\$ 10,248.11

## Expenses:

Light and Power.....	547.18	
Coal .....	562.52	1,109.70
Elevator Repairs & Inspection..		48.00
Window Cleaning, Plumbing, Repairs and Miscellaneous		869.15
Janitor Service .....		2,445.95
Insurance, Fire, Public Liabil- ity, Workmen's Compensa- tion and Plate Glass.....		540.03
Taxes and Water Rent.....		3,154.23
Interest on Mortgage & Notes Payable .....		6,446.86
*Collection, Commission and Su- pervision Fees .....		143.34
Accounts Receivable charged off .....		159.00
		14,916.26

Net Loss before depreciation..... \$ 4,668.15

<b>Depreciation</b>			
Building .....		2,617.10	
Property Equipment and Fix- tures .....		89.14	
Office Furniture and Fixtures...		4.00	2,710.24
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Final Net Loss for Year to			
Exhibit "A" .....			\$ 7,378.39

\*Does not include Judgment Note received from Kapsi-Kon Yeast Corporation for arrearages in rent to April 5th, 1935.

The figures as shown on Exhibit A and B compiled from data furnished us from other sources and not verified—therefore, we do not guarantee same.

### REPORT D1

## REPORT OF THE HEADQUARTERS REFUNDING CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

(See Journal Page 36)

The campaign to refund the indebtedness on the Headquarters Building, authorized by the Annual Conference of last year, was set in motion early last fall and has continued to the present time. The plan adopted has been fully set forth in a pamphlet entitled "A Real Solution to a Real Problem." In general it contemplates raising a total sum of \$180,000 by means of 600 subscriptions of \$300 each, each subscription secured by an insurance policy in the New York Life Insurance Company for \$450 on the life of the subscriber or his nominee. The subscriptions are payable to the Headquarters Building and are used to apply to the liquidation of the capital indebtedness; and the Headquarters Building (which means the Trustees of the Maryland Conference, owners of the building) agreeing to pay the premium on the insurance policy during its life period. The carrying charge to the building on the aggregate of 600 subscription units of \$300 at the average age of 40 would be equivalent to the present interest charge on the indebtedness but growing less with each year. As a means to complete understanding of the Campaign and for future reference your committee makes the request that the Secretary of the Conference be instructed to have bound with the Conference (Official) Minutes two copies of the aforementioned pamphlet.

On January 15 of this year at the request of the Trustees of the Conference a call having been issued by the constituted Conference authorities, a special session of the Conference was held in North Baltimore Church to receive a report of the Campaign as of that time and to take such action as seemed advisable for the continuance of the Campaign. A report of all that had gone before was submitted and the minutes of that special session will doubtless become a part of the printed minutes of this Annual Conference. After a day's deliberation the special session authorized the continuance of the Campaign until March 1 in an intensive

effort to bring it to a successful conclusion. Unusually severe wintry weather defeated our desires, the Campaign was protracted to March 15, at which time the methods then pursued, that of operating by districts through the District Chairmen came to a definite end. Since that time by personal solicitation the Campaign has been continued through the work of Mr. Earle W. Koons of the New York Life Insurance Company, his activity being directed by the Committee. He has covered a considerable part of the Conference district and results have been such as to convince your committee that if properly supported by pastors and charges the full quota of 600 units can be secured.

Results to date are as follows:

#### Subscriptions by Charges

Amelia .....	1	Finksburg .....	2
Baltimore:		First Church, Newark .....	1
Brooklyn .....	1	Georgetown .....	1
Calvary .....	1	Harrington .....	1
Christ Church .....	1	Howard .....	4
Edmondson Avenue .....	4	Hurlock .....	2
Eutaw .....	3	Laurel .....	6
Lauraville .....	1	Maryland Line .....	1
Linthicum Heights .....	2	New Church .....	3
Lowe Memorial .....	4	St. Lukes .....	1
Nichols Memorial .....	1	Pocomoke .....	1
North Baltimore .....	30	Ridgeville .....	6
St. Johns .....	17	St. James .....	1
St. Pauls .....	3	Salisbury .....	9
South Baltimore .....	1	Seaford .....	4
Starr .....	4	Snow Hill .....	3
Towson .....	2	Stewartstown .....	3
West Baltimore .....	1	Susquehanna .....	4
Bel Air .....	1	Union Bridge .....	5
Buckeystown .....	5	Wesley Chapel .....	2
Cambridge .....	1	Westminster .....	15
Carroll .....	1	Washington:	
Cecil .....	3	Calvary .....	1
Centreville .....	1	Cherrydale .....	3
Chestertown .....	1	Congress Street .....	1
Crisfield .....	1	Ft. Myer .....	1
First Church, Cumberland.....	2	N. C. Avenue .....	2
Delmar .....	4	R. I. Avenue .....	3
Denton .....	1	Wilmington:	
Easton .....	2	First Church .....	1
Fawn Grove .....	11	Peninsula .....	3
Federalsburg .....	6		

These results are somewhat disappointing. We had reason to expect larger results from so much effort though we are impressed with the fact that these subscriptions represent an income of about fifty-five

thousand dollars. This of course is a distinct help. It is a considerable gain, but the proportion of expense chargeable to this return is entirely too large when the full 600 units would have cost us but a trifle in addition. We must go ahead with this effort until we have exhausted every possible resource. Not to do so will leave us in a few years where we are now with a heavy debt to deal with and compelled to resort to some extraordinary measure to meet the situation.

Your committee therefore recommends to the Conference the continuance of the campaign throughout the summer months under the direction of your committee, and following the plan now operating, through the personal work of Mr. Koons, supplemented by such additional help as we may be able to provide.

It will be remembered that an integral part of the Campaign is a Deed of Trust by the Trustees of the Conference to the Headquarters Trustees in order to guarantee to the subscribers the strict performance of the contract with reference to the use of the monies subscribed and the payment of the premiums on the policies issued. These Headquarters Trustees are selected by the Conference Trustees and are E. A. Sexsmith, H. C. Staley and Ernest E. Wooden. A copy of the Deed of Trust has been recorded in the Baltimore Court House. All monies received therefore are paid to these trustees and dispensed by them. We are attaching herewith their report as of May 31, covering 185 units of subscriptions for a total of \$55,500 less certain discounts, netting \$49,518.61. Of this amount \$17,000 has been paid on indebtedness, the bulk of the remainder still unpaid. Our Campaign expenses have been \$2,254.76. Since this report was made 24 additional units have gone through.

The Conference Trustees has also created a separate Headquarters Committee charged with the responsibility of the operation of the building itself. For several years the building has been operating at a loss of several thousand dollars. In order to balance our accounts we are following two lines of action,—to make the building produce more money and to secure a four percent rate on our indebtedness. In the first, we have made a contract with the Chas. H. Steffey Co., one of Baltimore's most reliable real estate firms, for the active management of the building. This brings to bear on our project the most expert treatment we can command. Already this has resulted in lower operating expenses and additional income. In the second instance, we have been able to secure a four percent rate on about \$15,000 of our indebtedness with assurance that when \$20,000 has been paid on the mortgage we will have a four percent rate on the remainder, a saving in itself of approximately \$1,100 per year. For the time being however, and possibly for several years we may expect a deficit in operating expense unless definite means are had to offset the building up of additional indebtedness due to this operating loss. It is the better part of wisdom to avoid this. Last year the Conference made an appropriation of \$1,500 to the building which paid for the President's offices with a margin applicable to expense. This year closing the appropriation is \$1,000. Your Headquarters Committee after mature deliberation is asking the Conference to make the appropriation \$2,500. It is imperative to have additional funds in order to balance our income-expense account.

We have much at stake in this Headquarters enterprise, much to gain, much that can be lost. We have had most remarkable responses in many quarters. We are well able to the whole task, to our lasting satisfaction, to the extension of the interests of our beloved church, to the coming of the Kingdom, to the glory of our dear Lord.

J. H. STRAUGHN,  
E. A. SEXSMITH,  
LEONARD B. SMITH,  
EUGENE C. MAKOSKY  
F. MURRAY BENSON,  
G. W. HADDAWAY,  
R. L. SHIPLEY,  
J. H. BAKER,  
W. C. SCOTT,  
E. E. WOODEN.

TRUSTEES HEADQUARTERS REFUNDING CAMPAIGN  
STATEMENT—May 31st, 1935

	April 30th, 1935	Month of May, 1935	May 31st, 1935
Units Sold (185 to May 31st, 1935).....	\$48,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$55,500.00
Gifts .....	2,307.00	.....	2,307.00
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	\$50,307.00	\$7,500.00	\$57,807.00
<b>Less Expenses:</b>			
Discounts Allowed .....	\$ 3,195.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 3,285.00
Life Insurance Premiums Paid.....	2,496.17	452.46	2,948.63
Expenses of Campaign .....	2,177.76	77.00	2,254.76
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	\$ 7,868.93	\$ 619.46	\$ 8,488.39
<b>NET INCOME</b> .....	<b>\$42,438.07</b>	<b>\$6,880.54</b>	<b>\$49,318.61</b>

Accounted for as follows:

Paid on Indebtedness .....	\$16,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$17,000.00
Subscriptions Receivable .....	24,429.36	5,890.00	30,319.36
Trustees Maryland Annual Conference	590.00	.....	590.00
Cash .....	1,413.98	9.46	1,404.52
Petty Cash .....	4.73	.....	4.73
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	\$42,438.07	\$6,880.54	\$49,318.61

Indebtedness:

	Original Amount	Paid Off In May	Paid Off To 5-31-35	Balance Due 5-31-35
Mortgage Payable .....	\$ 96,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$ 82,000.00
Baker, Watts and Co.....	6,750.00	.....	1,000.00	5,750.00
G. W. Haddaway.....	3,000.00	.....	.....	3,000.00
Calvin Harrington, Trustee .....	5,000.00	.....	.....	5,000.00

Kent County				
Savings Bank .....	10,000.00	.....	1,000.00	9,000.00
G. E. Leister .....	1,000.00	.....	.....	1,000.00
Superannuated Fund				
Society .....	16,375.00	.....	.....	16,375.00
Susquehanna Charge.....	237.50	.....	.....	237.50
Trustees Maryland				
Annual Conf. ....	2,000.00	.....	.....	2,000.00
Westminster Savings				
Bank .....	10,000.00	.....	1,000.00	9,000.00
	<u>\$150,362.50</u>		<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$17,000.00</u>
				<u>\$133,362.50</u>

**Accounts in Arrears:**

One—Three Months .....	\$ 15.00
One—Four Months .....	20.00
One—Five Months .....	25.00
Three—One Month .....	15.00

**REPORT E****REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE**

(See Journal Page 49)

Your Board met several times during the year to transact necessary business. At the last meeting the following recommendations were unanimously adopted.

1. That \$1,500 be levied upon the charges to provide for the expense of delegates to the 1936 session of the General Conference, and that the Secretary of the Maryland Conference, be requested to pro-rate this levy.

2. That the Maryland Conference Budget for the year 1935-1936 be set \$26,550 to be distributed as follows:

Incidentals .....	\$ 2,400.00
Insurance .....	2,000.00
Church Extension: to be divided.....	12,500.00
Church Extension .....	\$ 7,500.00
Supplemental Salaries .....	2,500.00
Headquarters Building .....	2,500.00
	<u>\$12,500.00</u>
Church Home .....	6,000.00
President's Parsonage .....	500.00
Reduction of Debt .....	3,150.00
	<u>                    </u>
Total .....	\$26,550.00



3. That \$13,100 be levied upon the charges of the Conference for Superannuates' requirements.

4. That the transportation of ministers and delegates to and from the Conference Session be

- (a) Placed upon a mileage basis.
- (b) That the basis be fixed by Conference action.
- (c) That two cents per mile be suggested to the Conference as a reasonable amount in the judgment of the Board.

(d) That Paragraph A of Regulation XIX of the Manual be amended to read as follows: **Expense of Travel:** The transportation of ministers and delegates to and from the session of the Annual Conference shall be placed upon a mileage basis of two (2) cents per mile. A special committee shall be raised annually to compute the mileage and report the same to the Conference Treasurer who shall pro-rate the Transportation Assessment and notify the charges accordingly through the pastors. The churches are expected to pay the same before a designated period prior to the sitting of the Conference. Pastors and delegates will receive a Treasurer's check for the round trip to their home. Superannuates will have their expenses paid out of Conference funds.

Item 1. The Board of Finance has received from the Treasurer of the Conference the information that at present he has assets of \$12,808.68 with which to meet liabilities of \$17,865.87. In view of the deficit of \$4,557.19, the Board finds it necessary, though regrettable, to recommend that the following reduction be made in appropriations:

Wilmington .....	\$ 50.00
Lauraville .....	200.00
Calvary, Va. ....	115.00
Howard .....	75.00
Grace Church, Baltimore .....	50.00
Bethesda Church, Baltimore .....	175.00
Evergreen .....	50.00
Board of Managers .....	500.00
Bank .....	1,375.00
Church Home .....	2,000.00
<b>Total Reduction .....</b>	<b>\$4,590.00</b>

Your Committee concurs in the action of Resolution No. 1 which was referred to us.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Finance

P. W. CROSBY, Chairman,  
A. W. EWELL, Secretary.

## REPORT F

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY AND ORDERS.

(See Journal Page 50)

We recommend:

1. That Robert E. Van Cleaf, John Bayley Jones, Eldridge Hayward Taylor, Leslie Werner and Harvey B. Flater, graduates of Westminster Theological Seminary, be received into the Conference and ordained.
2. That Lee Elliott, having passed the Conference Course, be received into the Conference and ordained.
3. That A. C. Ford, Willard W. Sylvester and Norman Roberts be granted license to administer the ordinances if employed by the President.
4. That W. A. Schafer be continued in the studies of the third year.
5. That Louis Ransom be granted license to administer the ordinances provided he be employed by the President.
6. That John H. Mark be placed in the hands of the President.

Committee on Itinerancy and Orders

J. L. WARD,  
 E. T. KIRKLEY,  
 N. O. GIBSON,  
 E. T. READ,  
 G. A. OGG,  
 B. F. RULEY.

## REPORT G

## THE BOARD OF SURVEY AND EXTENSION

(See Journal Page 50)

We have examined and approved the report of the Board of Managers of The Church Extension Society.

After giving careful thought to all of the communications received, we submit the following recommendations:

Your Committee hereby approves of the adjustment by the President of the Oxford supplemental salary, as recorded in Resolution No. 2.

**Boundaries**

1. That Central Church near Milford be declared a closed church, and that Milford Quarterly Conference be authorized to dispose of same, the proceeds being used in accordance with the law of our Church.
2. That Eldorado Church continue its relation as last year, under the care of the pastor of Federalsburg.
3. That Indian River be supplied by the pastor of Milton Charge.

4. That Reliance Charge remain a charge, but served as last year by the pastor of Seaford at Gethsemane Church, and by the pastor of Sharptown at Wheatley's Church.

#### Appropriations

Bethesda Church, Baltimore, (On debt, Provided they pay \$1,000 on debt) .....	\$1,000
Calvary, Virginia (On debt) .....	300
Downes Chapel on Clayton Circuit, (Provided they raise \$100 on debt in addition to interest .....	100
First Church, Wilmington (On Debt) .....	750
Lauraville (On Debt) .....	500
Mt. Carmel Church on Howard Circuit (On Debt) .....	100
Special Board of Managers for Lewis Memorial Church ...	750
Special Brd. Mgrs. for Ft. Myer Heights and Walkers Chapel .....	300
Special Board of Managers (On Debt of Church Extension Society) .....	4,000

#### BOARD OF SURVEY AND EXTENSION

##### Supplemental Salaries

Texas .....	300	Oxford .....	100
Bivalve .....	150	Poplar Springs .....	100
Claremont .....	50	Powellville .....	50
Clayton .....	200	St. Michaels .....	50
Dagsboro .....	100	Wallace Memorial .....	100
Deer Creek .....	200	Emmanuel, Philadelphia .....	100
Doylesburg .....	50	Greenbush-Hallwood .....	100
Greenbackville .....	50	Warwick .....	200
Lewistown-Liberty .....	125	Ridgeville .....	125
New Church .....	50		

E. C. MAKOSKY, Chairman,

J. N. LINK, Secretary.

#### REPORT H

#### COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATES.

(See Journal Page 50)

Your Committee on Superannuates after a conscientious consideration of each individual claim referred to it handicapped by insufficient funds at its disposal, beg leave to submit the following, unsatisfactory to the Committee, report with recommendations which we hope will meet with your approval.

The distribution of the Invested Fund has been made on the basis established by this Conference — \$12.00 and \$6.00 — \$12.00 for ministers, \$6.00 for widows and dependents on the graduated scale.

We respectfully submit for your consideration the following table of appropriations.

### APPROPRIATIONS

		Ministers		
Name	Invested Fund	Collections	Totals	
✓ Anstine, D. W. ....	600	.....	600	
Betts, A. W. ....	48	72	120	
Blake, Dorsey ....	384	.....	384	
✓ Brown, J. McL. ....	432	100	532	
✓ Brown, G. E. ....	432	168	600	
Cassen, S. F. ....	528	72	600	
Coe, S. W. ....	396	204	600	
✓ Cullum, C. M. ....	516	84	600	
✓ Dobson, C. H. 1 Dependent .....	192	208	400	
Donaldson, G. R. ....	516	84	600	
Donovan, Avery ....	528	72	600	
25 Farring, G. F. ....	516	.....	516	
Green, A. H. ....	492	108	600	
Hanks, W. S. ....	276	204	480	
Hill, G. J. ....	324	276	600	
Kindley, B. W. ....	516	.....	516	
Kirk, J. W. ....	552	.....	552	
Morris, G. A. ....	444	.....	444	
Marshall, C. S. ....	24	26	50	
✓ Nichols, J. L. 2 Dependents .....	348	152	500	
✓ Parris, J. W. ....	504	96	600	
✓ Rice, P. L. ....	108	.....	108	
✓ Siffrin, F. W. 1 Dependent .....	72	328	400	
✓ Wright, J. A. ....	444	156	600	
Wooden, J. F. ....	576	24	600	
<b>Widows</b>				
Alexander, Mrs. C. N. ....	54	180	234	
Arnett, Mrs. C. S. ....	162	.....	162	
40 Beane, Mrs. A. S. ....	210	88	298	
Benson, Mrs. F. T. ....	222	100	322	
Bennet, Mrs. L. A. ....	156	200	356	
Bowers, Mrs. J. S. ....	204	21	225	
Cain, Mrs. F. S. ....	198	115	313	
Crouse, Mrs. T. O. ....	36	113	149	
Elderdice, Mrs. J. L. ....	102	148	250	
Ewell, Mrs. J. H. S. ....	102	.....	102	
Gilbert, Mrs. D. N. ....	18	118	136	
Greenfield, Mrs. D. L. ....	156	40	196	
Hodge, Mrs. G. R. ....	168	202	370	
Jester, Mrs. H. B. & 2 Dependents .....	132	268	400	
Jones, Mrs. E. H. ....	192	150	342	
Kilgore, Mrs. J. L. ....	138	79	217	
Klein, Mrs. F. C. ....	264	182	446	
Lewis, Mrs. R. K. ....	30	.....	30	

Name	Invested Fund	Collections	Totals
Lewis, Mrs. T. H. ....	312	.....	312
Litsinger, Mrs. J. E. ....	48	213	261
Lynch, Mrs. J. H. and 1 Dependent .....	108	192	300
Middleton, Mrs. C. B. ....	42	162	204
Mullineaux, Mrs. F. H. ....	204	60	264
Norris, Mrs. J. W. ....	144	120	264
Nowlin, Mrs. C. P. ....	198	202	400
Owens, Mrs. I. S. ....	114	161	275
Reynolds, Mrs. F. D. ....	132	149	281
Sanderson, Mrs. C. W. ....	18	100	118
Sherwood, Mrs. W. N. ....	72	142	214
Smith, Mrs. G. J. ....	120	67	187
Smith, Mrs. S. J. ....	6	94	100
Sullivan, Mrs. J. G. ....	66	70	136
Tyson, Mrs. R. T. ....	54	181	235
Valiant, Mrs. S. G. ....	18	185	203
Walter, Mrs. A. J. ....	90	144	234
Warfield, Mrs. E. A. ....	144	.....	144
Warner, Mrs. L. F. ....	222	.....	222
Williamson, Mrs. R. S. ....	36	118	154
Weigand, Mrs. J. A. ....	48	.....	48
Wright, Mrs. H. F. ....	84	166	250
Yingling, Mrs. J. M. ....	24	88	112
	<u>\$14616</u>	<u>\$7,052</u>	<u>\$21668</u>

### Recommendations

1. That provisions for dependent children be published each year with the Superannuated Fund Society Regulations.
2. That the figures "16 to 21" be changed to read "15 to 18."  
(See Conference Minutes 1933, Page 122, "Plan for the distribution of the Superannuated Funds, Dependent Children.")
3. Your committee concurs in the action of the President of the Conference in the case of Rev. Avery Donovan, (contained in Resolution No. 1) with the understanding that it does not establish a precedent for subsequent cases.

LOUIS RANDALL, Chairman,  
J. W. BAXLEY, Secretary.

### REPORT I

## COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE AND EDUCATION

(See Journal Page 48)

The task of evangelizing the world is at once the most difficult and yet challenging imaginable. The remaking of the world after the will of Christ by first remaking the individual after His will is our constant hope.

That we are not sufficient of ourselves for such high endeavor is apparent to all. We need to see Christ in all His fullness, lose ourselves under the spell of His personality and held by His love devote all our skills to the task of imparting Him to the world. There can be no new world without a new individual, home, state and nation. Personal commitment to Christ compels Christian attitude in all of life's relationships. The task of making new creatures in Jesus Christ cannot be accomplished alone by preaching. The best of literature, the finest teaching techniques and noble living make incalculable contributions.

Our own Methodist Protestant-Recorder, our own Sunday school periodicals, our own educational institutions are the best for our people. We should be justly proud of the men who make them effective instruments for the Kingdom enterprise.

Our Seminary, under Dr. Holloway, continues to make a valuable contribution to those entering the ministry. Extension courses, field work and close supervision are supplying long-felt needs in the training of students. Consecrated men, Christlike men, compose its faculty. This Conference owes much to this institution.

Western Maryland College continues to grow. Not only buildings and beautified campus, but larger student enrollment is evident even to the casual observer. Dr. Ward sees farther than most of us, and with a faith and courage foreign to most men goes on under God to possess the promised land. We glory in these Christian institutions and men and pray them continued vision and faith in God sufficient to make their dreams come true.

The pen of Dr. Shipley is constantly calling us to higher ground. The Methodist Protestant-Recorder is our only church paper. It should have a larger circulation. The goal of the church paper in the home of each of our official families is one that should be easy to reach. We call our ministers to a new effort to release the fine spirit and scintillating mind of our genial Editor to an ever-increasing circle of readers.

Our Sunday school periodicals, so ably edited by Dr. Johnson, are meeting the various age needs of our people. All our Sunday schools should use our own literature.

In addition to the ministry of our church literature and institutions, Leadership training, discussion groups, specialized courses of various kinds are increasingly engaging our attention. These many contributions to our Christian nurture and training increase our hope for a speedy coming of a better world.

J. LEAS GREEN, Chairman.

#### MARYLAND CONFERENCE COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Your President of the Maryland Conference Council of Religious Education expresses his appreciation for the cooperation and of the many favors expressed by the constituency of this Conference and our denomination, and the many persons contacted by virtue of this office which honors any one who is fortunate enough to be elected to it.

By mutual agreement between President Ward of Western Maryland College and the Maryland Conference Council of Religious Education, Dr.

Lawrence C. Little, has continued to serve the Conference Council on marginal time and in connection with his duties as Dean of the School of Religious Education of the College. The report which the President of the Council makes to this Conference today is very largely due to the untiring and unselfish efforts of Dr. Little. He served the Council two full months last summer and an average of two days each week from September 1 to May 31. In this time he traveled over 12,000 miles, delivered 120 sermons and addresses in practically every section of the Conference, and handled a voluminous correspondence with very little office assistance. The Conference and Council are highly honored and specially favored by the services of Dr. Little.

This has been an outstanding year in the field of Leadership Training. Our Conference Leadership Training School was attended by 269 young people and their leaders. This was the largest and most widely representative attendance we have had in many years. 170 credits in the Standard Leadership Training Course and 42 credits in the new First Series Course were awarded. This school has steadily improved in interest and effectiveness through the years and is now one of the outstanding leadership training schools in the entire denomination.

Additional denominational schools have been conducted under the general direction of our Council and the Board of Christian Education. The result is as follows: Washington, 33 Standard credits; Lynchburg, 72 Standard and 18 First Series credits; Taylor Memorial, 16 Standard credits; Bay View Church, Cecil charge, 6 Standard credits; Wesley Chapel, 12 Standard credits.

An increasing number of our people are taking advantage of inter-denominational training schools. Reports of such schools thus far show the following Standard credits issued to Methodist Protestants: Baltimore 35; Chestertown 14; Damascus 6; Denton 14; Easton 4; Federalsburg 16; Finksburg 16; Georgetown 15; Mt. Airy 17; North East 13; Parkton 3; Princess Anne 1; Salisbury 35; Seaford 2; Sykesville 7; Westminster 13; Wilmington 1.

We began a new training venture last summer with our leadership training camp. Although the attendance was small, it was widely representative, including boys from Baltimore, Cambridge, Centreville, Chestertown, Delmar, Fairmont, Kemptown, Philadelphia, Rock Hall, Washington and Westminster. Courses were offered in personal religious living, the Bible in modern life, the Christian message and program, and the life of Christ. 10 Standard and 22 First Series credits were issued.

A total of nine District Conferences on Christian Education were held throughout the Conference area, bringing together 2,000 pastors, Sunday school officers and teachers, Christian Endeavor leaders, parents, and young people. The programs consisted of a fellowship supper, and open forum on local church problems, moving pictures of various religious education activities in the Conference, and an address on Christian education.

Our Council has co-operated with the denominational Board of Christian Education and other agencies in promoting the new youth program, "Christian Youth Building a New World." A number of youth retreats and local meetings have been held and special consideration given to ways and means of making the challenge of this program more effective in

local church situations. Our Council entertained the West Virginia, Eastern and Onondaga Conferences for the Regional Convention held in Hampden Church, Baltimore, May 22—24.

The Council has encouraged the spirit of interdenominational fellowship and co-operation throughout our territory. At the present time no denomination has a representative who is as much in demand, as our Director, Dr. Little. He is serving as President of the Carroll County Council of Religious Education, a member of the Executive Committee of the Delmarva Commission on Christian Education, and Chairman of the Education Committee of the Maryland-Delaware Council of Religious Education.

When our Director began his work nearly two years ago, it was agreed that Western Maryland College would provide his full salary and travel expenses and would receive as against the amount expended voluntary offerings from Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavor Societies, and interested individuals. In addition to the services of the Director, Western Maryland College has contributed a total of more than \$600 toward the work of the Council during the past two years. It is hoped that we shall be able to finance our work in the future without calling on the College for subsidies. We have received contributions this year from 114 of our 243 Sunday Schools, from 61 of our 193 C. E. Societies, from 66 of the 173 ministerial members of the Conference, and from 44 laymen in the Conference. These contributions have been received from 116 of our 147 pastoral charges. As our work becomes more generally known and our needs better recognized, we should be able to secure contributions from a larger percentage of our Sunday Schools and C. E. Societies. As we do this we shall be able to expand our program and still meet all our obligations without calling on Western Maryland College for additional funds.

The total amount contributed by organizations, pastors and laymen in the various charges of the district are as follows: Amelia \$3.00; Bedford \$2.00; Belair \$14.00; Bivalve \$3.00; Buckeystown \$12.00; Brooklyn \$2.00; Calvary \$4.00; Christ Church \$1.00; East Baltimore \$6.00; Edmondson Avenue \$15.00; Eutaw \$36.50; Evergreen \$1.00; Glenburnie \$2.00; Grace \$11.00; Hampden \$15.00; Keen Memorial \$10.00; Lauraville \$6.00; Linthicum Heights \$8.00; Lowe Memorial \$3.00; Nichols Memorial \$1.00; St. Johns \$18.00; St. Pauls \$6.00; Starr \$5.00; Texas \$3.00; Towson \$6.00; Violetville \$3.00; West Baltimore \$14.00; Wilton Heights \$8.00; Cambridge \$10.00; Caroline \$2.00; Carroll Circuit \$2.00; Cecil \$4.00; Centreville \$2.00; Chestertown \$25.00; Claremont \$8.00; Clayton \$2.00; Crisfield \$3.00; Mariners \$1.00; Cumberland \$1.00; Cumberland Circuit \$6.00; Deer Creek \$1.00; Deer Park \$7.00; Delmar \$9.00; Delta \$3.00; Denton \$3.00; Dorchester \$5.00; Dover \$3.00; Doyleburg \$2.00; Easton \$5.00; Fairfax \$1.00; Fawn Grove \$7.00; Federalsburg \$11.25; Finksburg \$20.00; Frederick \$5.00; Georgetown \$7.00; Greenbush-Hallwood \$2.00; Greenbackville \$3.00; Greenwood-Cannon \$3.00; Grove \$4.00; Harmony \$5.00; Harper's Ferry \$1.00; Harrington \$8.00; Hebron \$4.00; Howard \$17.00; Hurlock \$7.00; Kemptown \$7.50; Kent Island-Wye \$3.00; Laurel \$2.00; Laurel Circuit \$1.00; Leeds \$5.00; Lewes \$1.00; Liberty-Lewistown \$3.00; Lynchburg \$6.00; Mardela \$4.00; Maryland Line \$3.00; Milford \$6.00; Milton \$2.00; Mt. Nebo \$1.00; Newark \$1.00; New Church \$2.00; Northumberland \$7.40;



Oxford \$3.00; Parksley \$5.00; St. Lukes \$1.00; Taylor Memorial \$4.00; Pipe Creek \$2.00; Pocomoke City \$8.00; Poplar Springs \$5.00; Queen Anne \$2.00; Quinton \$1.00; Ridgeville \$6.00; Salisbury \$10.00; Sharptown \$2.00; St. James \$5.00; Seaford \$7.50; Snow Hill \$5.00; Stewartstown \$4.00; Susquehanna \$1.00; Union Bridge \$14.00; Wallace Memorial \$5.06; Warwick \$1.00; Wesley Chapel \$18.15; Westminster \$2.00; Wheatleys \$3.00; First Church, Wilmington \$1.00; Peninsula \$2.00; Calvary \$6.00; Cherrydale \$16.00; First Church, Washington \$1.00; Lewis Memorial \$3.00; Mt. Olivet \$5.00; North Carolina Avenue \$4.00; Rhode Island Avenue \$29.50; Walker's Chapel \$3.00; General agents \$15.00.

The total amount received was \$767.61. Our expenditures were \$1085.34. We received from Western Maryland College \$317.73. The purchase of a Plymouth automobile to be used by our director has added considerable to the total cost of the program of the Council for this year.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That a special place be given to a program arranged by the Council in co-operation with the Conference Program Committee for the Conference session of 1936.

2. That the Conference confirm the action of the Executive Committee of the Conference Council in the employment of a part time Director of Religious Education, with the understanding that the expense of his work will not financially involve the Annual Conference.

3. That the Council be given permission to accept offerings from individuals, Sunday Schools, C. E. Societies and Churches to help meet the expenses of a part-time Director of Religious Education.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND W. WHITE, Pres.

### REPORT OF MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT SOCIETY

The Maryland Educational Endowment Society begs to make the following report for the year just closed.

The Society held its annual meeting at the Seminary on June 12th. The usual business was transacted. The treasurer reported the receipt of the income from the Drinkhouse Estate as well as the interest on the invested fund.

The following officers were elected: Fred G. Holloway, Pres., N. O. Gibson, Sec., Geo. Mather, Treas.

FRED G. HOLLOWAY, President,  
N. O. GIBSON, Secretary.

## REPORT J

## COMMITTEE ON MORAL REFORM AND SOCIAL SERVICE

(See Journal Page 46)

Your Committee wishes to submit the following report:

We have reviewed the various moral issues that face us in our life today. We have sought to discover what notes of encouragement as well as of concern might face us. We feel that it would be a mistake for us to point out the problems that confront us without noting a word or two of thankfulness for certain measures of progress. While we shall enumerate certain matters of serious import, we desire to express our conviction that there is on part of many an increasingly fine sensitiveness to moral issues. We rejoice that in the Christian church there are thousands of those who do champion the cause of right and are actively engaged in warfare against the forces of evil.

We wish also to note that whatever disrepute the church may have suffered in her apparent futility against the power of unrighteousness, there is on the part of many an increasingly fine sensitiveness to moral issues. an important place in the respect of men everywhere, and that to Him men turn for the standards of conduct which are to control life and mold civilization.

We desire to bring into brief review some of the major issues of the day.

**Sabbath Observance:** We regret that in our larger cities there appears to be the passing of the Lord's Day. We cannot but feel that American life has lost great values in the change. We are the more concerned when the day has been exploited for commercial purposes under the pretense of a liberality that will bring to American life high recreational values. We would disagree with it though this conclusion were sincerely offered, and utterly disapprove the sham that prompts this statement. We believe the world has not yet progressed to the point where it can set aside the divine purpose of this day without a serious loss to the character of American life.

**Liquor Traffic:** We would not take the time to rehearse facts which are common knowledge to all of us, but wish only to restate our conviction as to the problem which the liquor traffic presents. It may be too soon to aver that the period since prohibition has proven the fallacy of the return to our present system, but we believe that the coming months will all the more prove it. We do however reaffirm our belief that the liquor business is a curse to civilization. We unreservedly condemn that advertising of the trade which misleads with its statements the people of our country and insults womanhood and youth with its claims. We especially urge our churches to educate the people to know the detrimental effects of alcohol and the curse which follows from its traffic.

**Movies:** We believe that the moving picture industry has now reached the point where the church must see in it the serious problem that it actually is. Under the guise of public demand and freedom of expression

they have scattered throughout the land pictures which not only have no merits of entertainment whatsoever, but possess in them those detrimental influences that poison the mind of youth and tend to lead them into paths of immorality and lawlessness. We commend the position of those denominations which have pledged themselves to war upon immoral movies and call upon our people to prove their loyalty to the highest good by boycotting immoral films and insist upon showing only superior pictures. We condemn book-blocking of films and urge the passing of laws making it prohibitory.

**Economic Situation:** We review with concern the continuation of unemployment in America today. We believe in the inherent right of every man to work, not only to have work but income sufficient to adequately care for the needs of himself and his family. We do not understand that the ministry should be experts in economic theories, but we do believe that every phase of life must be controlled — so far as the Christian is concerned — by Jesus. We therefore reaffirm our belief in the validity of His teachings for the business life of today and urge upon Christians their responsibility in loyalty thereto and in those changes in economic life that will guarantee security to every family. We disapprove strongly of that type of men who are unwilling to do honest labor and reaffirm our belief in the Scriptural statements — “If a man will not work neither shall he eat.” But, “The laborer is worthy of his hire.”

**World Peace:** We view with alarm the threats of international conflict throughout the world today. We had allowed ourselves to believe that the last world conflict was a war to end war — and that there would be no more international conflicts. We recognize now the fallacy of our presumption in that regard. We believe war to be futile in settling international disputes and that it is in every way unChristian. We were shocked to learn the facts revealed in the recent Senate Munitions Inquiry and urge the facts and the conclusion to which they point to the attention of our people. Convinced of the sin of war, we urge upon our pastors the education of our people toward peace and cooperation with every agency set up to insure peace for the world.

We learn with disappointment that some who claim to follow Jesus have allowed themselves to participate in such questionable things as horse-race gambling in its many forms. We exhort our people to eschew all such harmful practice. While your committee does not reckon it as its task to enumerate every moral peril of the age, we would caution our membership to shun all forms of evil, cleave to all conduct that is good.

In reviewing these issues of today we wish to state our conviction that the matters will not be solved by resolutions concerning them. We reaffirm our conviction that Christianity is the sole force sufficient to save the world. We believe its progress will be effective so long as the church is true to its essentials. We believe human life needs to be regenerated. Much of our chaos is due to wrong motives and objectives. Men need to be reborn in Christ. By that we mean not just the intellectual assent to his Saviourhood or acceptance of a certain creed based on Him, but a regeneration of all the purposes and motives of the individual. Men

must not only be won to Christ; they must be won to all for which He stands. We need to take Him in His entirety.

We call upon our pastors to keep in mind the necessity of knowing the historical Jesus as well as the Eternal Christ. We urge them to study anew the teachings of Jesus and by coming into a new grasp on Him, make Him central in our preaching. We believe if Christians knew, and understood Him better, they would follow Him more closely. We urge the centrality of Jesus in the preaching of today. We believe that the essence of Christianity is the commitment of the life of the individual to Him and in a personal relationship that brings every aspect of the individual life under the control of the dominating personality of Jesus. As His followers we can advocate no theory of right that does not emanate from Him. As His servants we can deny no principle of conduct that reflects His spirit.

In view of the fact that the world this year celebrates the 400th anniversary of the printing of the English Bible, we believe it an excellent time to lead our people once more into a serious study of the Scriptures and urge particularly a dissemination of those portions dealing with the life and teachings and missions of Jesus, calling upon our people to become more completely acquainted with them.

The following resolutions which have been offered separately from the above report and signed by all members of the committee were included in the report by the vote of the Conference:

1. We renew our endorsement of the Anti-Saloon League, and urge our churches and pastors to open their pulpits to its representatives. We also heartily commend the splendid work of the W. C. T. U.

2. Resolved, Whereas the Lord's Day Alliance has been effectively engaged in keeping the sanctity of the Sabbath intact in various sections of the state, we hereby endorse the work of this body and urge its support by our people. We commend the work of Dr. W. W. Davis and ask our pastors to cooperate with him in every way possible. We recommend the reelection of G. W. Haddaway as a member of the Executive Committee of the Lord's Day Alliance.

3. Whereas, This year commemorates the 400th Anniversary of the first printed English Bible, be it

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to insure the proper celebration of this event in the churches of our Conference.

4. Whereas, we regard immoral movies as a menace to modern life, and Whereas, certain religious bodies have urged their membership to boycott those films unsuited for public showing, be it

Resolved, That this Conference go on record as sanctioning this method of combatting the dangers inherent in such pictures and call upon our members to boycott pictures that are detrimental to society.

FRED G. HOLLOWAY,  
W. P. ROBERTS,  
C. E. DRYDEN,  
T. D. BOWERS,  
W. O. SHOCKLEY.

## REPORT K

## COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENT AGENCIES.

(See Journal Page 46)

Your Committee on Benevolent Agencies has had only one report submitted to it, namely, The Deaconess Work. While this is a most wonderful ministry of the Christian Church, yet it is lamented that so few of our churches avail themselves of the services of our lone Deaconess, Miss Lillian DeMoss. The other great denominations make much of the services of their Deaconesses, Therefore, it would seem the Maryland Conference churches and their pastors could find service for this consecrated Christian worker. Miss DeMoss keeps herself busy during the year since it is the understanding of the Deaconess Board that when not employed elsewhere that she labor in her home church—Christ Church. This church each year makes a contribution toward the Deaconess work, but more churches should be employing Miss DeMoss. It occurs to the Deaconess Board that the exaction of five dollars a week from the church that employs her has been a barrier to her employment, especially in these days when churches are curtailing expenses. With the full consent of the Deaconess Board, your committee recommends a free-will offering for the services of the Deaconess upon the completion of her stay at a church, much the same as a church would remunerate an evangelist for his services. An engagement of two or three weeks in which Miss DeMoss would contact the Sunday school scholars and tardy church members and in visitation of the community would prove most profitable not alone in the city churches but also in the towns.

We believe further that the Deaconess Board should contact the pastors and seek in every way to have the Deaconess employed throughout the year.

The terms of G. E. Brown, G. W. Haddaway, E. J. Paige, Mrs. W. F. Chew, and Mrs. S. H. Wareheim as members of the Deaconess Board expire with this session and their successors should be elected.

For several years the churches of the Conference have been asked to make a free-will offering toward the work of the Maryland Tract Society. This splendid agency for the extension of the Kingdom deserves the support and cooperation of the churches. We urge every church to make such an offering for this Society.

We are happy to learn from the President's report that churches of our Conference have received legacies from their members. Ministers should encourage their members in making wills to remember the various institutions and boards of the church such as the Western Maryland College, Westminster Theological Seminary, Superannuate Fund Society, the Board of Missions, Church Extension Society, Home for the Aged, as well as the local churches.

We appreciate the continued assistance given the President of the Conference by the St. John's Board of Beneficence and the Pipe Creek Benevolent Society whereby exigencies that arise during the year, throughout the Conference are relieved.

J. A. DUDLEY, Chairman,  
J. F. BRYAN, Secretary.

### REPORT OF THE DEACONESS BOARD

Miss Lillian DeMoss our one Deaconess, has continued her faithful work for another year. She has served in every church where her services have been requested. The reports of her work are always favorable.

The terms of G. E. Brown, G. W. Haddaway, E. J. Paige, Mrs. W. F. Chew and Mrs. S. H. Wareheim expire with this session and their successors must be elected.

#### Financial Statement

Receipts	
Balance from last year .....	\$120.00
Interest on Invested Fund .....	525.00
Gifts from churches served .....	33.00
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Total income .....	\$678.00
Disbursements	
On Salary .....	\$240.00
For Board and Expenses .....	332.00
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	\$572.00
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Balance on hand .....	106.00
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### REPORT L

#### COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL RELATIONS

(See Journal Page 49)

After careful consideration of the communications and reports referred to us, the Committee reports as follows:

#### Personal Report Statistics

From the pastors' reports handed to your Committee, we are pleased to note a net increase of 84 in the subscriptions to the Methodist Protestant-Recorder, and we are informed this increase does not include block subscriptions. The church must have the information and inspiration which the paper is progressively giving under the able Editorship of R. L. Shipley, and we commend the continued increase in its circulation to pastors and delegates. Let us heed the recommendation of the Editor to (1) strive for a 100% circulation in the homes of our people, and (2) to have at least every official member a subscriber and a subscription list of not less than one subscription to every ten members on our rolls.

We are again pleased to note that all but two charges report the election of Lady Visitors to our Home for the Aged at Westminster.

We regard the distribution of Disciplines to all new members as imperative, and note with pleasure the reported general compliance with this church law.

We record with pleasure that the ministers indebted to the Board of Christian Education, are, generally making earnest efforts to liquidate their obligations. We reiterate our suggestion made last year that the early payment of all such obligations be made, in order that the Board may be in position to grant financial assistance to others seeking aid in their preparation for the ministry. We are pleased to report that three of our ministers have liquidated their loans in full this year.

Reports to your committee indicate that the personal conference financial obligations of the ministers have been satisfactorily met this year, except in three cases. We recommend that these cases be referred to the President of the Conference for such action as he may deem necessary and wise.

#### Honor Roll of Charges

In accordance with Resolution No. 8, page 113, 1924 Minutes, we report that 17 charges and 10 churches are entitled to places on the Honor Roll, having raised 100 per cent or more of both Maryland and General Conference benevolences. They are as follows:

#### Charges

Eutaw	Indian River
North Baltimore	Oxford
St. Johns	Pipe Creek
West Baltimore	Union Bridge
Buckeystown	St. James
Carroll Circuit	R. I. Ave.
Chestertown	T. H. Lewis Memorial
Federalsburg	Westminster
Friendship	

#### Churches

Madison	Ayres Chapel on Maryland Line
Eldorado	Wheatley on Reliance Charge
Walker's Chapel on Walker's Chapel and Ft. Myer Heights	Ridgeville, Ridgeville Charge
Newmarket on Frederick Charge	Brookville & Clarksville on Howard Charge
Ruthsburg on Queen Anne Circuit	

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend that:

1. Paul F. Warner, W. H. Hodges, C. G. Soderbom, Paul Cassen, A. G. Lynch, O. W. Prince and Wilbur M. Snyder be loaned to the Board of Missions in accordance with its request.
2. That the name of Geo. Hines be restored to the active list.
3. J. Tracey Fenby be loaned to the People's Unemployment League of Baltimore in accordance with its request.
4. J. Ralph Wright be loaned as Chaplain in the United States Army.

5. Claybourne Phillips be given supernumerary relationship to Northumberland Charge.

6. C. M. Kelsner be left without appointment at his request.

7. We concur in the following special appointments: Editor, Methodist Protestant-Recorder, R. L. Shipley; President High Point College, G. I. Humphreys; President Western Maryland College, A. N. Ward; Professor Western Maryland College, Lawrence Little; President Westminster Theological Seminary, F. G. Holloway; Professor Westminster Theological Seminary, H. L. Elderdice; Secretary Board of Missions, G. W. Haddaway; President Westminster College, Tehaucana Texas, C. A. Sutton.

8. Reiterating the recommendation of the 1934 session of Conference, we recommend that all payments due by ministers to the Superannuate Funds, both from special annual assessments and the Endowment Fund, and all amounts due on Group Insurance, be paid in full; namely:

(a) Where appropriation is made by the Conference to supplement the salary of a minister, that hereafter the Treasurer of the Conference be directed to deduct from such appropriation one-third of the amount due to the Conference for Group Insurance and the Superannuate Fund, annually until fully paid.

(b) Hereafter when a minister claims superannuate relief the Treasurer of the Conference be instructed to deduct from his apportionment the first year all unpaid obligations to the Superannuate Funds.

9. Recognizing the many difficulties faced by our charges in the continuing economic depression, and yet mindful of the pressing needs of our various benevolent agencies, we desire to impress upon every charge the absolute necessity of putting forth every effort throughout the year to raise all assessments in full. The plan of assessment is not a hit and miss one, the chief factor in determining it being the amounts actually raised over a period of the preceding five years, and the honor roll should include the name of every charge. Let every minister and delegate return home determined to begin at once the solution of all financial problems.

10. Every minister shall bring to the attention of the Annual Membership Meeting on Stations and to the Quarterly Conference on Circuits, the importance of the constant attendance of the lay representative upon all sessions of the Annual Conference, to the end that nominees for delegate and alternate shall state their intention of complying with such regular attendance if elected.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. LITSINGER, Chairman,  
HENRY GILLIGAN, Secretary,  
A. N. WARD,  
R. Y. NICHOLSON,  
J. P. WANTZ,  
W. A. HOBLITZELL.



## REPORT M

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

(See Journal Page 41)

It is nothing to you O Methodist Protestants that our reports show a continued decrease in our gifts for missionary work? Will we dare to ignore our Lord's command "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature?" What will be the consequences if we are guilty of indifference and neglect? These questions are worthy of our careful and prayerful consideration. Surely, we have reached a crisis which demands drastic action. Self-preservation may be the first law of nature, but it surely is not the first law of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Let us not do less for the home-base but surely we must do more for world evangelism.

Two masterly addresses have come to us at this Conference. The first by Dr. Robert E. Speer, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, brought us much information and encouragement of great value. The other by our own Dr. J. C. Broomfield, President of our General Conference, gave us a striking picture of the failing support we are giving to our missionary program and thereby presented a most definite challenge to our people.

The inspirational address of Dr. Speer in which he showed the great gains in the mission fields in the last half-century should hearten all of us to renew our efforts to send the gospel of Jesus Christ to all the world within the next generation.

We are very glad to have with us at this session of Conference, Rev. A. H. Lynch, one of our missionaries to Japan, who has just returned to this country for the first time, and pray that his message this afternoon may be an inspiration to all. We are pained to hear that unless our offerings increase Brother Lynch probably will not return to Japan. Let us here and now resolve that there shall be no further retrenchment.

We rejoice to know that the Washington-Virginia Branch raised more than its apportionment during the year, and are sorry to hear that the Maryland Branch fell behind its figures of a year ago.

In view of the fact that the apportionment of the Maryland Branch next year is but \$14,000 we urge every church to do its best to raise their quota. We suggest that Miss Bettie S. Brittingham get in touch with pastors of churches who have no auxiliaries, asking for the privilege of presenting this worthy cause and with a view to organizing an auxiliary. Should Miss Brittingham overlook some church which seems fruitful for such work we urge that pastor to communicate with her.

The fact that the subscriptions to The Missionary Record are on the increase is a cause for rejoicing, and we urge continued cooperation in the effort to secure 100 new subscribers during the year.

**Japan:** We are glad to know that Brother Paul F. Warner and his wife reached their field of labor and that they are happy in their increased labors. In spite of the depression we are glad to know that our work in Japan has suffered little, and that the Japanese Conference is practically self-supporting.

**China:** Brother Soderbom sends us the joyful news that 26 adults and 13 children have been baptized in the Kalgan Church. These numbers do not include those in the district supervised by Rev. Horace Williams. Dr. Haddaway gives us the glad tidings that a remarkable revival has been in progress and that Brother Williams has started a school corresponding to our Seminary. We lament the fact that it has been necessary to drop 50% of the native workers. China offers many opportunities which we must allow to pass on account of our lack of funds.

**India:** We have no information from Brother Paul Cassen in India, but Dr. Haddaway advises us that the work has been curtailed and that the children are sent to the public schools. When they return from the public school they are given Biblical instruction at the Mission.

**Pine Ridge:** Under the leadership of Rev. G. W. Andrew, our school has continued to forge ahead, and we ask your continued support of this worthy enterprise. We have been rejoiced to hear of the most excellent revival with Rev. J. N. Link, pastor of Starr Church, as the evangelist.

While we have no report from the Missionary Department of the Maryland Council of Religious Education we wish to commend the work they are trying to do, and ask all Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies to contribute something toward the support of Rev. and Mrs. Paul M. Cassen in India.

The letters of our missionaries in Japan and China ask for a continuation of your interest and prayers in their efforts. Many of us may not be able to give much but we can acquaint ourselves with the work and pray for the cause.

Dr. G. W. Haddaway, Executive Secretary of the Board of Missions, and Miss Bettie Brittingham, Associate Executive Secretary, are giving their best efforts to this work and are desirous of serving you in every possible way. The committee wishes to reiterate the statement of a year ago that all funds raised for World Service should be sent immediately to the proper treasurers and on no account are they to be diverted or divided.

The letter from Brothers W. H. Hodges and A. G. Lynch of Seattle, Washington, expresses a keen interest in their local work as well as the work of this body.

The reports of Mrs. J. W. Armstrong, President of Maryland Branch, and Mrs. W. J. Bullis, President of Washington-Virginia Branch, will follow this report in the minutes.

Committee on Missions,

C. M. ELDERDICE, Chairman,  
R. W. SAPP, Secretary,  
T. R. WOODFORD  
GEO. SCHUMACHER,  
HARRISON TOWNSEND.

## REPORT OF THE WASHINGTON-VIRGINIA BRANCH WOMEN'S MISSIONARY WORK

It gives me pleasure to bring to the Maryland Annual Conference the greetings of the Washington-Virginia Branch, and to assure you that our prayers are with you that all which may be said or done in this session may be in accord with the will of our Heavenly Father.

It has been my privilege just once before to appear before this Conference and that was six years ago right after the merging of our Home and Foreign Mission work. At that time I came before you a new President of a new organization. After serving six years as President of this united work, I want to say that the merger has worked in the Washington-Virginia Branch.

We feel that the year we have just closed has been the most successful since the merger. Each year we have increased the amount paid on our apportionment until this year, we not only paid our apportionment in full, but we went over the top. This not only means an increase in the money given, but an increase of interest in the work.

We feel there has been a deepening of the spiritual life of the women of our Branch, brought about largely by the work of the Auxiliary Secretaries of Spiritual Life. That the giving of more of our money and more of our time is the result of this deepening of the spiritual life.

We feel that the women of our Branch are more familiar with the program of the denomination as a result of their study, during this and previous years, of the literature furnished by the Mission Board.

While we are grateful for what we have accomplished this year, we regret that some of our goals have not been reached. We have 12 churches in our Branch, 8 of these churches have auxiliaries in them. One of the four churches in which there is no auxiliary contributes toward the work leaving three churches that do not contribute to the Women's work of our denomination. We are going to continue to pray and to work this year for an auxiliary in each church, and every member an active one.

We want to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation to the preachers of the Washington-Virginia Branch who have stood faithfully by us during the past year. We should not have accomplished what we have, had it not been for your support. If any of you should not be returned to us this year, we pray God's choicest blessings may go with you to your new field of labor. If new ministers should be sent to join our little family we promise to receive you as our own and to endeavor to be of help one to another.

My prayer is that Christ may so fill the hearts of all the members of the Maryland Conference with zeal for the great cause of missions, that with Him as the ongoing companion of our way, we may go forth this year to accomplish greater things than ever before in the spreading of the gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The great world's heart is aching panicky in the night  
God alone can heal it, God alone can give the light;  
And the men to bear that message and to speak the living Word  
Are you and I, my brother, and the millions that have heard.

Shall we close our eyes to duty, shall we fold our hands in ease  
 While the gates of night stand open to the pathway of the seas?  
 Shall we shut up our compassions and leave our prayers unsaid  
 Till the hands which sin have blighted have been quickened from the  
 dead?

We grovel among trifles, our spirits fret and toss  
 While above us towers the vision of the Christ upon the cross.  
 The blood of Christ is flowing from His wounded hands and side  
 The lips of Christ are saying, "Tell my brothers I have died."

O voice of God we hear thee above the shocks of time  
 The echoes roll around us and the message is sublime,  
 No power of man shall thwart us, no stronghold shall dismay  
 For Christ commands obedience, and love has led the way.

MRS. WM. J. BULLIS.

### ANNUAL REPORT TO CONFERENCE OF THE MARYLAND BRANCH WOMEN'S MISSIONARY WORK

Gentlemen:

As President of Maryland Branch Women's Missionary Work I beg to submit the following report:

The activities of the Branch may be classified under five general heads and for the sake of conciseness my report will follow these divisions.

**1. Organization:** We are glad to report that a new missionary district corresponding to District Number 5 of the Conference was organized. This brings the number of districts to six. We regret that there are still churches which are too far out on the fringes of Maryland Conference to be able to attend district meetings, and we hope some way may be found to make the isolated churches of Northern Maryland and Southern Virginia feel that they really belong to the Maryland Branch. Wilmington is considered a part of the Baltimore District, but Philadelphia and Newark are almost out of reach. Only three new auxiliaries have been reported this year. Eighty-four auxiliaries out of two hundred and fifty-nine churches — this is still a deplorable discrepancy. Our hope is that putting the responsibility upon each district for forming new organizations in their area is going to help this all-important phase of our work.

**2. Education:** We feel that this year has been a slow but steady growth along the lines of missionary education, and that an increasing number of our women are becoming familiar with the whole program of the church. This has been brought about in part by the use of the program material prepared by the Board of Missions and sent out by the Branch free of charge each month to every church which desires it. The entire field of the church's world service is covered by these printed leaflets. An increased interest in "The Missionary Record" is shown by twenty more subscribers than last year. One hundred new ones is our goal for the coming year. Another educational factor has been the fine programs for special days gotten out by the Board of Education and the Board

of Missions. The visit of Miss Hempstead, and especially of our own Paul and Dorothy Warner, has made missions more vivid and vital to many. Added to this, is the promotional work through written and spoken word done by the special sponsor of the Women's Work, Miss Bettie Brittingham.

For the promotion of more effective missionary education in the local church, a recommendation was brought to our Women's Convention that a missionary committee be formed in every church to correlate and to foster the missionary activities in every department of the church and Sunday School. This is a valuable suggestion which I wish the Committee on Missions might recommend to the Conference.

**3. Finance:** We regret to report that we raised only about \$12,000 toward our apportionment of \$15,000.

At the beginning of the year, because of the inability of a number of churches to assume the apportionment of the previous year, we were able to allot only about \$14,000. In the hope of raising the additional \$1,000, a letter was sent out to churches not having an auxiliary, asking them to designate to the Women's Work the sum of \$5 or \$10 of their church budget. This letter, however, met with almost no response.

For the coming year at the request of the Branch, the Board of Missions has reduced the apportionment to \$14,000 and we are setting out with renewed courage to raise the amount. Special emphasis is being laid upon sending in remittances every month to do our part in saving the Board the necessity of borrowing money during the summer months. Believing that stewardship, and tithing in particular, is the solution of the church's financial problem, the Branch stands ready to cooperate in every way with the campaign for stewardship to be inaugurated in the Conference during the coming year.

**4. Spiritual Life:** It is impossible to gauge progress along this line, but several things lead us to believe that the spiritual life of our Branch women is being deepened. One of these is the increased importance placed on the devotional part of circle, auxiliary, District and Branch Meetings. Another indication is the fact that over 300 copies of the Guide Book, which contains the devotional material for the year, have already been sold, more than double the sale of last year at this time.

The daily devotions of the individual and the family will be stressed this year as last, and there will be added the thought of tithing as a means of spiritual growth.

**5. Special Projects:** Outside of the regular Branch activities, many of our missionary women have continued their interest in and support of the Meth-Pro Home for Business Girls. The Home has had an average during the year of thirteen girls as residents. Not only have interest payments been met, but a substantial sum has been paid on the principal, and the outlook is encouraging.

At the suggestion of Paul Warner, who during his visit to our mission in Dhulia saw the urgent need of an electric refrigerator, a fund for this purpose was started. Though there were some contributions from outsiders, most of the money has come from Maryland friends.

Other special projects have been a sum of money sent to Pine Ridge for much needed linoleum, and boxes of linen and clothing to Dillonvale and the Children's Home.

As President of this Maryland Branch sisterhood I want to express my conviction that a more loyal group of church women is not to be found anywhere, but they could never carry on if it were not for the support of the men behind them, and especially, of those ministers who give encouragement and inspiration to the Women's Work in the local churches.

In closing we wish to give special thanks to Dr. G. W. Haddaway and to Miss Bettie Brittingham for the fine help that has come to us from their office; also to Dr. Richard Shipley for the generous space afforded in "The Methodist Protestant-Recorder", and to Dr. E. A. Sexsmith for his sympathetic cooperation with the Women's Work throughout the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. W. ARMSTRONG.

#### REPORT N

### COMMITTEE ON HOME FOR THE AGED.

(See Journal Page 47)

Your Committee on the Home for the Aged, at Westminster, is pleased to present this report concerning the Home; a report that summarizes our findings in the papers committed to us, and our impressions after visiting the Home itself. The mission of mercy to which this, one of our greatest institutions, is directed, is without a doubt making commendable progress, performing well its privilege of loving and providing for those in the waning years of life.

Due credit accrues to those in charge: the Board of Managers; the Board of Lady Superintendents; the Matron, Mrs. E. A. Warfield; and others who are in daily contact with the guests in the Home. Their generous devotion and genial hospitality, ministering to the numerous needs of their guests; bearing sympathetically the burdens of their hearts; sharing their sorrow when daily associates, and even life companions, have been taken away in the evening of life cannot be rewarded by silver or gold; nor can they be fully compensated if all the gratitude in our hearts be drained in appreciation. There is a joy of service unto God and His feeble children.

We note that out of the largeness of their hearts our people and others have done what many have wished to do, but could not, in recent years. Their contributions have increased to that point where the gifts at Christmas time have been more than ample for each guest to share; and net receipts were doubled on Visitor's Day. It is pleasant to know that even with their own denominational Aged People's Home in Westminster, the local Methodist Episcopal Church has found it good to minister unto our guests as well; and that in addition to some of our church groups, there were three organizations from Baltimore Churches, of other denominations, who visited them with treats.

Our study of the physical condition of the property gives us a sense of satisfaction, both as to its ability to fitly serve its purpose, and to give us pride in its appearance. We only regret that its facilities are not sufficiently large as to admit all those who would be sheltered there if admission were practical.

The financial condition evidences careful and sound administration, and warrants our recommendation that the request of the Board of Managers for the continuance of the \$6,000 annual appropriation be granted.

It would seem that the request of the Board of Managers for an interpretation as to superannuate eligibility for admission to the Home involving a matter of policy should be thoroughly studied. A satisfactory solution to this recurrent problem might possibly prove mutually beneficial to all concerned. We can see no cause for the possible exclusion of our superannuate ministers, their wives or widows, and recommend negotiations between the Boards of Managers of the Home for the Aged and the Superannuated Fund Society looking toward a policy for the cooperation of both.

Your Committee finds the Home making gains in favor of our churches, and a more ready cooperation of the charges in the matter of electing Lady Visitors. Whereas a year ago there were nine charges which had no such representative, only two have failed to make such provision this year. We would remind the churches of their duty in this regard, hoping for a perfect record in the year just ahead, that through this means the interests of the Home for the Aged may find a place in the hearts of ALL our people.

In conformity with the rule of electing the successors to those whose terms as members of the Board of Managers expire, we here advise the Conference that the terms of Revs. J. H. Straughn and W. P. Roberts, Brother George Mather and Dr. E. B. Fenby expire at this session.

Committee on Home for the Aged,

W. L. HOFFMAN, Chairman,  
L. COLVIN RANDALL, Secretary,  
THOS. J. TURKINGTON,  
E. F. WILLIAMS,  
F. M. BELL,  
C. S. TAYLOR.

#### REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE HOME OF THE AGED AT WESTMINSTER, MD.

April 1, 1935

To The Maryland Annual Conference,

Gentlemen:

It is with pleasure we report the Home for the Aged to be in excellent condition. Recent improvements to the grounds and painting of the buildings has added much to the attractiveness of the place.

We are still faced with a long waiting list and greatly regret our inability to care more promptly for those who have applied.

Applications for admission have come from certain members of the Maryland Annual Conference, which has raised the question, Are such persons eligible?

The Board would like to have the Conference consider the matter and advise us.

The receipts and expenditures, together with other matters of interest are fully set forth in the reports of the Treasurer and the Secretary of the Board of Lady Superintendents.

We respectfully request that the annual appropriation of \$6,000 be continued for the next conference year.

We also call your attention to the fact that the terms of the following members of the Board expire with this session: Rev. J. H. Straughn, Rev. W. P. Roberts, George Mather and Dr. E. B. Fenby.

GEORGE MATHER,  
President — Board of Managers.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE HOME FOR THE AGED OF  
THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH,  
WESTMINSTER, MD.**

Westminster, Maryland, March 20, 1935

Maryland Annual Conference  
Westminster, Md.

Dear Sirs:—

I herewith submit to you the annual statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the Home for the Aged for the year ending March 15 1935.

March 15 1934 Balance in hand as shown by last report .....	\$1,090.97
Amount transferred from Savings Account to meet expenses .....	1,700.00
Amount paid by Chas. F. Cummins Treasurer of Conference .....	4,500.00
Donation from St. Johns M. P. Church of Baltimore, Md. ....	200.00
“ “ North Baltimore M. P. Church Baltimore, Md. ....	30.00

Total Receipts..... \$7,520.97

**Disbursements**

Bills paid for use of table .....	\$2,273.74
“ “ “ ordinary expenses .....	1,268.07
“ “ “ salaries and wages .....	2,471.00
“ “ “ supplies of all kinds .....	507.21
“ “ “ special expenses and repairs .....	980.94
Balance on hand March 15, 1935 .....	20.01

\$7,520.97

Respectfully submitted

JAS. PEARRE WANTZ, Treasurer.



Westminster, Maryland, March 15, 1935.

We the undersigned Committee appointed by the President to audit the accounts of Jas. Pearre Wantz, Treasurer of the Home for the Aged of M. P. Church at Westminster, Md., beg to report that they have performed that duty to the best of their ability. We have checked the current accounts and find all the amounts paid out supported by the proper vouchers and are correct.

We have also audited the account of the invested fund and counted and appraised all the securities in that fund and found them correct and that the appraised value of that fund at this date is \$50,557.92.

GEORGE MATHER,  
OBER S. HERR.

Auditing Committee.

**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**

March 27, 1935.

The Home family consists of twenty-two guests, the matron, nurse, assistant nurse, and two servants — twenty-seven in all.

There were seven deaths during the year: Miss Annie E. Kinzer entered the Home October 18, 1932, was removed to Springfield State Hospital March 12, 1934, where she died September 9, 1934, age: 87 years; Mr. T. Henry Bartlett entered the Home May 21, 1930, died September 22, 1934, age: 77 years; Mrs. Mary E. Rosen entered the Home August 8, 1922, died November 10, 1934, age: 87 years; Mr. William B. Askey entered the Home May 14, 1930, died February 2, 1935, age: 78 years; Miss Harriet M. Crogan entered the Home February 12, 1914, died February 8, 1935, age: 85 years; Mr. Samuel H. Fairbanks entered the Home May 15, 1929, died February 14, 1935, age: 84 years; Mrs. Olevia Parrish entered the Home May 4, 1932, died March 4, 1935, age: 70 years.

The following applicants were admitted:— Mrs. Cattie F. Mettee of Mt. Lebanon Church, Baltimore; and Miss Louisa Tarmon of Starr Church, Baltimore. Two other applicants have been accepted but have not yet arrived at the Home: Mrs. Zello D. Johnson of Baltimore, and Mrs. Mary F. Hyson of Hampden Church, Baltimore.

There has been a great deal of sickness in the Home and there are at the present time several guests requiring constant attention. This condition has necessitated the employing of an assistant for Mrs. Ackley, our nurse.

Special events were as follows: June 10, Vesper service on lawn of the Home, the Methodist Episcopal and Methodist Protestant Churches participating; July 4, supper served on lawn to Home family and invited guests; a benefit Tea and Musical Recital during the meeting of the Maryland Annual Conference at Western Maryland College; Sunday evening services on lawn during the month of August; Visitors' Day, Aug.

29. The net receipts from Visitors' Day were just double those of last year.

A Happy Christmas was made possible by the gifts of the faithful friends of the Home. This is the first year since the depression that the money gifts were more than sufficient to supply the needs of all. The Home and grounds were beautiful with decorated trees, evergreens, and plants. Mrs. Warfield ingeniously provided the Santa Claus and the chimney for his coming.

The following repairs and improvements were made: Three bedrooms renovated, new linoleum in two, walls and woodwork of third floor hall painted, attic sealed and made into convenient storeroom with shelves and closets, closets built in on second floor, and furniture re-upholstered.

Donations were received from seventy-eight churches and organizations and from ninety-four individuals. Sixteen groups visited the Home, rendered programs, and served refreshments to all; three of these were organizations from Baltimore churches not of our denomination. Students of the Seminary entertained the Home family with most enjoyable programs each week

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

#### Receipts

Cash on hand March 22, 1934 .....	\$164.29
Cash donations .....	\$238.14
Net receipts on Visitors' Day .....	146.36
Contribution Box .....	18.33
Miscellaneous .....	25.55
	\$428.38
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$592.67</b>

#### Disbursements

Daily papers .....	\$17.20
Household supplies .....	56.36
Painting .....	55.80
Scraping walls .....	6.50
Printing .....	16.75
Flowers for deceased .....	23.00
Radio Repairs .....	11.20
Oculist .....	14.50
Dentistry .....	36.50
Bathroom supplies .....	5.50
Stamps .....	1.05
Hauling .....	6.00

Christmas .....	61.64	
Miscellaneous .....	13.02	
		\$325.02
		\$267.65
Balance in bank March 27, 1935 .....		\$267.65

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. DENTON S. GEHR, President,  
 MRS. CLARA S. BILLINGSLEA,  
 Vice-President,  
 MRS. W. R. McDANIEL, Cor. Sec.,  
 MRS. HILDA R. ALBAUGH,  
 Rec. Sec.,  
 MRS. ALICE BABYLON,  
 MRS. GEORGE K. MATHER,  
 MRS. J. PEARRE WANTZ.

Board of Lady Superintendents.

#### LADY VISITORS TO THE HOME FOR THE AGED

Charge	Lady Visitor	Address
Baltimore:		
Bethesda .....	Mrs. A. E. Zepp.....	2901 Pinewood Ave., Balto., Md.
Calvary .....	Mrs. Emma Alexander.....	3107 Fleet St., Balto., Md.
Christ Church .....	Mrs. W. F. Chew .....	Pikesville, Md.
Chesaco Park .....	Mrs. Bertha Herbert .....	Raspeburg, P. O., Md.
	Mrs. Wm. Swanner .....	Raspeburg, P. O., Md.
East Baltimore .....	Mrs. Chas. D. Braun .....	1222 N. Caroline St., Balto., Md.
Edmondson Ave. ....	Mrs. W. S. Leaverton .....	752 Linnard St., Balto., Md.
Eutaw .....	Mrs. R. C. Brodie.....	2106 Erdman Ave., Balto., Md.
Evergreen .....	Mrs. A. O. DeMoss.....	219 Alpine Road, Balto., Md.
Glen Burnie .....	Mrs. Grace Croggon.....	Glen Burnie, Md.
Grace .....	Mrs. Ida Whaley .....	2510 Greenmount Ave., Balto., Md.
Hampden .....	Mrs. George L. Beyer, Sr. ....	850 W. 36th St., Balto., Md.
Keen Memorial .....	Mrs. C. G. Crist.....	3027 Remington Ave., Balto., Md.
Lauraville .....	Miss Mae Bowers.....	2609 Halcyon Ave., Balto., Md.
Linthicum Heights .....	Mrs. J. Clinton Roberts.....	Linthicum Heights, Md.
Lowe Memorial .....	Miss Ella Maddox.....	137 E. Randall St., Balto., Md.
Nichols Mem. ....	Mrs. Dora Downs .....	Odenton, Md.
	Mrs. Chas. Whittle .....	Odenton, Md.
North Baltimore .....	Mrs. W. C. Scott .....	811 St. George's Road, Balto., Md.

St. Johns	Mrs. J. H. Linthicum	514 Rossiter Ave., Balto., Md.
St. Pauls	Mrs. Orville Stevens	3016 E. Monument St., Balto., Md.
South Baltimore	Mrs. Ada Baker	1720 Homestead St., Balto., Md.
Starr	Mrs. Raymond Richards	4611 Maine Ave., Balto., Md.
Texas	Mrs. Howard Parks	Cockeysville, Md.
Towson	Mrs. Ethel Griffith	Reistertown, R. D., Md.
Trinity	Mrs. Harry Robey	1303 Weldon Ave., Balto., Md.
Violetville	Mrs. J. W. Cox	1044 Pine Hgts. Ave., Balto., Md.
West Baltimore	Miss Laura Young	3512 Clifton Ave., Balto., Md.
Wilton Heights	Mrs. F. C. McDonell	5253 St. Charles Ave., Balto., Md.
Bedford Valley	Mrs. Ida Rose	Bedford Valley, Pa.
Bivalve	Mrs. Etha Dayton	Bivalve, Md.
Buckeystown	Mrs. A. W. Nicodemus	Buckeystown, Md.
Cambridge	Mrs. Jos. Walker	Cambridge, Md.
Caroline	Mrs. Ralph Meredith	Ridgely, Md.
Cecil	Mrs. Elsie Janney	North East, R. 1., Md.
Centreville	Mrs. Wm. H. Carter	Centreville, Md.
Chestertown	Mrs. W. U. Lusby	Chestertown, Md.
Claremont	Mrs. Wm. Costenbader	Claremont, Va.
Crisfield, Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. O. C. Tawes	Crisfield, Md.
Cumberland	Miss Dorothy Sisler	LaVale, Md.
Cumberland Ct.	Mrs. R. Hendrickson	Church St. and Old Town Rd., Cumberland, Md.
Deer Creek	Mrs. Burling Grafton	Bel Air, Md.
Deer Park	Mrs. Ezra Miller	Westminster, Md.
	Mrs. Horace Shipley	Finksburg, R. D. 1., Md.
Delmar	Mrs. George Templeton	Delmar, Del.
Delta	Mrs. John Judd	Delta, Pa.
Denton	Mrs. Maud Johnson	Denton, Md.
Dover-Leipsic	Mrs. C. R. Wilson	Dover, Del.
	Mrs. J. C. Fennimore	Leipsic Del.
Easton	Mrs. Robert Roberts	Easton, Md.
Elizabeth	Mrs. C. J. Wannamaker	219 Franklin St., Elizabeth, N. J.
Fairfax	Mrs. Kidwell	Vienna, R. D. 2, Va.
Fawn Grove	Mrs. Vallie Hawkins	Fawn Grove, Pa.
Federalburg	Mrs. G. E. Leister	Federalburg, Md.
Finksburg	Mrs. Virginia Shreve	Reisterstown, Md.
First Ch., Newark	Mrs. Fred Herrigel	Pine Ter. Short Hills, N. J.
Frederick	Miss Mary E. Jones	Mt. Airy, R. D., Md.
Friendship	Mrs. Delsie Pusey	Princess Anne, R. D., Md.
Georgetown	Mrs. John L. Wilson	Georgetown, Del.
Greenbackville	Mrs. Logan Taylor	Greenbackville, Va.
Greenbush-Hallwood	Mrs. Hiram Lang	Hallwood, Va.
Harbeson-Lewes	Mrs. Meta Mason	Harbeson, Del.
Harmony	Mrs. Grace Landis	Falling Waters, W. Va.
Harper's Ferry	Miss B. Miskimon	Bolivar, W. Va.

Harrington .....	Mrs. Wilbur Jacobs .....	Harrington, Del.
Howard .....	Mrs. L. C. Burns .....	Olney, Md.
	Mrs. C. B. Zepp .....	Brookeville, Md.
	Mrs. Marlowe Benson .....	Brookeville, Md.
	Mrs. A. J. Pickett .....	Clarksville, Md.
Hurlock .....	Mrs. H. C. Harper .....	Hurlock, Md.
Kempton .....	Mrs. Tressie Moxley .....	Monrovia, Md.
	Mrs. Golden Moxley .....	Monrovia, Md.
	Mrs. Genoa King .....	Damascus, Md.
	Mrs. Robt. Windsor .....	Ijamsville, Md.
Kent Island-Wye .....	E. Mildred Bishop .....	Queenstown, R. D. 1, Md.
Laurel .....	Mrs. Ella Yingling .....	Laurel, Del.
Leeds .....	Mrs. J. Frank Blake .....	Childs, Md.
Liberty-Lewistown .....	C. E. Society .....	Libertytown, Md.
Lynchburg:		
First Church .....	Mrs. R. E. Wood .....	3768 Fort Ave., Lynchburg, Va.
Mardela .....	Sadie Eversman .....	Mardela, Md.
Maryland Line .....	Mrs. Naomi Krout .....	Maryland Line, Md.
Milford .....	Mrs. Isabella Walters .....	Milford, Del.
Milton .....	Mrs. F. B. Carey .....	Milton, Del.
Northumberland .....	Mrs. W. S. Eskridge .....	Ophelia, Va.
Oxford .....	Mrs. W. H. Myers .....	Oxford, Md.
Parksley .....	Mrs. V. S. Dietrick .....	Parksley, Va.
Philadelphia:		
Emmanuel .....	Mrs. C. W. Slemmer .....	5418 Malcolm St., Philadelphia, Pa.
St. Lukes .....	Miss Alice Ferguson .....	3232 N. Carlisle St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Taylor Memorial .....	Margaret Guscott .....	4120 N. Reese St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Pipe Creek .....	Mrs. Morrison Smith .....	Uniontown, Md.
Pittsville .....	Mrs. Rebecca Smith .....	Pittsville, Md.
	Mrs. Lola Tilghman .....	Salisbury, Md.
Powellville .....	Blanche Sturgis .....	Snow Hill, Md.
	Cora Godfrey .....	Snow Hill, Md.
Reliance .....	Mrs. Velma Wheatley .....	Seaford, Del.
	Mrs. Seth Lankford .....	Seaford, Del.
Ridgeville .....	Mrs. Mollie Molesworth .....	Mt. Airy, Md.
	Mrs. Norman Hardy .....	Mt. Airy, Md.
St. James .....	Mrs. Jesse Usilton .....	Worton, Md.
St. Michaels .....	Mrs. Lena Orem .....	St. Michaels, Md.
	Mrs. Daniel J. Higgins .....	Claiborne, Md.
Seaford .....	Mrs. W. J. Allen .....	Seaford, Del.
Sharptown .....	Mrs. J. C. Mooney .....	Sharptown, Md.
Snow Hill .....	Mrs. W. O. Shockley .....	Snow Hill, Md.
	Mrs. Walter Dennis .....	Newark, Md.
Stewartstown .....	Mrs. Chas. Preston .....	Stewartstown, Pa.
	Mrs. Elwood Ziegler .....	Stewartstown, Pa.
Susquehanna .....	Mrs. Nelson Cooper .....	Aberdeen, Md.

Wallace Memorial .....	Mrs. Epia Lewis .....	Hampton, R. D. 3, Va
Warwick .....	Mrs. Mary Gill .....	Golts, Md
	Mrs. W. Pierce .....	Warwick, Md
Washington:		
Calvary, Va. ....	Miss Sara Ketring.....	Virginia Highlands Alexandria, Va.
Cherrydale .....	Mrs. Amos Donaldson .....	Cherrydale, Va
Congress St. ....	Mrs. W. H. Harrison .....	3232 N. St., N. W. Washington, D. C.
First Church .....	Miss E. Hartley .....	513 A St., S. E. Washington, D. C.
Lewis Memorial .....	Mrs W. N. Streeter .....	20 Sherman Circle Washington, D. C.
Mt. Olivet .....	Mrs. Wm M Ball .....	38 Md. Ave. Clarendon, Va
Mt. Tabor .....	Mrs. Minnie Myers .....	452 Chestnut Lynn Village, Va
N. C. Ave. ....	Mrs. Smith Dare.....	1710 D. St., S. E. Washington, D. C.
R. I. Ave. ....	Mrs. Henry Young .....	313 Emerson St., N. W. Washington, D. C.
Ft. Myer & Walkers....	Mrs. Robert Connor .....	Cherrydale, Va
Wesley Chapel .....	Mrs. Hattie Burgess .....	Rock Hall, Md
Westminster .....	Mrs. D. S. Gehr .....	Westminster, Md
Whaleyville .....	Mrs. Tom Wells .....	Whaleyville, Md
Wilmington:		
First .....	Mrs. Fannie Hay .....	1409 West St. Wilmington, Del.
Peninsula .....	Mrs. W. D. Venn, Sr. ....	415 Philadelphia Pike Wilmington, Del.
Queen Anne .....	Mrs. Mary E. Wiggins....	Church Hill, R. D., Md
	Mrs. Norman Mason .....	Queen Anne, R. D., Md

## REPORT O

## REPORT OF THE SUMMER CONFERENCE.

(See Journal Page 47)

The Summer Conference of ministers will be held in the Westminster Theological Seminary, August 26-30. This will be the 25th Anniversary of its organization. We are hoping to make our program one of the most attractive and interesting we have ever had. This year we are inviting the wives of our ministers to come along.

On the program are our own Dr. C. E. Forlines and President F. G. Holloway. Three guest speakers have been secured:—Dr. J. M. Gray, of American University, Dr. John Patterson, of Drew University, and Dr. James Black of Edinborough, Scotland.

We sincerely trust that at least one hundred of our ministers will be present. We need to "come aside and rest awhile," get better acquainted,

share our problems and pleasures and inspired by new visions of privilege and opportunity, better prepare ourselves for the work of the ministry.

We request the appropriation of \$200 for this year.

Praying God's blessing and guidance and hoping to greet you all the 26th of August, I am,

Respectfully,

J. Leas Green, President.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance, June 18, 1934 .....	\$160.31	
<b>Receipts</b>		
1934 Md. Conference appropriation ....	\$200.00	
1934 Ministers' Dues .....	108.00	
Board and Linen Charge .....	174.75	
		<u>482.75</u>
		643.06
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Honoraria .....	\$225.00	
Ministers' and Speakers' Board and Expenses .....	195.65	
Printing of Programs .....	12.30	
Miscellaneous Expenses .....	22.00	
		<u>454.95</u>
Tax on Checks .....	.20	
		<u>\$455.15</u>
Balance on June 17, 1935.....	\$187.91	

J. EARL CUMMINGS.

#### REPORT P

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

(See Journal Page 37)

Since your Chairman was elected Secretary of Evangelism by the General Conference at Columbus, Ohio, in May 1932, he has tried to conduct evangelistic work in the Maryland Conference in unison with the other Conferences of the General Church. So the work has gone forward this year, as last under the "Won-by-one" plan.

Last year we had a membership of 9400; this year 12,800, or a gain of 3400. Last year there was a total of reported conversions of 4900; this year of 8400 or a gain of 3500.

We have spent this year for printing, stamps, etc.....\$685.00

Received in donations ..... 521.00

It has cost us personally to conduct this work \$164.00.

We thank our Lord for the privilege of doing what we think is the greatest work He has ever given us.

W. A. MELVIN, Chairman.

(See Journal page 37 for amendments).

### REPORT Q COMMITTEE ON AUDIT

(See Journal Page 49)

The Committee appointed by the President to audit the Treasurer's books met with our Treasurer at the Headquarters Building on two successive days and performed this duty. We started with the reception of every amount with its letter of transmittal, noted its record on the book, its deposit in bank accompanied by the deposit slip, and then checked every check which was drawn, and as usual found not one mistake, with every penny accounted for.

W. F. WRIGHT,  
A. W. EWELL,  
A. F. T. RAUM,  
RAYMOND W. WHITE.

### REPORT Q-1 COMMITTEE ON AUDIT.

(See Journal Page 48)

Your Committee on Audit has audited the following accounts:

Treasurer of the Church Extension Society.

Agent of the President's Parsonage.

Treasurer of the Mutual Relief Association.

The same were found correct.

A. F. T. RAUM, Chairman,  
E. C. WOODWARD,  
P. L. REYNOLDS.

### REPORT R REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE LIBRARIAN.

(See Journal Page 44)

Your Librarian in submitting his report regrets to say that the task of assembling photographs and historical sketches of churches and parsonages of the Conference in a loose-leaf album is as yet incomplete.



Reliable information having reached the Librarian that the Board of Publication holding possession of files of the Methodist Protestant and the Methodist Protestant-Recorder, at their last meeting relinquished all claims to duplicate files, pending action on the part of the Maryland Conference; and inasmuch as the Enoch Pratt Library of Baltimore has requested that we present to them any copies of the Methodist Protestant and the Methodist Protestant-Recorder to go into their collection of Maryland historical data, therefore, it is hereby recommended that the courtesy be accepted and that duplicate copies of the papers and any other duplicate historical material which we may have, be turned over to them.

Your Librarian further recommends that all historical material belonging to the Historical Society of the Maryland Conference, received from Dr. Drinkhouse and Dr. Tagg, and other historical material now located in the vault in the basement and in the Drinkhouse Memorial Room in the Headquarters Building, be carefully arranged and properly indexed, thus releasing and making easily available much invaluable historical data.

G. M. CLAYTON, Librarian.

#### REPORT S

### COMMITTEE ON COMPLETING THE COMPILATION OF PROPERTY DEEDS

(See Journal Page 35)

At the last session of the Conference the retiring President made the following recommendation which was adopted: "That a committee be appointed, the President to be elected at this session, as Chairman, to complete if possible the collection of copies of deeds to all our church and parsonage properties, to examine all copies in hand, labeling each one to indicate briefly the provision in the deed; and that in the cases of churches which have no deeds recorded, or whose deeds are defective, to proceed as far as possible to procure adequate property titles."

During the year, the President appointed E. C. Makosky, W. F. Wright and F. M. Benson to act with him, and this committee reports that some deeds have been received during the year but that the task is not yet complete. And they recommend the continuance of the committee to report at the 1936 session.

E. A. SEXSMITH,  
E. C. MAKOSKY,  
W. F. WRIGHT,  
F. M. BENSON.

#### REPORT T

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO REVISE THE MANUAL OF CHARTERS

(See Journal Page 38)

Your Committee appointed to examine and consider revision of the Charters as published in the book called "Manual" report that owing to the scope of the work involved, and the limited time we had because of

other urgent work for the Conference, we have been unable to complete the task assigned to us and ask that an extension of time be granted so that the work may be done in a thorough manner.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. STRAUGHN,  
E. C. MAKOSKY,  
F. MURRAY BENSON.

## REPORT U SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON JEWISH WORK

(See Journal Page 44)

To the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church:

Your Committee on Jewish Missionary Work appointed last Conference submits the following report:—

We have had four meetings during the year. We have earnestly considered the need and the feasibility of Christian work among the Jews. While there are Jews within the reach of nearly all our Churches, we are better acquainted with those of Baltimore.

**Need:** There are at the lowest estimate 68,000 Jews in Baltimore and by actual count but 68 of them are Christians or one in each thousand. These 68 belong largely to the Presbyterian and Lutheran Churches, both of these denominations having mission work among the Jews.

**Feasibility of Such a Work:** It was and is the desire of the Committee to see the establishment of a Jewish Christian Church; and if possible to have some part in it. To this end we have had several Jews, both Christian and non-Christian, to meet with us and talk over with us such a plan. We have not been encouraged by any of them to begin such a work at this time. The denominations above mentioned would hardly be willing to give up the members of the Jewish people who belong to their several churches for such a plan. We do not believe the Maryland Conference is ready to support a missionary to these unconverted Jews at this time. We would urge all our pastors to pray for and be kindly disposed to Jews. And whenever and wherever we can present the claims of our Lord Jesus Christ to them. Remembering always the great debt we owe them since the Old and New Testaments came mostly from the Jews and Jesus our Saviour was a Jew.

May 27, 1935.

Signed:

EDWIN B. FENBY, Chairman,  
W. A. MELVIN,  
EDWARD T. KIRKLEY,  
TRACY FENBY,  
FRANK M. BELL.

## REPORT V

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL DAY.

(See Journal Page 37)

Your Committee has had prepared a card index giving the record of the Conference relationship and the place of burial of all ministers of the Maryland Annual Conference whose names occur on our Memorial Roll. The Committee hopes to supplement this meagre information with biographical data. The card index will be kept in the office of the President of the Conference.

The arrangement of the holding of memorial services was begun too late this year for the highest success. The delay was caused by the difficulty of securing information and in length of time taken in this part of the service. In spite of the lateness of our announcements, about sixty-five ministers and charges conducted services at the graves of our departed ministers, aggregating more than one hundred separate memorial services. The Committee wishes to express its high appreciation of the cooperation of all those who took part in this gracious service. Partial reports have come to us showing that some very fine and notable programs were conducted. It is to be hoped that with the years a suitable ritual will be prepared which will give uniformity to our memorial services, but for the present it would seem best to allow the ministers to conduct these services and to use programs such as may be dictated by the occasion, expecting that experience will produce something better than your committee could suggest at the present time.

The exact locations of a number of the graves of our ministers are at present unknown to the Committee. Some of the information which it has was secured verbally and by tradition. If all ministers conducting services will report the exact time and place of the services held this year we could check with our records and make corrections. Our information concerning the following ministers is incomplete and the Committee will be very grateful if any person having a knowledge of the burial places of those whose names follow, will give us the facts:

David Anthony Shermer

Frederick Stier

George D. Edmonston

Isaac Webster

William Corrie Lipscomb

James Lanyon Kilgore

Thomas Asbury Moore

William James Dillon Lucas

Thoroughgood C. Ewell

Daniel Davies

Isaac M. Clippinger

W. W. Ball

Thomas H. Burgess

Thomas M. Bryan

Christopher Burns Middleton

Samuel L. Rawleigh

Thomas McCormick

Daniel Fitchett Ewell

Reuben Tyler Boyd

Your Committee is convinced that the Memorial Day services have great possibility for good and respectfully recommends the continuance of a Committee to fulfill the purpose outlined in the Manual of the Conference.

R. L. SHIPLEY,

L. B. SMITH,

J. N. LINK.

## REPORT W

## HISTORICAL COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH L. B. SMITH.

(See Journal Page 45)

Your Historical Committee appointed to work with L. B. Smith on the Historical Sketch which he presented at our last session met at the Headquarters Building on May 15, 1935. The meeting was called to order by E. A. Sexsmith, the Chairman of the Committee, and R. W. White was elected Secretary.

After careful consideration and free deliberation, a motion was made and carried that the Historical Sketch of the Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, written by Dr. L. B. Smith and presented to the Annual Conference at its session of 1934, be printed and bound in the Conference Minutes of 1935.

E. A. SEXSMITH,  
RAYMOND W. WHITE, Sec.,  
G. M. CLAYTON.

## RESOLUTIONS

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### RESOLUTION NO. 1

Inasmuch as Rev. Avery Donovan was stricken with paralysis before reaching his appointment at the close of the last session of Conference, necessitating a lengthy stay in the Union Memorial Hospital, which created a heavy expense, and

WHEREAS, Rev. George Hines, upon becoming the successor of Rev. Avery Donovan, very generously released his claim to the appropriation made him from the Superannuate Distributive Fund, as of September 1st, and

WHEREAS, Oxford Charge released their claim upon the appropriation made to the charge for supplemental salary, and

WHEREAS, the President of the Conference, after securing the approval of all parties directly concerned, arranged to have these funds paid to Rev. Avery Donovan to assist in meeting his financial necessities, therefore be it

*Resolved*, that we approve the action of the President and Treasurer of the Conference in making this adjustment.

E. C. MAKOSKY,  
LOUIS RANDALL.

### RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the General Conference confirmed the interpretation of the law concerning the election of Delegates to the Annual Conference as handed down in the case of the election in Milton Charge last year, we recommend that Item 3, Regulation XVIII, Election of Delegate, in the Manual, read as follows:

"Third, 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; provided however that in case both the delegate and the alternate are unable to attend the sessions of the Conference a special election may be held, and such election be construed as an adjourned session of the meeting which elected the original delegate."

E. C. MAKOSKY,  
J. H. STRAUGHN,  
W. F. WRIGHT.

### RESOLUTION NO. 3

*Resolved*, That the President be authorized to appoint a member of the Conference as Temperance Secretary, whose special duty shall be

to see that a Temperance Meeting is held in the Sunday School of each church every three months, at which meeting the Temperance Catechism shall be read and pledges secured.

J. W. KIRK,  
J. M. GILL.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 4

*Resolved*, That this Annual Conference add to its list of Standing Committees a committee to be known as the Committee on Missionary Activities among the Churches, that the Board of Missions may reach the local churches through the said Committee.

G. W. HADDAWAY,  
J. H. BAKER.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 5

*Resolved*, That every church in the Maryland Conference be requested to give one Communion Sunday offering each year toward the rent of the room at 516 N Charles St., Baltimore, Md., occupied by the Maryland Tract Society.

G. W. HADDAWAY,  
J. H. BAKER.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 6

Believing that the ministry and the laity of our entire denomination will be profited thereby,

*Be it Resolved*, that Rev. R. L. Shipley, D. D., be requested to print in the Methodist Protestant-Recorder the unusually practical, discriminating, and challenging Ordination Sermon that he preached on Conference Sunday.

J. N. LINK,  
W. H. LITSINGER,  
ROWLAND WATTS,  
GEO. H. SCHUMACHER.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 7

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Conference be expressed to Western Maryland College, Dr. Ward, President, Dean and Mrs. Schofield, Professor M. C. Raver, and others of the College; to Westminster Theological Seminary, Dr. Holloway, President, and to all others who have in any way contributed to the convenience and the comfort of this session.

W. H. LITSINGER,  
R. Y. NICHOLSON,  
HENRY GILLIGAN,  
LOUIS STORCK.

## CONFERENCE SOCIETIES

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### MUTUAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

The Mutual Relief Association convened in Alumni Hall, Westminster, Maryland, June 13, 1935.

The Secretary-Treasurer read the Minutes of the session of 1934, which were approved. He then read the appended financial report together with the report of the Auditing Committee which declared said report correct, signed by A. F. T. Raum, E. C. Woodward and P. L. Reynolds.

The Secretary-Treasurer was excused from sending vouchers to members who remit by check.

The ballot of the Association was cast re-electing all the officers.  
Adjourned.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

On hand, June 1, 1934 .....		\$559.68
<b>Collections</b>		
On cases prior to June 1, 1934.....	\$ 48.00	
On case 116 .....	205.00	
On case 117 .....	194.00	
On case 118 .....	193.00	
On case 119 .....	181.00	
On case 120 .....	135.00	
Interest on notes .....	20.42	
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		\$976.42
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		\$1,536.10
<b>Expenditures</b>		
To Mr. Harold Tyson Johnson.....	\$200.00	
To Mrs. Sadie B. Stevens Estate.....	200.00	
To Dr. J. L. Elderdice Estate.....	200.00	
To Mrs. Jos. H. Lynch .....	200.00	
To Postal Cards, printing, etc. ....	16.57	
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		\$816.57
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Balance .....		\$ 719.53
<b>Balance on Hand June 1, 1935</b>		
Notes .....	\$369.00	
Cash .....	350.53	
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		\$719.53

G. A. OGG, Sec.-Treas.

## MEMBERS OF MUTUAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION

- Adams, C. M.  
 Adams, Ziba and wife  
 Alexander, Mrs. Emma  
 Archer, W. T.  
 Bailey, F. B.  
 Bailey, J. T. and wife  
 Balderston, J. W.  
 Baughman, Geo. E.  
 Bauscher, W. F.  
 Baxley, J. W. and wife  
 Bennett, Mrs. L. A.  
 Benson, Mrs. Frances E.  
 Betschler, T. G.  
 Bowers, Mrs. Lucy  
 Brewer, O. G. and wife  
 Brown, J. McL. and wife  
 Bryan, B. A. and wife  
 Bryan, J. F. and wife  
 Burkins, H. C. and wife  
 Butler, C. P. and wife  
 Cain, Mrs. Bessie D.  
 Cassen, Paul M. and wife  
 Cassen, S. F.  
 Cheyney, Harold E.  
 Clayton, G. M. and wife  
 Clough, N. C. and wife  
 Coe, S. W. and wife  
 Crosby, P. W. and wife  
 Crouse, Mrs. Jennie P.  
 Cullum, C. M. and wife  
 Cummings, J. E. and wife  
 Dawson, C. L.  
 Day, C. C.  
 Dinkle, Ira M. and wife  
 Dobson, C. H. and wife  
 Donovan, Avery  
 Donoway, W. A. and wife  
 Dryden, C. E. and wife  
 Dudley, J. A. and wife  
 Elderdice, Mrs. J. L.  
 Elderdice, H. L.  
 Elliott, Lee  
 Ewell, A. W. and wife  
 Farring, G. F.  
 Fenby, J. Tracy  
 Galley, Stephen  
 George, J. P. and wife  
 Gibson, N. O.  
 Gill, J. M.  
 Gordon, L. W. and wife  
 Green, A. H. and wife  
 Green, J. L. and wife  
 Greenfield, Mrs. Kate  
 Haddaway, G. W. and wife  
 Hanks, W. S.  
 Hill, G. J.  
 Hines, George and wife  
 Hodge, Mrs. Emma F.  
 Hodges, W. H. and wife  
 Holland, F. A.  
 Holloway, F. G. and wife  
 Hooker, G. J. and wife  
 Hudgins, H. E.  
 Hungerford, M. E. and wife  
 Jennings, Ellsworth and wife  
 Johnson, Mrs. H. W. D.  
 Johnson, Mrs. Sarah R.  
 Jones, Thomas C.  
 Judefind, W. B. and wife  
 Kay, J. M.  
 Keen, H. O.  
 Kester, H. A.  
 Kindley, B. W.  
 Kirk, J. W. and wife  
 Kirkley, E. T. and wife  
 Klein, Mrs. Mary E.  
 Leister, Guy E.  
 Lewis, Mrs. Mary M.  
 Link, J. N.  
 Litsinger, Mrs. Adele C.  
 Litsinger, W. H.  
 Little, Lawrence and wife  
 Lynch, A. G. and wife  
 Lyons, W. K.  
 Makosky, E. C. and wife  
 Marker, J. Lee  
 McCaslin, C. K.  
 McDorman, G. E.  
 McKeawn, J. R. and wife  
 Melvin, W. A. and wife  
 Mumford, W. C. and wife  
 Murphey, H. L. and wife  
 Mulligan, T. C. and wife  
 Nicklas, H. N. and wife  
 Nichols, J. L. and wife  
 Nicholson, R. Y.  
 Nowlin, Mrs. Lelia M  
 Ogg, G. A. and wife



Parris, J. W.  
 Pierce, A. A.  
 Prince, Owen W. and wife  
 Ports, G. W.  
 Randall, L. C. and wife  
 Randall, Louis and wife  
 Raum, A. F. T. and wife  
 Read, E. T. and wife  
 Reynolds, Mrs. Emma J.  
 Rice, P. L. and wife  
 Roberts, W. P. and wife  
 Robey, C. B. and wife  
 Ross, G. S.  
 Ruley, B. F.  
 Schauer, P. M. R.  
 Schauer, H. H.  
 Schlincke, H. L. and wife  
 Schmeiser, Wm.  
 Sexsmith, E. A. and wife  
 Shipley, R. L. and wife  
 Siffrin, F. W.  
 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  
 Stone, Walter H. Jr.  
 Sutton, C. A. and wife  
 Townsend, J. W. and wife  
 Trader, John A.  
 Turkington, T. J. and wife  
 Turner, G. E.  
 Volk, Frank M. and wife  
 Walter, Mrs. Isabella S.  
 Ward, A. N. and wife  
 Warner, Mrs. Susan V.  
 White, R. W.  
 Weigand, Mrs. Anne R.  
 Williamson, Mrs. Laura B.  
 Wooden, J. F. and wife  
 Woodford, T. R. and wife  
 Woodward, Eugene C.  
 Wright, J. A. and wife  
 Wright, W. F.  
 Wunder, G. E. and wife  
 Yingling, Mrs. Ella N.

### SUPERANNUATE FUND SOCIETY

The Superannuate Fund Society was called to order, Thursday afternoon, 3:10 P. M., by Vice-President, J. W. Kirk. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The report of the Treasurer was read and approved. Because of an oversight the Treasurer promised to supply a list of the Superannuate Fund Society holdings to be included with his report.

The election of the Board of Managers resulted as follows:

Ministers: G. W. Haddaway, E. L. Bunce, G. M. Clayton, J. A. Dudley.

Laymen: Daniel MacLea, E. J. Paige, F. Murray Benson, C. Lawrence Beyer.

The election of officers resulted in the election of the following: First Vice-President, J. W. Kirk; Second Vice-President, W. B. Judefind; Third Vice-President, C. K. McCaslin; Recording Secretary, J. A. Dudley; Corresponding Secretary, Louis Randall; Treasurer, F. Murray Benson.

The Treasurer's report was received by a rising vote of thanks.

J. A. DUDLEY, Secretary.

## SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY

## TREASURER'S REPORT

F. MURRAY BENSON, Treasurer  
 In Account With  
 SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY

## Permanent Fund

## Receipts

To Balance as per last report.....		\$ 2,313.02
To Sale Ground Rents (1743-45-47 N. Milton Ave. and 719 N. Monroe Street) .....	\$3,471.33	
To Redemption Mortgage (Decatur St., Washington, D. C.) .....	6,000.00	9,471.33
Total Receipts .....		<u>\$11,784.35</u>

## Disbursements

By Loan Trustees Maryland Annual Conference by direction of Conference .....	\$1,000.00	
By Commission on sale of ground rents.....	88.32	
By Loan Trustees Maryland Annual Conference.....	3,375.00	
Advanced to income a/c by order of Board of Mgrs...	1,352.54	
By Balance Savings Account .....	101.33	
By Balance Checking Account .....	5,867.16	<u>\$11,784.35</u>

## Income Account

## Receipts

To Income from Investments .....	\$8,036.86	
To Advance from Permanent Funds.....	1,352.94	
		<u>\$ 9,389.80</u>

## Disbursements

By Premium Treas. Bond .....	\$ 25.00
By Rent Safe Deposit Box.....	11.00
By Secretary's Expense .....	3.80
By Treasurer's Allowance .....	350.00

Payments to Chas. F. Cummins, Conference Treasurer, as follows:

## 1934

August 9 .....	1,400.00
September 6 .....	750.00
November 1 .....	1,500.00
December 10 .....	750.00
February 6, 1935 .....	1,500.00

April 15 .....	1,400.00	
May 31 .....	1,700.00	
		\$ 9,389.80

Respectfully submitted,

F. MURRAY BENSON, Treasurer.

Above account examined and found correct.

CHARLES L. BEYER,  
G. M. CLAYTON,

Auditing Committee.

### CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

The Church Extension Society met on Thursday, June 13, 1935, with the President, J. L. Ward, presiding.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The report of the Board of Managers was read and referred to the Board of Survey and Extension together with the Treasurer's report.

There being no other business the election of officers was held. The Secretary was authorized to cast a ballot for the following: President, J. L. Ward; First Vice-President, G. E. Brown, Second Vice-President, J. L. Nichols; Treasurer, C. F. Cummins; Secretary, J. W. Townsend.

On motion the Secretary was authorized to cast the ballot for the Board of Managers:

Ministers: L. B. Smith, E. D. Stone, R. Y. Nicholson.

The Board was authorized to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of P. W. Crosby.

Laymen: H. C. Staley, W. C. Scott, D. C. MacLea, Henry Gilligan.,

On motion the Society adjourned.

J. W. TOWNSEND, Secretary.

### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

June 7, 1935.

This Board has had to confine its activities very largely to the further adjustment of its financial obligations.

The President of the Conference, acting as Superintendent, has given counsel to pastors and Official Boards who were engaged in building enterprises of church and parsonage properties.

The parsonage on Cecil Charge, which was begun last year, has been completed and paid for, and provides a very comfortable home for the pastor.

Mount Tabor Church, Washington, has been greatly improved and beautified during the year, at a cost of \$2,000, all of which has been paid.

Afton Church, on Northumberland Charge, was destroyed by fire, early in the previous Conference year. Although the church felt this misfortune greatly they soon secured plans for rebuilding, and submitted the same to this Board for approval. After some suggested changes the plans were approved, and the church has been erected and is now ready for lathing and plastering. All bills to date have been paid and they plan to complete this building without debt. It is a very attractive church, reflecting credit upon those who have led in the enterprise.

#### **Title Transfer**

Final approval from the Court having been obtained, the title to the property on Chincoteague Island, Virginia, has been given by deed to the Trustees of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, thus completing an exchange of properties begun some years ago. There has been no settlement of the rents received from the parsonage up to the time of the transfer. Mr. C. W. Davis, who had assumed charge of the property, has been requested to make such settlement, but has failed to do so thus far.

#### **Emergency Appropriations**

Because of acute situations which arose through the postponement of payment of paving and other taxes, the Board has found it necessary to make the following appropriations:

Marley Charge for paving tax \$100.00.

St. Pauls Church, Baltimore, on interest, upon the condition that they meet the balance of their interest obligations to the bank \$106.50.

Emmanuel Church, Philadelphia, to meet an emergency, and cooperate with the Board of Missions in refinancing the obligations to the Pierce School Building and Loan Association of Philadelphia, by which they saved \$400 in discounts allowed, adjusting their entire debt on a lower interest rate and thereby greatly reducing their carrying charges, \$100 as an appropriation, and a loan of \$200.00.

#### **Lewis Memorial Church**

The time has arrived when it seems necessary to erect at least the first unit of this proposed building or suffer the loss of our opportunity. We found the people beginning to lose faith because of their long waiting for definite action on our part, and also a disposition on the part of the authorities of Washington, D. C., not to allow us to continue the use of the present little frame structure.

After counsel with the Board of Managers and the Board of Survey Extension, and upon their approval, plans have been made for the erection of the first unit of the church. We believe this undertaking will renew church extension interest throughout the Conference.

### Refunding Obligations

The plan adopted during the administration of Dr. L. B. Smith which commended itself to this Board, has been continued. We have further reduced our indebtedness to the banks by investments from individuals, most of which have been procured at a lower rate of interest. These transactions will be shown in the Treasurer's report. We are glad to report that we have been able to meet all of our interest obligations and requested amortizations when due.

E. D. Stone, President.

E. A. Sexsmith, Secretary.

### REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

#### Receipts

#### 1934

June 1—Balance Brought Forward.....	\$ 1,664.59
June 6—Personal Loan .....	1,300.00
June 6—H. P. Adams, Milton, Del.....	20.00
June 11—Wye M. P. Church, Loan.....	500.00
June 18—Maryland Annual Conference.....	3,120.00
June 28—Pipe Creek Charge, Loan.....	600.00
July 10—Personal Loan .....	500.00
July 10—C. B. Adams, Int. on Mortgage, Wrights Adv. Farm	119.27
July 17—Lauraville, Interest .....	75.00
July 17—Personal Loan .....	500.00
Aug. 20—Personal Loan .....	500.00
Aug. 29—Edmondson Ave., Interest on Deaconess Note.....	31.25
Sept. 15—Edmondson Ave., Interest on Deaconess Note.....	131.25
Oct. 3—Personal Loan .....	350.00
Oct. 13—Dolbo Memorial (Nazarene), Interest.....	38.25
Dec. 3—Edmondson Ave., Interest.....	300.00
Dec. 7—Personal Loan .....	1,000.00

#### 1935

Jan. 11—C. B. Adams, Int. on Mortgage, Wrights Adv. Farm..	119.27
Feb. 26—Personal Loan .....	1,000.00
Mar. 1—Edmondson Ave., Interest on Deaconess note.....	131.25
Apr. 16—Lauraville, Interest .....	75.00
Apr. 16—Personal Loan .....	1,000.00
Apr. 24—Dolbo Memorial (Nazarene), Interest.....	38.25
May 10—Personal Loan .....	150.00
May 13—Edmondson Ave., Interest.....	300.00
May 20—Personal Loan .....	1,000.00

Total .....\$14,563.38

## Disbursements

1934		
June 6—	Payment of Interest on Personal Loan.....	\$ 1.33
June 6—	Rev. O. W. Prince, exp. (Sale Church furniture).....	2.00
June 7—	Calvert Bank, Loan paid in full.....	597.40
June 8—	National Central Bank, Loan paid in full.....	1,086.07
June 11—	Rev. G. M. Clayton, (For Bethesda Church).....	250.00
June 11—	Rev. W. A. Melvin, (Interest on Deaconess Loan)..	150.00
June 11—	Rev. W. M. White, (Boys' Club).....	25.75
June 18—	The Union National Bank, Westminster, Payment on Loan .....	500.00
July 2—	The Union National Bank, Westminster, Interest on Loan .....	71.08
July 2—	Milton Church, Interest on Loan.....	7.50
July 2—	Payment of Interest on Personal Loan.....	15.00
July 2—	Warwick, Galena Fund, Interest on Loan.....	17.10
July 11—	Henry Gilligan, Expenses .....	1.50
July 11—	Mutual Life Ins. Co., of Baltimore, Int. on Loan...	52.50
July 11—	Glen Burnie, Loan .....	90.00
July 18—	Payment of Interest on Personal Loan.....	36.00
July 18—	Elkton Banking & Trust Co., Elkton, Payment on Principal .....	300.00
July 18—	Kent Co. Sav. Bk., Chestertown, Payment on Princ.	700.00
July 25—	Payment of Interest on Personal Loan.....	15.00
July 31—	Zion M. P. Church, (Harry T. Robinson), Interest on Loan .....	15.00
July 31—	Payment of Interest on Personal Loan.....	12.00
July 31—	Rev. W. A. Melvin, (Interest on Deaconess Loan)..	144.37
Aug. 4—	Kent News, (Chestertown), Advertising.....	2.00
Aug. 15—	Emmanuel Church, Philadelphia, Loan.....	100.00
Aug. 15—	Elkton Banking & Trust Co., Elkton, Interest.....	26.30
Aug. 15—	Deer Creek Cemetery, Forest Hill, Md., Interest....	30.00
Aug. 15—	Zion M. P. Cemetery, Freeland, Md., Interest.....	60.00
Aug. 29—	Baumgarten & Co., Rubber Stamp.....	1.50
Aug. 29—	The Union National Bank, Westminster, Payment on Loan .....	500.00
Aug. 29—	Atlantic Life Ins. Co., Richmond, Va. Principal.....	150.00
Aug. 29—	Atlantic Life Ins. Co., Richmond, Va., Interest.....	136.50
Sept. 22—	The Union National Bank, Westminster, Interest.....	62.00
Sept. 22—	Payment of Interest on Personal Loan.....	18.00
Sept. 27—	Payment of Interest on Personal Loan.....	30.00
Sept. 27—	Salem M. P. Church Trustees, Interest.....	120.00
Oct. 1—	First Church, Wilmington, Loan.....	200.00
Oct. 6—	Emmanuel Church, Philadelphia.....	100.00
Oct. 8—	Henry Gilligan, Expenses.....	1.50
Oct. 8—	Dr. R. Y. Nicholson, Expenses.....	2.00
Oct. 8—	Jones Memorial, Fire Insurance, Poplar, Md.....	19.80
Oct. 12—	Kent Co. Savings Bank, Chestertown, on Principal..	300.00
Oct. 12—	Kent County Savings Bank, Chestertown, Interest....	245.08
Oct. 12—	Hopewell Church, Susquehanna Charge, Interest.....	10.20

Oct. 12—Saint Pauls Church, Baltimore.....	106.50
Oct. 13—Emmanuel Church, Philadelphia, Loan.....	100.00
Oct. 12—Mutual Life Ins. Co., Baltimore, Interest.....	52.50
Oct. 13—Bethany Church, Pocomoke, Loan.....	100.00
Oct. 30—Rev. W. A. Melvin, Part payment of Interest, Deaconess Loan .....	50.00
Oct. 30—Payment of Interest on Personal Loan.....	60.00
Oct. 30—Payment of Interest on Personal Loan.....	300.00
Oct. 30—Payment of Interest on Personal Loan.....	75.00
Oct. 30—Bethesda M. P. Church, Baltimore, Advance for Conference .....	300.00
Oct. 30—Bethesda M. P. Church, Baltimore, From Church Extension .....	500.00
Nov. 5—Payment of Interest on Personal Loan.....	10.50
Nov. 13—Elkton Banking & Trust Co., Elkton, Payment on Principal .....	100.00
Nov. 13—Elkton Banking & Trust Co., Elkton, Interest.....	22.50
Nov. 13—New Market M. P. Church, (Frederick Charge), Int.	28.50
Nov. 13—Payment of Interest on Personal Loan.....	6.00
Nov. 13—Payment of Interest on Personal Loan.....	30.00
Nov. 28—Marley Charge Parsonage, Street Extension.....	100.00
Dec. 3—Payment of Interest on Personal Loan.....	6.00
Dec. 3—Payment of interest on Personal Loan.....	6.00
Dec. 3—Payment of Interest on Personal Loan.....	30.00
Dec. 3—Payment of Interest on Personal Loan.....	60.00
Dec. 3—Payment of Interest on Personal Loan.....	87.00
Dec. 3—Wye M. P. Church, Jas. H. Carter, Trustee, Interest	15.00
Dec. 6—Rev. W. A. Melvin, Part payment, Interest, Deaconess Loan .....	50.00
Dec. 24—Uniontown M. P. Church, Interest.....	18.00
Dec. 24—The Union National Bank, Westminster, Interest....	57.00
Dec. 26—The Union National Bk., Westminster, On Principal	300.00
Dec. 31—Federal Tax .....	1.46

## 1935

Jan. 2—Milton M. P. Church, Interest.....	7.50
Jan. 2—Payment of Interest on Personal Loan.....	15.00
Jan. 7—Warwick M. P. Church, Interest.....	17.10
Jan. 7—Payment of Interest on Personal Loan.....	15.00
Jan. 10—Kent Co. Savings Bank, Chestertown, On Principal	500.00
Jan. 10—Mutual Life Ins. Co., Balto., Int. on Lewis Mem. Ch.	52.50
Jan. 10—Payment of Interest on Personal Loan.....	15.00
Jan. 23—Payment of Interest on Personal Loan.....	36.00
Jan. 25—Payment of Interest on Personal Loan.....	15.00
Jan. 30—Rev. W. A. Melvin, Deaconess Home Loan Interest	18.13
Feb. 1—Payment of Interest on Personal Loan.....	12.00
Feb. 5—Rev. W. A. Melvin, Deaconess Home, Int. to 2 25 35	131.25
Feb. 9—Jno. C. Jett, Insurance, Delmont Church.....	21.00
Feb. 9—Henry Gilligan, Expenses.....	1.50
Feb. 9—Dr. R. Y. Nicholson, Expenses.....	1.40

Feb. 9—Chas. F. Cummins, Expenses.....	2.00
Feb. 12—Deer Creek M. P. Cemetery Trustees, Interest.....	30.00
Feb. 12—Zion M. P. Cemetery Trustees, Freeland, Md., Int...	60.00
Feb. 14—Zion M. P. Church Trustees, Freeland, Md.....	15.00
Feb. 14—Elkton Banking Co., Elkton, Interest.....	21.00
Feb. 25—Atlantic Life Ins. Co., Richmond, Va., On Principal	150.00
Feb. 25—Atlantic Life Ins. Co., Richmond, Va., Interest.....	132.00
Feb. 25—Payment of Interest on Personal Loan.....	15.00
Feb. 26—Calvary M. P. Church of Virginia, Loan.....	1,000.00
Mar. 27—Payment of Interest on Personal Loan.....	18.00
Mar. 27—The Union National Bank, Westminster, Interest...	52.50
Apr. 2—Salem M. P. Church, Trustees, Interest.....	120.00
Apr. 2—Payment of Interest on Personal Loan.....	10.50
Apr. 2—Payment of Interest on Personal Loan.....	30.00
Apr. 6—Hopewell Church, Susquehanna Charge, Interest....	10.20
Apr. 6—Kent County Savings Bank, Chestertown, Interest..	225.00
Apr. 9—Henry Gilligan, (Commercial Report).....	2.50
Apr. 9—Mutual Life Ins. Co., Baltimore, Md., Interest.....	52.50
Apr. 24—Bethesda, M. P. Church, Loan.....	200.00
Apr. 24—Emmanuel Church, Philadelphia, Pa.....	100.00
May 1—Bethesda Church, Baltimore, From Church Extension, (Interest) .....	500.00
May 1—Payment of Interest on Personal Loan.....	60.00
May 1—Payment of Interest on Personal Loan.....	300.00
May 1—Payment of Interest on Personal Loan.....	75.00
May 1—Payment of Interest on Personal Loan.....	10.50
May 10—Elkton Banking & Trust Co., Interest.....	21.00
May 17—Rev. W. A. Melvin, Deaconess Home Loan, Interest	131.25
May 17—New Market M. P. Church, (Frederick Charge), Int.	28.50
May 17—Payment of interest on Personal Loan.....	6.00
May 17—Payment of Interest on Personal Loan.....	30.00
Total .....	\$13,043.27

**Summary**

Amount Received .....	\$14,563.38
Amount Disbursed .....	13,043.27
Balance on Hand and in Bank.....	\$ 1,520.11

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. F. CUMMINS, Treasurer.



## 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 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 Roberts .....	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
Isaac Tunnel Adkins .....	1808	1865	1881
Thomas Lee .....	1821	1857	1882

Name	Born	Entered Conference	Died
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 .....	1843	1868	1889
Augustus Webster, D. D. ....	1850	1874	1889
Samuel Tucker Ferguson .....	1808	1832	1890
James Thompson .....	1840	1864	1890
Robert Wilkins Berryman .....	1819	1853	1890
James Henry Ellegood .....	1816	1876	1891
Theodore Denny Valiant .....	1817	1850	1892
John Byrd Whaley, A. M., B. D. ....	1820	1846	1894
Edwin Ruthven McGregor, A. M., B. D., D. C. L.	1867	1891	1894
James Kane Nichols, D. D. ....	1817	1872	1895
Daniel Webster Bates, D. D. ....	1817	1836	1895
John William Charlton .....	1815	1843	1895
Thomas E. Coulbourn .....	1832	1860	1896
Riley Seth Williamson .....	1853	1880	1896
John Robert Nichols .....	1863	1887	1896
James Thomas Ward, D. D. ....	1815	1838	1896
Rhesa Scott Norris .....	1820	1843	1897
James L. Killgore, D. D. ....	1820	1843	1897
John Wesley Everist .....	1832	1872	1898
Robert Luther Lewis .....	1810	1834	1898
Andrew James Walter .....	1847	1871	1899
Joshua Thomas Murray, D. D. ....	1847	1874	1899
George Jeffrey Smith .....	1830	1851	1899
Hamilton Jefferson Day .....	1844	1876	1900
William Greenbury Holmes .....	1820	1846	1900
Lawrence Webster Bates, D. D. ....	1822	1855	1900
W. J. Floyd .....	1819	1840	1901
Jesse Shreeve .....	1831	1871	1902
John Edward Tyson Ewell, M. D. ....	1824	1847	1902
Benjamin Franklin Benson, D. D. ....	1834	1859	1902
Edward Jacob Drinkhouse, M. D., D. D. ....	1835	1856	1902
Hammond Spencer Leas, A. M., B. D. ....	1830	1850	1903
Adolphus David Melvin, D. D. ....	1872	1899	1903
Abraham Downs Dick .....	1846	1872	1904
Charles Humphreys Littleton .....	1826	1854	1904
John Jackson Murray, M. D., D. D. ....	1829	1852	1905
William Sim Hammond, D. D. ....	1824	1842	1905
George Durbin Edmonston .....	1832	1851	1905
William Augustus Crouse .....	1844	1864	1905
David Wilson, M. D. ....	1824	1870	1905
William John Neepier .....	1826	1845	1906
Silas Bruce Southerland, D. D. ....	1848	1871	1906
Jacob Mathias Yingling .....	1817	1841	1907
John Hewlings Stockton Ewell .....	1847	1873	1907
Henry Caleb Cushing, D. D. ....	1865	1889	1908
	1828	1853	1908

Name	Born	Conference Entered.	Died
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, B. D. ....	1879	1911	1914
George Roberts McCreedy .....	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 Mills, 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	1927
Wm. S. Simms .....	1849	.....	1926
James William Gray .....	1840	1861	1928
Addison Spurgeon Beane .....	1858	1893	1928
Francis Thomas Little, D. D. ....	1849	1872	1928
James Garritson Sullivan, M. D. ....	1848	1871	1929
Webster Matthew Strayer .....	1836	1858	1929
Jarrett Mitchell Sheridan, D. D. ....	1851	1875	1929
Frank Thomas Benson, D. D. ....	1862	1886	1929
Thomas Owings Crouse, A. M., D. D. ....	1852	1872	1929
Thomas Hamilton Lewis, D. D., LL. D. ....	1852	1876	1929
George Quitman Bacchus .....	1850	1874	1930
Luther Fairwell Warner, D. D. ....	1867	1891	1930

Name	Entered		Died
	Born	Conference	
John Wesley Trout, D. D. ....	1852	1876	1930
Franklin Hening Mullineaux .....	1848	1873	1931
Frank Shaw Cain .....	1866	1895	1931
Frank D. Reynolds .....	1871	1907	1932
Ellis Hamilton Jones .....	1874	1900	1932
Henry W. D. Johnson .....	1858	1888	1932
Louis A. Bennett .....	1866	1892	1932
Irving S. Owens .....	1873	1915	1934
Harry Burton Jester .....	1882	1907	1934
James Luther Elderdice, M. D. ....	1858	1880	1934
Joseph Henry Lynch .....	1886	1917	1935

## OBITUARIES

## HARRY BURTON JESTER



On the 14th of December, 1882, on Chincoteague Island, Virginia, Harry Burton Jester first saw the light of day. His parents were Reuben and Katherine Jester. On the 7th of June, 1911, he was joined in marriage to Miss May E. Sydnor, of the Amelia Charge, Virginia. The second-born of this happy union was Robert Stockton, who did not survive his infancy. Three daughters: Kathryn C., Helen M., and Virginia E., are still living and abide with their mother in their home in Westminster, Maryland. The remaining survivors of his immediate family are two brothers, K. J. and A. F. Jester, and two sisters, Mrs. Dora Hill and Mrs. Lillie Conklin.

He graduated from The Westminster Theological Seminary in May 1907, in which institution he proved himself a diligent student and a winner of friendships which were abiding and blessed to the end of his earthly career. The same year he was received into the membership of the Maryland Annual Conference, and two years later was ordained a minister of this body.

Obedient to the Plan of Appointments of his chosen Conference, he unfurled the banner of the Cross in four states: Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. During the fourth of a century he went forth into his fields of labor he played every role of an itinerant preacher; pastor of the rural circuits—Amelia, Talbot and St. James; pastor of a village church in Cannon; pastor of town churches in Parkley, Harrington, Delmar, and Cambridge; and pastor of city churches in Baltimore, Brooklyn and Philadelphia.

The different ecclesiastical, moral and communal problems presented by this variety of geographical location, each and every one with its own peculiar problems and distinctive difficulties, provided ample fields for the discovery and development of all his latent talents, and the wide-spread distribution of his virtues and graces which, according to the spontaneous and grateful testimony of many parishioners, were rich legacies from his head, heart, and hand.

His last appointment was Delmar, in 1933, where failing health compelled him to retire from the active ranks and enter the list of superannuates. He hoped that speedy recovery would result from his

stay at a health resort in the Blue Ridge mountains, at Sabillasville, Maryland, but his complication of diseases continued to pass from bad to worse until he left the mountains to enter the Wilson Sanitorium near Baltimore. But in spite of the skill of surgeons, the patient and constant care of physicians and nurses, and the prayers of his family and many friends, he passed from time into eternity Thanksgiving morning, 1934.

On the following Saturday, December 1, his funeral ceremony was conducted at two o'clock in the Methodist Protestant Church, Chestertown, Maryland. President E. A. Sexsmith of the Maryland Conference was in charge, and he with E. L. Bunce and H. L. Elderdice delivered addresses. Scripture lessons were read by J. F. Bryan and L. B. Smith, prayers were offered by W. H. Litsinger and J. L. Marker, and a solo was sung by J. H. Straughn. At the grave the burial rites were in charge of J. L. Ward and R. L. Shipley. More than twenty of his ministerial brethren were in attendance at the church and joined the procession that laid his body in the beautiful Chester Cemetery, Chestertown, in a favorite spot which he had selected while pastor of St. James, a few miles distant.

It is an easy and a pleasant task to pay tribute to him as preacher, pastor, and friend. As a preacher he was a careful and conscientious sermonizer, sound in theology, and evangelistic in appeal. One of his ministerial friends well qualified to judge his pulpit power bears witness that "his sermons could bear the most severe homiletical scrutiny, his preaching orthodox and fearless, tender and sympathetic, winning many to the service of the Lord Jesus Christ."

As a pastor he had the love and confidence of his flock, well skilled in his knowledge of the value of the gentle touch and tone in the sick room, the cheering word for the sorrowing, and the challenging call to the despondent and the faint-hearted. He was never too weary to hasten his visitations to homes stricken with sickness and bewildered by distress.

As a friend his ministrations reached beyond the boundaries of his parish and gave a helping hand to any human being in need of food, raiment, advice, or comfort. The most intimate friend of his Seminary days, to whom he confessed that one article of his practical Christian creed was "once a friend always a friend," testifies that he was so loyal to the creed during all his ministry that in every parish he was designated as "the poor man's friend." This habit of generosity was practised at heavy financial sacrifice. With his arms filled with baskets of bread, milk, meats, vegetables, and clothing he entered the homes of poverty and freely gave without any thought of monetary reward, inspired only by the example of his Master who "went about doing good." The simple gratitude of his beneficiaries was to him a priceless invisible salary.

Not only did he help the needy with his basket and store, but his purity of conversation and conduct was an inspiration to all with whom he came in contact in his daily walk in places of business and in social circles. Not the least of the tributes paid him was this one by a ministerial brother who knew him long and loved him well: "His conversation was

clean and above reproach. As much as I have been in his presence, and under the most trying circumstances, I have never heard a questionable word fall from his lips."

Though the last months of his earthly life held him within the walls of the hospital, yet his mind and heart were still centered on things eternal and invisible. A minister who frequently visited him during his last months, reports that "he would designate certain portions of the Scriptures which he desired to hear read, and would quote many of his favorite texts and recite from the hymns he loved best. As he found opportunity, he would speak to the inmates of the hospital on religious questions. Though frail of body and feeble of voice, yet he continued to preach the Gospel to individuals to the end of his days."

We may not lift the curtain to reveal what he was as a husband and father, for the scenes of home are too sacred to the family to be described to the public ear and displayed to the view of strangers. Suffice it to say, that in every relation of domestic life he proved to be just what he was in public life—"a man of God."

He left to his wife and daughters not an abundance of silver and gold, but something richer far: hallowed memories of his love, solicitude, and sacrificial service. His last message to his children was carried to them by their mother: "Tell my girls to be good and never forget the training I tried to give them."

Though his "sun went down at noon," yet he has left on earth an immortality of blessed influence which will abide in many a grateful heart, and he is now rejoicing in that exalted immortality of personality which finds its consummation in that "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

H. L. ELDERDICE,  
E. L. BUNCE,  
J. L. WARD,  
J. F. BRYAN,  
H. STOCKTON STARTT,  
MRS. MAY LITTLETON,  
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## REV. JAMES LUTHER ELDERDICE, M. D.



Rev. James Luther Elderdice was born January 28, 1858, in Snow Hill, Md., and died December 31, 1934 in Oxford, Md. He was the son of Rev. James Martin and Matilda Jane Elderdice. His parents "were both righteous before God." It was their every day life that preached so eloquently in the privacy of the family circle that led the thoughtful boy to the Mercy Seat; and at sixteen years of age enter into the experience of personal salvation. He united with the Methodist Protestant Church at Leipsic, Del. In 1875 he began to study Medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Cincinnati, Ohio, and completed his course at the University of Maryland; receiving his diploma March 1878. He

practiced about one year. The plan of his life was changed when he heard the mysterious and unmistakable call to the service of the Christian ministry. He yielded to the mandate of his Master and began to prepare himself in the study of theology under the guidance of his father. In September 1878 he was sent to fill a vacancy as assistant pastor on Finksburg Charge. He was received into the Maryland Conference in 1880 and ordained March 18, 1883. Faithfully and efficiently he served the Conference for forty-three years.

He was married twice, his first wife being Letitia C. Hayman, of Princess Anne, Md., who died August 31, 1900. His second wife was Ida R. Wood, of Kent Co., Md. He was married to her on November 10, 1904, and she survives him.

In 1921 as a result of organic heart trouble he was compelled to seek a superannuated relation and settled in Oxford, Md. He was a diligent student of the Bible from the days of his childhood. Before he was seven years of age he had read the New Testament through. He loved the book. It was his meat and drink. He possessed the rare endowment of a clear logical mind with a power of analysis that readily grasped the truth. His sermons were strong, clear and convincing, and were edifying to his hearers. His Conference sermon on the "Liberating Power of Truth" preached in 1904 is considered a model by competent judges.

He believed in the Gospel of Work. When about thirteen years of age, in addition to his studies, he spent many odd hours and holidays in learning printing and became quite proficient in type setting and acquiring a practical knowledge of printing. During part of the year 1873 he worked in the printing office of *The Methodist Protestant* having his home with Jesse F. Chesney, the printer.



To the work of the ministry he was consecrated. He loved his work; he served his Lord well; he walked steadily in the path of service; he never spared himself; he was content to serve the appointment allotted him. His work was his life.

He was known throughout the Methodist Protestant Church as an author. In or about 1873 he made his entrance into the field of authorship, "Rum and Ruin", a brief serial, being published in a Temperance weekly called, "The Rescue". In 1876 he published a monthly amateur paper called, "The Champion". He was editor, printer and contributor.

About this time he connected himself with Amateur Journalism. This was Professional Journalism in Miniature. The highest organization being, *The National Amateur Press Association*. This body conferred on him the title of Poet Laureate. In 1880 he was selected to write and read the anniversary poem before the Webster Literary Society of the Western Maryland College. The title was, "The Progressiveness of Development". This was the poem which secured him the title "Poet Laureate" from the National Amateur Press Association in the year 1883. From the years 1876 to 1883 he was connected with these young writers, contributing to many papers. Some of the friendships thus formed have lasted through life. Among them being two Members of the Cabinet, one Governor, three Senators and many others who distinguished themselves in Literature, Law, Medicine and in the business world.

As the result of his training and experience in writing during his amateur career he became fitted to contribute, during the balance of his life, to many leading denominational and Young Peoples' papers which brought him favorable recognition.

In 1895 he published a book for young people called, "Melcha Melchica." Since then he had published a number of pamphlets on Bible Subjects.

In all the relations of life he was true, as a husband he was loving, tender and devoted. As a father he was kind, considerate and affectionate. As a friend he was generous and warm hearted. His social qualities were most delightful to those who were closest to him.

The best that can be said of him, "For he was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost and of Faith". He exemplified the words and spirit of Jesus Christ. His presence generated a holy atmosphere. His life was the example of modesty and humility.

He led souls to Christ and the seed sown along life's pathway is continually bearing fruit. God only knows the measure of his success.

His death was sudden, he expected it to be so, he prepared for it and was ready when he was called to go up higher. Our comrade of the Cross now wears a crown, and is forever with the Lord.

He leaves to mourn his loss: His wife Ida R. Elderdice, two sons, Rev. Charles M. Elderdice, of the Maryland Annual Conference, Crisfield, Md., and Raymond Elderdice, editor and publisher, Federalsburg, Md.; one brother, Rev. H. L. Elderdice, D.D., President Emeritus Westminster Theological Seminary; three half brothers, Dr. R. B. Elderdice, McKnightstown, Pa., Dr. J. M. Elderdice, Salisbury, Md., A. W. Elderdice, Mardela, Md.; and a half sister, Mrs. Alice Mabel Freeny, Pittsville, Md.

### A Tribute of Rev. Dr. W. S. Hanks of Cannon, Delaware

"Our friends are passing over". More than seventy ministers of my acquaintance, all members of the Maryland Conference, have passed on since I joined that body in 1906. The last one to go, at this writing, was my esteemed and beloved brother, Rev. James L. Elderdice, M. D. He assisted Rev. H. W. D. Johnson in conducting my late wife's funeral services, and his words to me on that occasion were comforting. He superannuated in 1921, making his home in Oxford the same year. I did the same in 1929, removing, however, to Pine Ridge, Ky., in 1932, where for an entire year I assisted Dr. Woodford in his great school and mission work. And, at the expiration of that period I removed directly to Delaware without revisiting Oxford. So I never saw the Doctor again. But we wrote each other frequently till his death. And during the three years I lived in Oxford we were like brothers in our intercourse with each other.

Bro. Elderdice's sermons always gave evidence of wise planning and careful construction. Thoughtful hearers were invariably edified by them. But his heart ailment prevented him from delivering them with the animation one might expect in such a clear thinker. So toward the last he avoided preaching as much as possible. "I don't want to make a scene by collapsing in the pulpit" he said to me once, when I suggested that he present such interesting Bible subjects as his always were with more fervor. He lived in expectation of sudden death. Just before his passing, in a letter to me, he intimated that he felt himself nearing the end. Altho two years my junior, he said he'd probably pass on before me. And he promised, should he be permitted to do so, to call on my father, who's been dead twenty years, and whom he'd never seen and convey to him my greetings.

His faith in the Word and its doctrines was that "once for all delivered to the saints". His religion was the "old time religion". And his was "the death of the righteous", reminding me sharply that "Our friends are passing over".

### A Tribute from Rev. Dr. J. W. Kirk

Memories which are rich and sweet stand out before me as I reflect upon my acquaintance with J. L. Elderdice. The same characteristics which held my attention many years ago still hold it.

It was characteristic of him to be unassuming. He was mentally strong, well furnished in his possession of knowledge, prepared at all times to present facts in support of great interests of the church. But he never assumed superiority. With him every man could have his day. He dealt in reasoning, never in invective. He listened with respect to the statements of another. He loved to write, and his contributions to the press were interesting. In his own church paper his articles were much valued and greatly enjoyed. He was unswerving in his loyalty to prohibition, and both with voice and with pen, he sought its preservation.

He was splendidly companionable. His active brain absorbed so much of passing events, and always being interested in matters occurring, there was readiness to impart and pass ideas and receive another's view. Thus

companionship with him was easy, and fellowship with him was most agreeable and pleasant.

Shall I speak of his consecrated life? The feeling was carried that both in person and in purpose of work spirituality was sought. His preaching had in it that quality, and when you sat listening, one felt sure that this element was present. As one came for the sermon he felt confident that he would hear the Word of God. His preaching was not given to a queer fanciful interpretation of the Bible but a strong exposition of the text of the Scripture.

A few days before Christmas, he sent me a card of greeting, and added the well-known hymn as expressive of his Christian feelings—

"Nearer the bound of life,  
Where burdens are laid down;  
Nearer to leave the heavy cross,  
Nearer to gain the crown."

#### **A Tribute of Dr. Vallie Hawkins, Fawn Grove, Pa.**

It was during his pastorate that the Christian Endeavor Society was organized and I assisted him and our intimate relations were formed. The many close and friendly talks we had are among the happy memories of my life. In my later years it was my privilege to meet him at the Conference and have friendly talks with him. The last time I met him was about 12 years ago when a company of ministers and their wives were at my home and Dr. Elderdice led the conversation along spiritual lines, which will be a most happy recollection.

#### **A Tribute of J. T. Sharpley, Greenbackville, Va.**

It is with deep and profound sorrow, that we have learned of the passing into the great beyond of Dr. James L. Elderdice; a man of exceptional intellect and spirituality, a man who walked with God in his daily life, and was a constant inspiration to those with whom he came in contact.

He came to this Charge, then known as Franklin City, in 1914, and served four years, endearing himself to us and our people with an esteem of the highest value. A devout, beloved Christian character, beyond reproach. These were trying years, as they included the period of the "World War". When our sons went forth in that bitter conflict, he and his good wife offered all the consolation in their power, though their own hearts were aching at the same time.

Memories of these dear faithful uplifting servants of God will ever abide with us and make us thankful to have had their association.

May the God of peace comfort the loved ones.

#### **A Tribute of O. S. Gallup, Oxford, Md.**

Dr. Elderdice made a most favorable impression upon our community as a sincere Christian and a much beloved pastor. He visited the sick, was ready to help the needy, comfort the distressed and strengthen the

weak by urging them to live up to the best that was in them. He was an able scholar, preacher and Bible teacher. He was devoted to the church and gave service when needed. He was a liberal giver both to the church and worthy charities as a volunteer. His life was above reproach and a benefit to those who came in his personal touch.

On January 2, 1935 services were held at his home conducted by Rev. George Hines, pastor of the Oxford Church, Md. On January 3, 1935, services were held in Wesley Chapel M. P. Church near Rock Hall, Md., in charge of Rev. Dr. E. A. Sexsmith, President of the Maryland Conference. Short addresses were delivered by Dr. Sexsmith, Dr. R. L. Shipley, Dr. L. B. Smith and Rev. E. L. Bunce.

Rev. Dr. E. D. Stone sang a very beautiful solo. Others taking part in the services were: Rev. W. A. Donoway, pastor of Wesley Chapel; Rev. George Hines; Dr. W. H. Litsinger; Dr. J. H. Straughn; Dr. N. O. Gibson and Rev. J. L. Ward. Interment was in Wesley Chapel Cemetery.

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#### REV. JOSEPH HENRY LYNCH

Our brother, so greatly beloved, was born at Rising Sun, Cecil County, Maryland, on July 7, 1886.

He came into loving fellowship with Christ, in the month of October, 1914, during a gracious revival at Leeds Church, on Leeds Charge, Maryland Conference. He was ordained a minister in the Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church on April 6, 1919.

On March 11, 1935, he heard a "Still small voice" calling him to eternal life, perfect health, a well-earned rest, and transcendent peace in the City of God. On March 14, 1935, amid unprecedented scenes and throngs of people dear to him, the mortal body of our dear brother was laid to rest in Rose Bank Cemetery, Cecil County, Maryland, there to rest until the triumphant shout of the returning Lord is heard, and he shall come forth crowned with eternal youth and magnificent in the power of His resurrection.

It is indeed a fascinating task for anyone to write a review of the life and labors of Joe Lynch. The most colorful man among us. He stands out so clear and distinct. He stands alone. A princely man of the heavenly kingdom. A miracle of saving grace. A good soldier of Jesus Christ. A mighty gospel preacher. A flaming evangelist. A friend indeed. A man of God whom the city will miss. A lover of the needy, the sick and the outcast. Loved by the high and low, the rich, the poor, the learned and the unlearned. An untiring worker. A bright and shining light who



burned himself out for God. What a fascinating task to follow out such a life in detail. But we must leave that task to those who are thinking of his biography.

Mr. Moody said at the time of his conversion, "I am going to show this world what God can do with one man who is entirely consecrated to Him." This is exactly what happened to Joe Lynch. For nothing but entire consecration by the Spirit of God could take Joe from what he had been and make him what he was. From the beginning of that magnificent career, he showed that God had laid His hand upon him and sent him forth with a heavenly fire burning in his soul. A fire that never seemed to die down or even grow dim.

Joe was not long in finding out that to preach and teach he must learn the great things of God. He knew from a very bitter experience how sorely this old world needed God. He knew how empty and meaningless much of the theory of religion is, and he also knew how it never seemed to touch the soul of the man of the world. He knew the world, its heart-aches, its empty show and its gaudy attire. He knew its laughter when its heart was breaking. He knew how rarely these men and women ever came in touch with the realities of God. He knew that nothing but a

living passion for lost souls could ever grip the world and lift up to the bosom of a loving God.

He could never forget that day when a godly man pleaded with him to accept Christ. And as he pleaded tears fell from his eyes and rested on Joe's hand. "Oh," said Joe, "They were tears that burned like fire, they could not be wiped away, they stayed, they burned, until at the sacred altar place I found Jesus Christ and perfect peace." No, he could never forget how this soul-warming passion soothed his aching, sin-sick, tired, world-disgusted soul and brought him into the sunshine of love and a heavenly fellowship with Christ.

But how could he put this over to someone else? He knew how he got it, it was by fervent prayer and the study of God's Word. He never got away from this. He was a man of great prayer. How often have we heard him pray until it seemed the room was electric with the Presence of God.

In the study of the Word of God he seemed to get new and ever fresh meanings. His sermons were great pictures and throngs came to see them and hear his refreshing words about them. Who could ever forget them? The crowds came again and again to hear a preacher who could paint in flaming words the beauties of God's kingdom and the majestic glories of a risen and living Christ.

His stories were so human. Who could ever forget the story of that "Old Duck and the weary wanderings of two homeless boys."

Joe was always hungry for books. He read everything he could get and his fresh gripping mind retained what he read. But he knew men much better than he knew books. He studied them in the light of that Young Man of Nazareth. "What would Jesus do?" meant a great deal to Joe, and what he believed Jesus would do, he faithfully tried to do. How refreshing is such a man!

Joe Lynch as an evangelist was preeminent. How wonderful were those early days when the crowds thronged every church where he went and sinners came weeping their way to Calvary's cross. From church to church he went awakening sinners, stirring Christians to a new conception of God, warming the hearts of the pastors, bringing always a sunny optimistic spirit. He never preached and left the results with God. He preached and always expected results from God. As a great fisherman he cast his net on the right side of the ship and there was a multitude of fishes. He never went fishing alone, a glorious conscious Presence was always with him. He never felt that he was sent to toil all night and catch nothing. He had a radiant expectation, and every meeting was another opportunity for Jesus to show His matchless saving power.

Joe as a friend. What a charming chapter this would be. The store of information is all but inexhaustible. We can never forget how he searched through dives and sinful haunts to find a poor lost sheep while a broken-hearted mother waited at home for a wayward daughter's return. As we stood on the crowded city street listening to this story of loving search it seemed that again we were listening to the Good Shepherd telling His matchless story of a lost sheep and His ceaseless goings until He

found it. Joe found his lost sheep. The little mother was made happy. God's heart again was glad and the Good Shepherd rejoiced. It seemed that above the din of the traffic of the city of Lynchburg we could hear the bells ringing and the heavenly choir singing again the Hallelujah Chorus.

How thoughtful he was for the aged. How sympathetic with the sick. How tender with the dying. How like a real shepherd to the bereaved. How patient and irresistible with the erring and straying. How constant in his attention to the weak.

This gracious ministry seemed to grow year by year. Every church he served felt the uplift of his consecrated life. The peak of his ministerial career came at Lynchburg, Virginia. Twelve years of life-giving devotion to his Master. The membership quadrupled; the Sunday school grew by leaps and bounds; hundreds of souls who had lost their way were led back to the highway which leads to the City of God. Homes were made new. The Church was greatly stimulated and every department showed the strength of a master hand. New buildings were erected. It was not unusual to see from five to seven hundred persons present at a service, and often many were turned away. Only eternity will reveal the harvest of souls won by this man of God.

He was the successful teacher of the largest women's Bible class in that vicinity. Fraternities, Service Clubs, Community Chest campaigns, churches of the city and country were constantly calling upon him to address their gatherings. He was not only the pastor of First Church, but his ministry extended throughout the city and beyond. People of every sect and creed made their demands upon his life. His willingness to serve led to his being called upon to arrange for the organization of what is now our Second Church, and which we believe is destined to become one of the outstanding churches of our Conference.

Joe was a great shop preacher. Every shop and factory in the city of Lynchburg had its doors open to him. It was a common occurrence to find him at the noon hour of any day, in some one of these factories or shops telling the story of the Christ he loved, and endeavoring to win some poor soul to the Master's saving power.

He was called upon by the radio station at Lynchburg to conduct the weekly shut-in program. So successful was he in this that the station named it "The Joe Lynch Shut-in Hour." Letters came in constantly from all directions expressing the untold blessings he had been in this field. It seems that we can still hear him say "Are you listening? Don't be afraid dear heart." The sick forgot their sufferings, and the discouraged souls were enthused with new hope.

He found himself at home wherever he went, and the people felt it so. In the hospital and at the sick bed, he was masterly. Hearts longed to have him near. He spent much of his time, day and night, endeavoring to alleviate the sufferings of stricken lives. Men and women of all stations of life coveted his presence in the hour of trouble, sorrow and death. His manner of speech along with his imaginative power, left hearts less broken and bleeding. Again, through our dear friend, "Christ came to bind up the broken-hearted."

It does not seem that this brief account would be in any way complete without a few words about that last great meeting in which God gave us 175 souls. They were days touched by the flame of Pentecost. Night after night the church was crowded with earnest people, and night after night the altar was filled with men and women who had come to lay their life's failures at the foot of the cross. Joe was in his element. He said, "It was one of the most unusual meetings that I have been in during my ministry. The meeting was a Pentecost to our church." On Sunday after we left Lynchburg, Joe was at it again and 50 more were added making a total of 175 souls in all. What a meeting! And what a glorious demonstration of the spirit of God! It was at that last meeting, when Joe had the pleasure of seeing 50 decisions in one day, that he was taken ill. He fought bravely for five months. He seemed to improve but it was only for a season. On the tenth of March 1935, he attended services again. He sat in the pulpit. There was such an urge in his soul he just wanted to say a word to his beloved people. Rev. H. E. Cheyney, was guest preacher that day, and Joe said to Brother Cheyney—"Don't you think they would like to have me say just a word to them?" Brother Cheyney cautioned him not to exert himself. Joe spoke for about two or three minutes, and said, as nearly as we could get it, "My friends it's been a long time since I have preached. I want to preach again. I do not know how long it will be before I am well, but after all what difference does it make who runs the ship—the main thing is the church must go on whether I am here or not. I am expecting everyone to do his full duty and I'll be lookin' in on you."

The service was over and he went to his home. In a few hours he was stricken with another heart attack. It was a desperate fight all night, till near the dawn he reached out his hand and took the hand of Mabel his dear companion and said, "I feel good now." He closed his eyes and the morning had come and Jesus stood on the shore. And there with a great city at his feet, and a great church ready to follow him, at the peak of his ministry, with thousands of hearts loving him, a voice spake to him, and as he turned to see the voice that spake with him, he saw that dear familiar Face, that glorious Face among the seven golden candlesticks, and He said, "It is enough Joe, come up higher." It was just about sunrise when the king of day was throwing his first golden rays on the morning sky, that the Master was opening the gates of the Eternal City and Joe passed in washed in the blood of the redeeming Lamb. Glorious morning—glorious sunrise—glorious welcome—what a meeting, at home with the Lord which is far better; where there is no death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.

On March 12, 1935, the church where he had preached so faithfully and well, and the city of Lynchburg, paid their tribute of loving affection at a great, and yet a very simple service. Every available space was used. The auditorium, including the galleries, the steps leading down into the Sunday school room and the Sunday school were crowded with people. And notwithstanding the heavy downpour of rain, the street was crowded with people who loved Joe. There were those present from every walk of life,—Jews, Roman Catholics and here and there an hum-



ble negro who also loved him. The Ministerial Association of the city attended in a body. Dr. E. A. Sexsmith, President of the Maryland Conference, conducted the service. He was assisted by Rev. T. C. Jones, under whose ministry Joe was led to Christ, Rev. G. W. Ports, and Rev. Willard W. Sylvester. The body laid in state in the historic old church from 3 P. M. until 9 P. M., during which time over 3,000 persons viewed the body.

On the following day the remains were shipped to Providence, Maryland, the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Spratt, where on Thursday morning, at eleven o'clock a brief service was conducted in which Rev. J. McL. Brown, Rev. Frank H. Holland, Rev. E. D. Stone, and Rev. W. F. Wright assisted, after which the body was laid to rest in Rosebank Cemetery. Between forty and fifty ministers of the Maryland Conference attended these last services, and acted as an escort from the home to his last resting place.

This morning we added his name to the long list of the faithful servants of God who have crossed the great divide. But we are not thinking today of Memorial Rolls, nor the pictures on memory's walls. We are thinking of the ivory palaces of the King and a brother beloved among the blood washed throng, walking in white with the most glorious Lord whom he loved and whom he served, crowned with God's richest, finest life. He has heard the King's voice—"Well done thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful, enter then into the joy of thy Lord."

Little did we think when the revival closed at Lynchburg that Joe Lynch was closing his earthly ministry, and yet, we knew of no other way he would rather have closed his life, than to give one last long and loving call to the weary and heavy laden of that city "To come to Jesus."

Since the eleventh day of March we have thought often of Christian and his friends as they entered the Celestial City, as told by John Bunyan in his Pilgrim's Progress, "Now I saw in my dream that they went in at the gate, and lo; as they went in they were transfigured and they had raiment put on, that shone like gold. There were also that met with harps and crowns, and gave them to them; the harps to praise withal and the crowns in token of honor. Then I heard that all the bells in the City rang for joy. Now just as the gates were opened to let in the men, I looked in after them and behold the city shone like the sun, the streets were paved with gold and they who had entered were singing "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord." And after that they shut up the gates, which when I had seen, I wished myself among them."

I cannot say, and I will not say  
That he is dead — He is just away.

With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand,  
He was wandered into an unknown land.

And left us dreaming: How very fair  
It needs must be since he lingers there.

And you, O you, who the wildest yearn  
For the old-time step and the glad return.

Think of him faring on, as dear  
In the love of There as the Love of Here;

Think of him still as the same, I say;  
He is not dead—he is just away.

E. D. STONE,  
T. C. JONES,  
G. W. PORTS,  
J. A. INSKEEP,  
A. H. MASON,  
J. C. HOLLORAN.

#### MRS. H. W. D. JOHNSON

In our conference minutes of 1933 appears a picture and the obituary of Rev. Henry Winter Davis Johnson. Born and reared at Bay View, Maryland, he prepared for and became a devoted and successful minister of the gospel. For forty years he occupied fruitfully various pastorates in this Conference. He departed from this arena, where he had fought the good fight of faith, July 15, 1932.

His true helpmeet during all these years was the subject of this obituary—Mrs. Georgia Tyson Johnson. Born March 28, 1866, of Mr. and Mrs. Abel Tyson at Bay View, Maryland. She was a sister of Rev. Robert Thomas Tyson of precious memory. His obituary is in conference minutes of 1917. One son, Harold Tyson Johnson survives to carry on, we trust, the work for Christ so dear to the hearts of both parents. Other survivors are a brother, H. Bruner Tyson of Bay View, an active member of our church there, and a sister, Mrs. Mabel T. Cameron of North East, Maryland, working in the Methodist Episcopal Church there. Another brother, Lawrence Tyson preceded Georgia to the very much better world by about nine months. In early life Lawrence was devotedly loyal to the Bay View Church, later moving to Philadelphia to a section in which there was no church of his choice, he united with Wharton Methodist Episcopal Church. His talents were almost immediately recognized and he was elected to the Official Board. This family seems unique in the unanimity of its devotion to the church.

The splendid Christian character of young Georgia Tyson won the esteem and then the love of the young preacher, H. W. D. Johnson who wooed her successfully and they were married September 18, 1888. She proved herself eminently worthy of his choice. She encouraged him all through the forty years of his unbroken active pastorate. Not only did she encourage—she helped him and was a real team-mate. Much of his success was attributable to her gracious influence and work.

Sister Johnson was popular, as a pastor's wife, to an unusual degree. Her winsome personality had a charm that won a host of friends

whose friendship she held and enjoyed until her departure. It could not have been otherwise for she was ever thoughtful of others, kind, modest, generous, cheerful, devout. The world is poorer for her going but richer for her having lived in it. She was one of the faithful ones in the church to the end. Always in her place in the sanctuary at worship time, including the midweek service at Greenwood where they had purchased a house. This home was their love nest till death parted them.

On October 1, 1934, she slipped away painlessly, instantaneously. Her going was a surprise to us all; she, however, expected it and to some close friends had confided her funeral arrangement desires. The funeral service was held in the Greenwood Church in charge of the pastor at her request. He was assisted by Rev. E. A. Sexsmith, D.D., President of the Maryland Annual Conference; Rev. Dorsey Blake, retired, and Rev. James Langrall of the Farmington Methodist Episcopal Church. Many ministers both of our own denomination and the Methodist Episcopal Church were present, as well as many friends from distant churches formerly served by Brother and Sister Johnson.

We bore her body to the cemetery of the church of her childhood at Bay View and laid it by the side of that of her husband and near the graves of her brother, Rev. R. T. Tyson and Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Cochel, Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Yingling, Rev. and Mrs. H. S. Johnson and many relatives and life long friends.

The love that was the bond binding her to her many friends and loved ones is uninterrupted by her passing. She is still of us, though triumphant, while we remain militant. We love to think of her as being inexpressibly happy with the Saviour and loved ones in the prepared mansions. Having been faithful unto death, she has won the crown of life. How joyous it will be in the beautiful heaven-land to greet and be greeted by this loved one.

G. A. OGG,  
G. W. HADDAWAY,  
W. H. LITSINGER,  
W. S. FORD,  
E. T. PARSONS.

### MRS. SADIE D. STEVENS

Mrs. Sadie D. Stevens, the widow of the Rev. Fitzhugh Lee Stevens, was born February 19th, 1866. She was the daughter of the late Thomas and Mary Johnson, of Middleway, West Virginia. She came from one of the best families of that community.

After her conversion, she united with the Middleway Methodist Protestant Church, during the pastorate of the late Rev. G. R. Rodge. She had a strong faith in God, and humbly followed the teachings of her Lord and Saviour. When trouble and sorrow came to her she, with implicit confidence, leaned "on the Everlasting Arms".

She married Rev. Fitzhugh Lee Stevens on December 21st, 1896, when Brother Stevens was pastor of Middleway Methodist Protestant

Church. She became not only his helpmate in the ministry, but his true companion and loyal partner in all his labors.

Three children were born to this happy union—Melvin, Grace and Charles, all of whom are living and revere the memory of their loving parents. Mrs. Stevens had one brother, Mr. William Johnson, of Kearneysville, West Virginia, and one sister, Miss Kate Johnson, of Middleway, West Virginia.

After Brother Stevens retired from the active ministry, he and his family attended South Baltimore Station Methodist Protestant Church, whenever it was possible for them to do so, as they lived at Lansdowne, Maryland, which is a long distance from that church. After he went to the better world, Sister Stevens was too feeble to go that distance often, but when she could, she attended the Methodist Episcopal Church at Lansdowne.

Sister Stevens passed to the "house of many mansions" on November 15th, 1934. Services were held at the William Cook Funeral Parlors in Baltimore, Maryland, on November 16th. Rev. William Schmeiser, pastor of South Baltimore Station had charge of the services, assisted by Rev. Leonard B. Smith, D.D., Rev. Louis Randall, D.D., and Rev. J. Franklin Bryan, D.D. On November 18th, at 3.00 P.M., a service was held at the home of her sister, Miss Katie Johnson at Middleway, West Virginia, conducted by Rev. Henry Lumb, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Harpers Ferry, assisted by Rev. Dr. Hunter Davidson, a Protestant Episcopal minister from Charlestown, West Virginia.

Interment was in the Masonic Cemetery at Middleway, where her body was laid to rest beside that of her husband, to await the glorious resurrection of the just.

J. FRANKLIN BRYAN,  
WILLIAM F. WRIGHT,  
A. H. GREEN,  
WILLIAM SCHMEISER,  
WILLIAM COONEY,  
HARRY HANNA.

Committee

#### MRS. CAROLYN BURGESS VAN DYKE

Mrs. Carolyn Burgess Van Dyke, widow of the late E. H. Van Dyke, passed to her well earned reward in that better land from which no traveler ever returns, February 28, 1935, at Salisbury, Maryland. Her funeral service was held in Grace Methodist Protestant Church, Centerville, Maryland, in charge of Rev. E. A. Sexsmith, President of the Maryland Conference, and participated in by Revs. W. H. Litsinger, J. Leas Green, Colvin Randall and G. W. Haddaway. Interment was in Centerville cemetery. Mrs. Van Dyke was married to her husband July 1888, and with him went as a missionary to Japan in 1889. They served as missionaries the most of their active lives, returning to America in 1916 and located in Forest Park, Baltimore, and affiliated with Starr Church con-

gregation for several years, afterward they re-entered the pastorate and there remained until brother Van Dyke's sudden death.

Mrs. Van Dyke was a most devoted and deeply consecrated and sympathetic church member and Christian. She exemplified these characteristics to the end of a long life. She was also a very true wife, anticipating everything that tended to make her husband most successful in his life work. She was a real friend of her pastor. A genuine friend of the unsaved, and manifested a deep concern for their salvation. This she conceived as her supreme task. She always had a frail body but never seemed to realize it in her effort to do good to mankind. Dr. Litsinger spoke most complimentarily of her fine Christian qualities and lovely character. Mrs. Shockley, Superintendent of Salisbury Home for the Aged states that, "It is hard to say just what the death of Mrs. Van Dykes means to John B. Parsons' Home where she passed the last years of her life. She had made a place for herself that cannot well be filled. In her quiet way she ministered to the shut-ins and afflicted, giving help and cheer where so much needed and leaves behind many sad hearts. She answered cheerfully to the many calls of her church and quite as cheerfully the frequent calls from other denominations always welcoming an opportunity to witness for her Master." In reply to an intended compliment as a good Methodist Protestant, she quietly answered, "No, just a child of God." Mr. George Mather says his recollections of Mrs. Van Dyke were most pleasant.

Rev. J. McLain Brown pays her the following tribute:

"The first time I met our deceased sister, Mrs. E. Carolyn Van Dyke, was in the year 1889. I was at that time the Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., of Cumberland, Maryland, and at the suggestion of Dr. Strayer was filling the vacant pulpit of the Bedford Street Methodist Protestant Church. Here Brother Van Dyke brought his young bride in the bloom of her youth; and I had a part in the reception which was given them in the old church.

"Her grace and humility were outstanding characteristics of her winsome personality; and when later I had the pleasure of meeting our sister in her comfortable home, I soon concluded that in the parsonage, the church, and the community, our brother pastor had a most valuable asset in the helpfulness, consecration and diplomacy of a charming young wife.

Mrs. Van Dyke identified herself with the organizations of the church and found time for work in the W. C. T. U., and Ladies' Auxiliary of the Queen City. She was gifted in prayer, and had much to do with the effective organization of the Christian Endeavor Society of the old Bedford Street Church. When in the course of events Brother Van Dyke felt the call to labor in Japan, there was no dissenting voice on the part of his wife. A crowded house marked the farewell services in the church on the Lord's Day, and on Monday evening following they received the membership of the Christian Endeavor Society at the parsonage. On Tuesday from 2 to 4 P. M., and from 8 to 10 P. M., they received a large number of friends not connected with the church, and on Wednesday afternoon and night the membership of the church, and left with a num-

ber of love gifts for Wye Mills, Queen Anne Co., Md., where they spent a brief season before sailing for Japan.

"During our stay in the Land of the Rising Sun, we arranged for a Bible Conference at Hakone Lake. We had some difficulty in finding locations for seventy-five missionaries in attendance, and Brother and Sister Van Dyke lived in our Japanese bungalow. The fellowship of those two weeks abides with us today. The morning watch; the quiet service on the part of Jewson, their butler, the frank discussions with reference to Missionary problems, (and there were real ones in that day) the climbs up the mountain sides, the sampan sailing on Lake Hakone, are pleasant memories of never-to-be forgotten bygone days. Sister Van Dyke never enjoyed vigorous health; the climate of Japan was not suited to her frail physique; but did she murmur and complain? Never in so far as we have been able to learn. On the other hand, she inspired the very best there was in our Brother Van Dyke. She spent many lonely hours while he was off itnerating, for he served the Japan Conference two or more terms as President of that body, and he must of necessity properly supervise the work that was developing in new fields. She enjoyed the work of the pastorate, and at Linthicum Heights and Westminster her charming personality won friends for Christ and the Church.

"After the decease of her esteemed husband, she came to make her home with us in Baltimore. Here among those who had been nearly life long friends she found a place where she could bear testimony to the marvelous power of our covenant keeping God. When in the course of events, we were sent to Kennedyville, Maryland, she remained on for awhile, until arrangements were made for her entry into the Parsons' Home at Salisbury, Maryland.

"When the Conference met at Pocomoke City, I had an afternoon with her, and we spent it in religious conversation, and in visiting among the elderly ladies, who like herself, had said "good bye" to their companions of other years, and were in the gloaming waiting for sunset, and evening star, and the joy of meeting again their loved ones beyond the vale."

Mrs. L. F. Warner makes the following statement:

Mrs. Van Dyke always frail in body was accustomed to unusual solicitude and care in her home, but when the dark cloud of sudden bereavement came, she was surprisingly brave. Her trustful submission to the Father's will in that great trial was beautiful. New adjustments were not easy, but she accepted whatever came as God's will for her.

She loved her local church and was faithful in all its activities. She never lost her keen interest in Kingdom work at home or in foreign fields where much of her life was spent. She was a real missionary here at home going about doing good. It was her great delight to visit the sick and shut-ins, taking them much of spiritual comfort and inspiration. Her gentle refined nature made her a great blessing to the John Parsons Home in Salisbury as well as the Bethesda Church. We miss her.

"She did not die

She was too near an Angel

One morning near the break of day  
 Hand in hand with an Evangel  
 She went away."

G. W. HADDAWAY,  
 J. McLAIN BROWN,  
 W. H. LITSINGER,  
 MRS. L. B. SHOCKLEY,  
 MRS. L. F. WARNER.

Committee.

### MRS. ANNIE S. NEEPIER

My first assignment by the Maryland Annual Conference was to Dorchester Circuit as Assistant Pastor to Rev. W. J. Neepier. This was in March 1879. Young and inexperienced I was hoping to be associated with a pastor who would be patient and willing to advise and instruct me concerning the work of a pastor. I needed companionship, instruction and sympathy. I am glad to say from Brother Neepier and his good wife I got all my heart craved from the human side.

Years ago Brother Neepier finished his course and has gone to his reward. His obituary has been written. I have been asked by the President of the Conference to contribute a few lines to the obituary of Mrs. Annie Neepier.

Mrs. Neepier was born in Baltimore, Md., Oct. 4, 1857. She was converted Feb. 1872. She married Wm. John Neepier, Jr., Feb. 9, 1875, and passed to her heavenly home on April 23, 1935.

After the strong earthly arm that had supported and provided for her and their children and Mrs. Neepier's aged mother, had been taken away, she faced the future bravely. "Cast down but not forsaken," she looked for a home where she and those left with her could abide until her heavenly Father called her to her true home.

Remembering the many warm, sympathetic friends she had in Hampden M. P. Church, where for seven years her husband had been pastor, she purchased a house on Wellington Street, Baltimore. Here amidst these loyal friends with her mother and her daughter, Miss Fannie, the remaining days of her life were spent. A beautiful, quiet, happy home. While there always seemed to be a tinge of sadness pervading the home, but that peaceful sadness that speaks of devotion. I think I have never been in a home where peace more abounded. Had I sought an explanation it would have come in the saying attributed to another, "Christ is all."

To my mind Mrs. Neepier as a minister's wife was ideal. She appreciated the calling of her husband and in every way she could she helped to make his ministry the more effectual. She did not pretend to be a leader, she sought no conspicuous place, but a helper and a willing and able helper she was.

She was a pious woman. The deep stream in its silent flow. Her life was far more eloquent than her verbal experience. Mrs. Neepier did not know how to be unkind. Fifty-six years ago I knew her, a young

married woman, the mother of her first-born. Many times I have been in her home during the intervening years. The atmosphere was always the same. She was a real home-maker and house-keeper. A beautiful Christian character. For a better description of this good woman read Prov. 31:10-31.

Dr. Stone's Comment:

For nearly twenty-three years it has been my great privilege to be the pastor of Mrs. Annie Neepier and her splendid daughter. How we shall miss this dear sympathetic face in the house of God. Her place was never empty. Always interested in the welfare of the Church she loved so dearly. With a kind word always to cheer you on. She knew so well the burdens the minister must bear and up to the last day she helped to carry them. Hampden Church feels very keenly the loss of this Christian woman. She was an inspiration to all who knew her. A splendid example for a fine Christian mother and friend. It was always a pleasure to sit in her home and talk over the work of the Kingdom. The work she so well knew. We always came away from that home thankful for the saints of God who cheer you on and give you new hope and faith and courage. The funeral service was held Thursday, April 25, at the home, 835 Wellington St., Baltimore, Dr. Sexsmith and Dr. Haddaway were present and assisted the pastor in the service. She sleeps beside her husband, Loudon Park Cemetery, in Baltimore.

We pray for her dear children left behind.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be given to them in great measure, that the loneliness of these days may be mellowed by the glorious hope of the family reunion which will take place in the Father's House some day not far away.

D. W. ANSTINE,  
E. D. STONE.



## THE CONFERENCE SERMON

By HUGH LATIMER ELDERDICE

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In the Methodist Protestant Church, Alexandria, Virginia, the Maryland Conference in its Annual Session, 1885, bade me welcome to the Ministry. One hundred and nine ministerial members gave me the hand of Christian fellowship, of whom only seven survive; G. F. Farring, D. W. Anstine, J. W. Balderston, J. M. Gill, S. F. Cassen, J. W. Kirk, and B. W. Kindley.

During the half century since my Ordination Semi-Centennial Sermons have been preached by five ministers: 1888, in the Broadway Church, John R. Nichols; 1890, Chestertown, Lawrence W. Bates; 1891, West Baltimore, Silas B. Southerland; 1892, Pocomoke City, James T. Ward; and 1893, Laurel, Delaware, John J. Murray.

The type of sermon inspired by these rare occasions was the Historical and the Biographical. The preachers rehearsed the most notable events in the annals of the Conference during the fifty years of their membership, and told thrilling stories of their personal achievements and unique experiences. When President Sexsmith appointed me to be the 1935 Semi-Centenarian preacher, my first impulse was to imitate my five worthy predecessors in the selection of my sermonic materials. The impulse died at birth; for I re-called the fact that thirty-eight of these fifty years have been lived on this Hill, teaching (among sundry pursuits) the History of the Maryland Conference, and that of the one hundred and eighty eight ministers whom I would face from this platform, one hundred and thirty two had been under my tuition, and therefore would know all I know on that subject and more. As to noteworthy achievements, even if there were any, I could not parade them before this public assembly, because of the modesty inherited from my father, and constantly cultivated by myself.

I therefore decided to follow the custom practised with the thirty five Baccalaureate sermons preached during my Seminary Presidency, which was to select the most puzzling problem of the parish or the most crucial question of the Church Universal and settle it in thirty minutes. But immediately this former plan was rejected, for in the poise of a serene old age I became aware of the bitter truth that those settled questions are still the liveliest questions of our day. So I concluded to leave their final settlement to my younger and wiser brethren. The type of sermon which at last I did select was determined by my recollection that a time-honored custom among us calls for the celebration of the most sacred Ordinance of the Church just before the Conference Sermon. That solemn ceremony has held our thoughts and warmed our hearts for the last hour, and it therefore seems most appropriate to engage now in a Devotional Meditation on this

**Subject:** THE LORD'S SUPPER—A MEMORIAL

*Text:* Luke XXII: 19: "This Do in Remembrance of Me"

### A Command

The command was to eat bread and drink wine in memory of the Crucified Christ. A simple statement which theologians have shrouded in mystery. The primitive Christians made it a Feast of Thanksgiving and name it The Eucharist. The Roman Catholics elevate the consecrated wafer and call it The Mass. The Anglicans and High Church Episcopalians surround it with sacerdotal sanctity suggested by the name—The Holy Communion. But the common designation is The Lord's Supper.

Passing from the variety of names to their spiritual significance, we find that the mystery deepens. The meaning of this Ecclesiastical Ordinance has been "a bone of contention" ever since it caused the first split in Protestantism, resulting in two Churches—the Lutheran and the Reformed; and in our so-called enlightened age it is the highest barrier against a re-united Christendom.

The controversy rages over the language of Jesus when He told His Twelve Apostles at the Last Supper that the bread and wine which He held in His hands were His body and blood. Was that statement literal or figurative? Roman Catholicism makes it literal, their doctrine of Transubstantiation, declaring that "some miraculous influence attends the priestly act of consecration, and changes the bread and wine into the very body and blood of Christ." Luther's interpretation was also literal, but he modified it by his doctrine of Consubstantiation: Christ is not *in* but *with* the bread and wine: and so the ungodly, as really as the most devout, eat the flesh and drink the blood of Christ." All other Protestant theologians teach that the language of Jesus was figurative or symbolic, as when He taught that He was the Vine and His disciples were the branches. Calvin's conception was that of "a spiritual reception: the moment we partake of the bread and wine, if our hearts are by faith elevated to Him, a supernatural real influence emanates from the glorified body of Christ . . . by which the soul of the believer is animated and strengthened in a mysterious manner. But the unbeliever receives nothing but bread and wine." Zwingli, in his opposition to the Real Presence as advocated by both the Roman and the Lutheran teachers, went to the extreme of denying that there was any kind of the Divine Presence in the celebration of the Sacrament, "nor any peculiar influence other than that accompanying the truths which they symbolically represent." In other words the value was merely mnemonic, the good effects of calling to memory the sacrificial death of Jesus, the cultivation of a grateful spirit to Him. Many leading theologians of our day, both in our country and in Europe, while repudiating the theory of the real presence of the glorified human nature of Christ, and refusing to admit that there is "anything supernatural or mysterious." nevertheless contend for "a peculiar and special blessing bestowed by the Saviour on all worthy communicants by which faith and all Christian graces are confirmed." This means that those who partake receive a blessing not shared by those who do not. The Methodist doctrine may be condensed into two sentences, according to Dr. R. J. Cooke: "Bread is bread, wine is wine; but to the eye of faith, which looks through the material and earthly to the spiritual and the heavenly, these elements are received figuratively as the body and

blood of Christ. The real presence is not in the elements but in the soul of him who partakes."

Though Churchmen differ as to the *meaning* of the command: "DO THIS," they agree that it is a solemn Sacrament. The word is from the Latin, *Sacramentum*. Its classical use was confined to "the pledge-money deposited by the parties in a lawsuit, or the security they gave instead." In military use it described the soldier's oath of fidelity to his country or loyalty to his general and emperor. Its Church use began when the Latin Fathers recognized it as a badge of Christian discipleship and a public pledge of fidelity to Christ. The sacredness of this *Sacramentum* in the eyes of Napoleon is illustrated by this incident in the life of the great soldier. So long as victory perched upon his armies' banners he had no concern over the Church nor interest in personal religion; but when he met his Waterloo and was a lonely exile on the isle of St. Helena, "he began to see the vanity of earthly things and he became earnest and attentive to religion. He was asked: 'What was the happiest day of all your life — your victory at Lodi? at Jena? at Austerlitz? or was it when you were crowned emperor? 'No, my good friend, it was the day of my first Communion.'" It was then he gave the Christian Soldier's Sacramental oath to the Captain of his Salvation.

Obedience to the Command — "Do This" — involves at least three essential characteristics. It need not be regarded as irreverent to follow the custom of alphabetical Code-making recently adopted by our National Government, so I suggest *CCC*; Covenant, Communion, Commemoration.

The Lord's Supper is a *Covenant*. At the last Supper Jesus called to mind the old Mosaic Covenant, enacted when Moses took the Book of Law and the blood of calves and goats for the Ceremony. He took half of the blood and put it in basins; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. And he took the Book of the Covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, 'All that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient.' And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, 'Behold, the blood of the Covenant which the Lord made with you concerning all these words.'" Jesus then turned his thoughts from that basin of blood to the cup of wine in His hand and said to the Twelve: "This cup is the New Testament which is shed for you." And from that night His disciples have surrounded His Table, at variously appointed seasons, to renew their Covenant with Him, whose they are and whom they serve.

It is also a *Communion*. The followers of the despised Nazarene, after His departure, faced a hostile world. Persecuted by the State, excommunicated by the Church, disinherited by their families, sneered at by scholars and shunned by social snobs, they found their sweetest solace and their highest courage in their frequent observance of the common meal, which bore witness to their fellowship and unity one with another and with their absent yet present Master. And to this day it is true that the re-union of Christians around the Sacramental Table is the tenderest tie that binds them to the best Brotherhood on earth. Through it they are linked in faith, hope and love with the little band of believers on the Upper Chamber in Jerusalem, with the martyrs and saints of all the

Christian centuries, and even with "the spirits of just men made perfect," who in the flesh used to kneel by their side in their old home churches on Communion Sundays. Let us cultivate a keener appreciation of the high honor and rich spiritual legacy which we inherit from membership in what has been named "The Clubfeast of the Christian Society."

But it is more than Covenant and Communion, it is also *Commemoration*. This leads us from the COMMAND to

#### The Reason

"This do." Why? "In remembrance of Me." Whatever else the Lord's Supper may be, the language of Jesus, according to Luke in my text, indicates that He purposed it to be continued by His followers as a perpetual "Memorial Service" commemorating His death for the salvation of the world. A close critical Greek student gives this translation: "In order to My remembrance." That is, Do this to prevent forgetfulness of Me. He knew full well the truth of our modern proverb: "Out of sight out of memory." Tears over His death would soon dry, faith in His promised presence in every time of need would weaken under the stress and strain of opposition, hope in the establishment of His invisible Kingdom would dim in nights of failure, love for His cause would grow cold, and He Himself would be forgotten—unless they would frequently jog their memories by re-enacting His Last Supper.

And we may well believe that He desired to be remembered for His own sake as well as for the sake of His disciples. Even after His Resurrection He longed for companionship with His former companions, and remembered the names of those He loved so well. The woman weeping in the Garden heard her name—"Mary." the doubting disciple in a night meeting heard his name—"Thomas;" and the two fishermen on the seashore in the early morning heard their names—"Simon," "John." I wonder if His heart is not still hungry for the remembrance of all His professed followers! When tempted to absent ourselves from Church on a Communion Sabbath, we would do well to repeat Kipling's poetic prayer:

"Lord God of Hosts! be with us yet,  
Lest we forget, lest we forget."

But we must never lose sight of His major motive in desiring to be remembered by means of His Supper: it was to perpetuate the significance of His death. Here is a truth for the modern minister to remember when he finds himself preaching only the Ethics of Jesus, the Comradeship of the Carpenter of Nazareth, or the Social Codes of the Galilean Reformer. If he can find in that historic character no more than the greatest religious teacher, and the highest example of religious life, let him pause and ponder this challenge: "The Lord's Supper is a standing evidence of Christ's own estimate of where the center of His work lies. We are to remember His death. Why should it be selected as the chief treasure for memory, unless it was something altogether different from the death of other wise teachers and benefactors?" Maclaren points to the pathetic fact that "a Christianity which strikes the atoning death of Jesus out of its theology is sorely embarrassed to find a worthy meaning for

His dying command: "This do in remembrance of Me." It is my belief, without fear of successful contradiction, that if Christ did not die for the sins of the world His Supper as a Memorial would not have survived the first century of the Christian era.

#### Practical Suggestions

Members of the Maryland Annual Conference: The Memorial Celebration with which we opened this, the One Hundred and Seventh Session, inspires several Practical Suggestions, which we would do well to keep in mind until final adjournment—and ever after.

#### FIRST: Our Need of Remembering Jesus in All our Public Debates and Private Conferences.

I shall ask the many ministers present, who, during their Seminary days, studied under me the Old Testament Hebrew, to take their lexicons and Hebrew Bibles, and turn to the ninth Psalm, the sixteenth verse, the last two words: **Higgaion** and **Selah**. Study carefully and you will discover this exegetical truth: "Higgaion means a little bit of stopping and Selah means a little bit of meditating." In musical terms the Templar Choir was called upon for softer music and then silence. In oratorical language I would translate: soft pedal then shut up! How much ill-natured spirit would be sweetened, and how many harsh words would melt into melody if we would only stop and think before we wax warm and eloquent. How many ministers would praise their brother ministers to delegates in search of new pastors, and how many delegates would surrender favorite pastors and welcome undesired pastors if they would only stop and think before button-holing one another and selfishly provoking the President. What would happen to all of us if we were to button our lips and listen for a broadcast from the Upper Chamber Radio? Echoes of the old Commandment: "This do in remembrance of Me," but with a new application.

#### SECOND: The Communion Table should be the Place for Reconciliations.

The tragedy is that it has been degraded into a battle-ground over Church creeds and Theological dogmas. Warring Churchmen have magnified Theology more than Theos; have split hairs over Christology instead of clinging close to Christ; have spent more time analyzing symbols than serving the Saviour; and have exalted Apostolic Succession above Apostolic Success. Eight years ago, as a representative of the Methodist Protestant Church, I spent August 3-21 in Lausanne, Switzerland, in The World Conference of Faith and Order. Greek Catholics, Anglicans, and all the great Protestant Denominations, with one exception, sat together in brotherly love seeking common ground for a re-union of our divided Christendom. All went well until Dr. Brown, of Union Theological Seminary, suggested that the Great Conference close with the observance of The Lord's Supper, and that Bishop Brent, an American Episcopal Bishop who was the founder of the Union movement, conduct the ceremony, aided by Principal Garvie, Congregationalist, New College,

London. But no! The Sacerdotalists would sing and pray and debate with fellow Christians, but would not share with them the Supper of the Master of us all. The final report was: "There are among us divergent views as to the mode and manner of the presence of our Lord, the conception of the commemoration and the sacrifice, the relation of the elements to the grace conveyed, and the relation between the minister of this Sacrament and the validity and efficacy of the rite."

Recently I was a member of The Unity League which met in a certain city not far away. A Presbyterian Church was filled all day with ministers and laymen from several denominations trying to get together in Christian fellowship and common service. All was harmony until it was announced that a Bishop from a Southern State, who had consented to conduct the Holy Communion, was forbidden by the home Bishop to officiate in that capacity in his diocese. Brethren, these things ought not so to be! So say we Methodist Protestants, one and all. But how about personal antagonisms in our own local Conference? Do not some of us need reconciliation one with another? Have not some former friends been alienated over failure to heed the injunction: "in honor preferring one another?" Is there any sheep-cote in which animosity exists between the shepherd and his flock? When we stood by this Table of our Saviour an hour ago, side by side, were our hearts as close to each other as our hands? If not, let us imitate the example of Bishop Warburton and Dean Tucker. These English clergymen were officials in the same Cathedral, but for years the blood between them was so bad that they "were not even on speaking terms." It was on a good Friday, so the story goes, when the Bishop presented the cup to the Dean kneeling at the altar, and leaning low whispered with trembling voice: "Dear Tucker, let this cup be the cup of our reconciliation." And it was just in time, too, for soon the Bishop was no more in the flesh.

**THIRD: Let us Live for Him Who Died for Us.**

As a final memorial meditation let us resolve to make larger partial payments on the heavy debt we owe the Invisible Host Who presided an hour ago at this Table. How can we ever cease to remember Him by whose death we live and shall forever live? Our ingratitude for spiritual salvation may be rebuked by the following illustration of what gratitude will prompt a man to do in memory of another man who saved him from physical death. During the Civil War a New England farmer, with a large family depending upon him, was drafted as a soldier. A young neighbor, with no family, volunteered to go to war as his substitute. He went but never returned. Years later, the poor man whom he had befriended had saved enough to travel to the Cemetery in Chattanooga, Tenn. There on an unmarked grave, he reared a modest monument with this inscription: "He died for Me." We can build no marble monument to Him whose glorified body is on high, but we can remember this inscription on the tablets of our grateful hearts: "The Lord's Supper: a Monument Sacred to the Memory of the Lamb of Calvary."

It is easy, you say, for that New Englander to gratefully remember one whom he had seen and known in the flesh, but how can we gratefully

remember one whom we never saw or knew in the flesh? The answer I refer to Bill McQuinston, a famous football hero. Before you listen look upon this pen picture painted by Dr. William L. Stidger, of Boston University: "He was six feet, four inches tall. He was a bull for line plunging. He was ruthless. He seemed to be as hard as granite when he played football. He was known and feared in three states. To look at him one would think that that fellow would rather hurt a man than not hurt him. But there was one tender spot in his hard, cold make-up. It was when we got to talking about our mothers. I saw tears in his eyes. After being with him two years on football trips I got chummy with him and did not hesitate to ask him why it was that whenever we mentioned the word 'Mother' it seemed to break him all up." And this was Bill's reply: "My mother died when I was born. She gave her life that I might live. She was offered her choice. It was a case of my life or hers, so my father has told me many times. My life or hers and she chose. She gave her life that I might have mine. I never hear the word 'Mother' that it does not bring the tears to my eyes. I am ashamed of it at times, but I cannot help it. The very thought of what my mother did for me fills my soul with a deep sense of reverence and love and before I know it, try as I may, the tears come."

"O Mother! when I think of thee,  
'Tis but a step to Calvary."

Another poet takes that step:

"When to the Cross I lift mine eyes,  
And rest on Calvary,  
O Lamb of God, my sacrifice,  
I must remember Thee."

The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country and the progress of the work during the year. It is followed by a detailed account of the various projects carried out, and a summary of the results obtained. The report concludes with a list of references and a list of the members of the staff.

The work during the year has been carried out in accordance with the plan laid down in the previous report. The main projects have been the study of the effect of temperature on the rate of reaction, and the study of the effect of concentration on the rate of reaction. The results of these studies are given in the following tables.

The first table shows the effect of temperature on the rate of reaction. The rate of reaction increases with increasing temperature, and the increase is more rapid at higher temperatures. The second table shows the effect of concentration on the rate of reaction. The rate of reaction increases with increasing concentration, and the increase is more rapid at higher concentrations.

Yours faithfully,  
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FINANCIAL  
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TABLES



## COLLECTIONS FOR GENERAL

Number	CHARGES	Maryland Conf. Budget				WORLD SERVICE BUDGET									
		Assessed President's Salary	Paid President's Salary	Assessed Md. Conf. Budget	Paid Md. Conf. Budget	Undesignated Budget	Children's Day	Rally Day	Young People's Day	Easter Offering	Women's Auxiliary	Young People's Union	Special for Missions	Special for Education	Children's Home
1	Accomac	31	18	268	56	13	37	5	20						
2	Amelia	18	18	168	127				15						
3	Baltimore														
4	Alnut Memorial														
5	Bethesda	31	31	232	160	30	25	30							
6	Brooklyn	53	53	471	347	13	9	4	21						
7	Calvary	43	43	380	380	38	40	2	20						
8	Chesaco Park	10	10	88	13				3						
9	Christ Church	61	61	537	339	23	20	50	300						
10	East Baltimore	33	33	290	247	70	13	10	15						
11	Edmondson Avenue	59	59	518	518	33	33	30	300						
12	Eutaw	61	61	571	571	125	115	75	125						
13	Evergreen	40	40	347	163			2	15						
14	Glenburnie	50	50	445	133	32	32	4	21						
15	Grace	8	8	78	5			6							
16	Graceland Park	84	84	738	738	114			99						
17	Hampden	31	31	301	301	475			60						
18	Howard	31	31	270	235	20	10	10	25						
19	Keen Memorial	45	45	392	392	25	25	15	36						
20	Lauraville	36	36	317	317	110	55	25	8						
21	Linthicum Heights	49	49	432	338	100	31	20	5						
22	Lowe Memorial	19	19	164	18			4	3						
23	Marley	19	19	167	167	5	12	20	6						
24	Nichols Memorial	57	57	503	503	208	50	50	50						
25	North Baltimore	82	82	721	721	44	50	40	11						
26	St. Johns	45	45	392	110				99						
27	St. Pauls	27	27	243	243				15						
28	South Baltimore	96	96	854	854	515	100	25	150						
29	Starr	12	12	116	40			40	10						
30	Texas	37	37	331	265			30	61						
31	Towson	50	50	441	18	13			4						
32	Trinity	22	22	194	72			19	21						
33	Violetville	43	43	374	156			40	20						
34	West Baltimore	57	57	503	503			30	35						
35	Wilton Heights	33	33	288	132			5	10						
36	Bedford	29	29	256	256	51	59	21	25						
37	Belair	21	21	184	132			10	6						
38	Bivalve	35	35	310	310	16	156	100	8						
39	Buckeystown	35	35	310	310				100						
40	Cambridge	42	42	305	366			12							
41	Caroline	14	14	126	100			11							
42	Carroll Circuit	15	15	85	85	200									
43	Cecil	26	26	228	228			17	10						
44	Centreville	23	23	198	198	19	39	17	7						
45	Chestertown	52	52	465	465	193	149	117	44						
46	Claremont	23	23	206	155			20	7						
47	Clayton	18	18	156	76			10	15						
48	Crisfield:														
49	Mt. Pleasant	44	44	385	385			40	40						
50	Mariners	26	26	231	88	19	27		16						
51	Cumberland:														
52	First Church	37	37	328	238			8	19						
53	Cumberland Circuit	31	31	267	160			7	5						
54	Dagsboro	20	20	178	82				8						
55	Deer Creek	19	16	104	138			11	26						
56	Deer Park	36	36	317	223			50	53						
57	Delmar	23	23	290	290			81	50						
58	Delta	27	27	238	140			34	5						
59	Denton	30	30	266	266			25	25						
60	Dorchester	24	24	208	82			25							

AND LOCAL INTERESTS

Assessed World Service Budget	Total Paid World Service Budget	LOCAL INTERESTS														Number		
		Total Assessment	Paid Total Assessment	Percentage Paid on Total Assessment	Miscel. General Interests	Total Pd. General Interests	Assessed Pastor's Salary	Paid Pastor's Salary	Rental Value of Parsonage	Current Expenses	Paid on Building and Improvements	Paid on Debt	Paid for Interest on Debt	Miscellaneous Local	Total Paid for Local Interests		Total Paid for all Purposes	
691	38	890	106	12	.....	106	1100	1005	150	400	50	.....	12	73	1693	1799	1	
370	62	556	207	37	.....	283	600	700	150	.....	110	.....	.....	151	1111	1364	2	
.....	39	935	39	.....	.....	39	1500	1300	.....	900	.....	356	.....	663	4403	4638	3	
1083	247	1607	647	40	.....	285	1500	1800	750	1035	107	825	1119	1232	6918	7690	4	
833	243	1261	666	50	.....	672	1500	1500	1500	500	749	.....	459	404	3612	4320	5	
151	157	292	40	17	.....	40	700	600	.....	40	.....	25	.....	.....	716	756	6	
1184	108	1782	809	45	.....	26	835	1900	1900	600	1961	.....	200	277	912	6910	745	7
639	243	962	523	54	.....	83	540	1500	1500	384	700	150	.....	125	2859	3379	8	
1444	400	1721	977	57	.....	17	1050	3000	3000	900	1609	288	.....	2508	346	8651	9711	9
1201	1205	1833	1337	100	117	1954	2500	2500	660	2210	394	500	447	680	7331	9285	10	
355	87	534	266	28	.....	28	288	1200	1200	900	210	535	.....	446	250	3541	3829	11
769	100	1156	303	26	.....	26	329	2000	2000	600	352	.....	428	1189	374	4934	5263	12
981	269	1476	452	31	.....	28	480	2000	2000	600	333	180	.....	1940	465	5513	5998	13
172	17	258	22	9	.....	22	500	275	.....	35	24	.....	.....	46	71	605	627	14
1628	213	2450	1035	42	.....	1035	2600	2600	1200	4089	.....	1500	250	1827	1020	12236	13271	15
694	015	996	947	95	.....	9	956	1800	1800	150	350	225	247	360	3382	4338	16	
595	85	896	351	39	.....	19	370	1650	1650	750	495	225	.....	870	996	1986	17	
865	159	1302	596	46	.....	20	596	1900	1900	1000	1364	60	200	1715	341	6589	7176	18
700	466	1053	819	78	.....	20	839	1800	1800	600	876	.....	.....	453	3987	4826	19	
963	301	1434	688	48	.....	13	701	1920	1920	480	1200	226	.....	.....	3825	4526	20	
361	7	544	44	8	.....	44	1250	1097	300	.....	.....	60	.....	126	220	1322	1866	21
370	58	556	244	44	.....	10	254	1200	1200	300	197	60	75	47	235	2114	2368	22
1108	1408	1668	1968	118	817	2785	3000	3000	900	1920	180	346	60	346	631	7936	8408	23
1500	1500	2393	2393	100	287	2650	3000	3000	900	3830	350	415	97	1162	9784	12434	24	
866	99	1302	254	20	.....	13	267	1500	1500	480	750	131	824	853	217	4815	5082	25
544	137	814	407	50	.....	22	407	1200	1300	600	633	100	154	237	355	3469	3876	26
1883	1546	2833	2496	88	312	2808	3000	3000	2000	3841	273	3155	4808	902	18039	20847	27	
245	80	367	132	36	.....	132	800	650	.....	200	100	.....	.....	334	1284	1416	28	
730	427	1098	729	66	.....	32	701	2000	2000	800	649	150	150	14	334	4147	4908	29
973	82	1464	150	10	.....	29	179	2100	2100	450	790	150	500	1030	218	5238	6417	30
428	134	644	228	45	.....	228	1500	1400	480	586	50	.....	1256	195	3967	4195	31	
1110	1110	1670	1670	100	.....	3	1673	2500	2410	.....	1794	.....	721	3101	690	8716	10389	32
825	346	1242	645	44	.....	11	556	1800	1800	300	800	160	300	318	178	3946	4402	33
636	30	967	195	20	.....	195	1200	1200	250	400	200	700	206	499	3454	3649	34	
564	162	849	447	53	.....	31	478	1300	1300	600	800	200	.....	473	3373	3851	35	
406	16	611	169	28	.....	15	184	1000	1000	75	222	170	.....	150	1617	1801	36	
684	690	1029	1035	101	368	1403	1800	1800	250	550	240	.....	.....	285	3125	4528	37	
807	187	1215	595	49	.....	595	2000	2000	400	1097	200	150	910	50	4807	5402	38	
278	20	418	140	33	.....	9	149	1050	1050	150	125	325	.....	24	1674	1823	39	
200	200	300	300	100	.....	4	304	700	531	300	24	59	45	21	149	1129	1433	40
503	102	757	356	47	.....	356	1200	1140	300	413	567	200	.....	129	2739	3096	41	
436	194	657	415	63	.....	6	421	1000	1200	360	758	472	.....	97	2887	3308	42	
1025	1025	1542	1542	100	68	1610	2200	2200	600	1901	.....	.....	.....	64	5355	6965	43	
455	48	684	226	33	.....	226	1000	1000	250	280	.....	113	.....	50	1633	1919	44	
345	45	519	139	27	.....	139	725	725	180	400	.....	70	80	371	1826	1965	45	
848	320	1277	749	59	.....	749	2100	2100	240	716	.....	.....	70	1336	2462	5211	46	
508	88	765	202	26	.....	3	206	1200	1155	120	200	25	.....	100	22	1622	1827	47
724	51	1089	326	30	.....	326	1600	1600	600	789	348	250	55	147	3789	4115	48	
590	26	888	210	24	.....	3	220	1200	1100	.....	125	10	.....	183	1797	2017	49	
394	8	592	117	19	.....	110	.....	900	120	361	60	.....	.....	329	1564	1674	50	
363	108	546	262	48	.....	1	263	700	700	120	108	137	.....	114	1179	1442	51	
699	237	1052	502	48	.....	502	1400	1400	500	125	40	.....	.....	1249	3314	3816	52	
639	326	949	639	67	.....	13	652	1600	1600	240	520	203	350	118	400	3440	4092	53
526	95	791	262	33	.....	72	334	1400	1400	360	228	80	278	11	278	2607	2941	54
587	235	833	531	60	.....	20	551	2000	2000	300	145	304	.....	.....	2949	3500	55	
460	25	692	131	19	.....	131	1000	1000	200	190	.....	.....	.....	.....	1300	1621	56	

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58	Dover	16	16	142	45			3	3		6				
59	Doylesburg	25	25	217	123						22				
60	Easton	30	30	262	262			20	20		95				
61	Elizabeth	22	22	194	140			14	14		15				
62	Fairfax	15		130					10						
63	Fawn Grove	36	36	362	234			37	36	31	11				
64	Federalburg	19	19	101	161			77	50	75	45				
65	Finksburg	33	33	293	293			48	53	20	13				
66	First Church, Newark	129	129	1138	865			26	33	33	47				
67	Frederick	22	22	193	125			54	16	4	16				
68	Friendship	3	3	28	28			51							
69	Georgetown	34	34	303	158				28	36					
70	Greenbackville	27	27	234	149			43	13	7					
71	Greenbush and Hallwood	32	32	233	23			23	17	3	16				
72	Greenwood-Cannon	39	39	351	125			5	24		10				
73	Grove	11	11	93	36			20			8				
74	Harbeson	32	32	232	154			10							
75	Harmony, W. Va.	17	17	149	12			23	12	20	10				
76	Harpers Ferry	19	19	176	108			35	10	8					
77	Harrington	28	28	251	251			60	40	53	51				
78	Hebron	34	34	298	200				25	12	11				
79	Hurlock	12	13	126	106			20	25	24	10				
80	Indian River	4	4	37	37			79		4					
81	Kempstown	40	40	347	248			77	13		4				
82	Kennedyville	20	20	172	70				10	5	11				
83	Kent Island-Wye	22	22	194	194			23	38	37	66				
84	Laurel	34	34	300	306			20							
85	Laurel Circuit	14	14	124	58				10	15	15				
86	Leeds	21	21	188	188			15	41	8	12				
87	Leipsic	5	5	44	44						3				
88	Lewistown-Liberty	21	21	187	187			7	5	5	3				
	Lynchburg:														
89	First Church	70	70	617	40										
90	Second Church	28	14	244	92				16	16	50				
91	Tyreanna	12	12	105	24				5	5	5				
92	Mardella	27	27	237	237			10	5	5	5				
93	Maryland Line	34	34	305	305			282							
94	Milford	56	55	490	164				57	51	44				
95	Milton	24	24	215	215				40	56	40				
96	Mt. Nebo	26	26	228	10										
97	New Church	32	32	282	282			16	56	36	20				
98	Northumberland	36	36	319	27			9			17				
99	Oxford	15	15	129	129			95	39	25	25				
100	Parksley	30	30	266	266				50	30	43				
	Philadelphia:														
101	Emmanuel	20	20	180	10				20	15	10				
102	St. Luke's	41	41	449	200				48	14					
103	Taylor Memorial	38	20	335	26				15	15	5				
104	Pipe Creek	19	19	163	163			153	30		55				
105	Pittsville	35	35	311	311			45							
106	Pocomoke City	41	41	365	250			38	20	37	63				
107	Poplar Springs	24	24	211	141			43	24	5	17				
108	Powellville	13	13	176	147			5	4		5				
109	Queen Anne	9	9	77	77			74	17	10	4				
110	Reliance	18	18	162	162			30	46	14	10				
111	Ridgeville	26	26	227	168			143	42	14	10				
112	St. James	22	22	198	198			112	100	100	100				
113	St. Michael's	19	19	162	75			15	24	11	5				
114	Salisbury	91	91	802	802			151	163	100	161				
115	Seaford	37	30	327	140			47	53	12	50				

## AND LOCAL INTERESTS

Assessed World Service Budget		Total Paid World Service Budget		Total Assessment		Paid Total Assessment		Percentage Paid on Total Assessment		Miscel. General Interests		Total Pd. General Interests		LOCAL INTERESTS												Total Paid for all Purposes		Number
Assessed	World Service Budget	Total Paid	World Service Budget	Total Assessment	Paid Total Assessment	Percentage Paid on Total Assessment	Miscel. General Interests	Total Pd. General Interests	Assessed	Pastor's Salary	Rental Value of Parsonage	Current Expenses	Paid on Building and Improvements	Paid on Debt	Paid for Interest on Debt	Miscellaneous Local	Total Paid for Local Interests	Total Paid for all Purposes	Number									
313	34	471	95	20	20	100	95	1000	875	480	213	50	.....	.....	22	161	1801	1896	58									
480	110	722	258	36	36	100	283	1020	1002	120	120	66	46	.....	.....	415	1649	1932	59									
573	210	870	502	58	58	100	542	1620	1620	300	630	50	150	240	50	207	2940	3482	60									
428	36	643	198	31	31	100	201	1000	1020	720	315	150	350	240	240	207	3006	3297	61									
280	18	431	18	4	4	100	18	450	310	180	60	46	.....	.....	.....	113	708	726	62									
799	328	1197	598	50	378	976	976	1750	1750	300	524	200	.....	.....	.....	379	3153	4129	63									
357	357	537	537	100	100	100	8	645	1456	1456	250	150	78	.....	.....	151	2085	2630	64									
646	325	972	651	67	67	100	10	661	1200	1200	300	400	600	175	27	127	2829	3490	65									
2506	1206	3773	2200	58	1241	3441	3000	3000	3000	1500	4770	1538	.....	.....	.....	1010	11818	15259	60									
425	171	640	318	50	50	100	3	321	1200	1200	120	.....	.....	.....	.....	131	1451	1772	67									
62	62	93	93	100	100	100	93	93	152	60	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	175	402	495	63									
668	117	1005	306	30	5	311	1500	1500	300	368	60	500	333	246	59	246	3306	3617	69									
517	63	778	139	18	25	164	1000	1000	120	250	250	150	69	.....	.....	1829	1993	70										
624	59	939	114	12	.....	114	1100	1100	100	30	20	.....	.....	.....	192	71	1513	1627	71									
774	107	1164	271	23	9	280	1200	1200	189	150	150	.....	.....	.....	24	98	1702	1882	72									
205	28	309	75	24	.....	75	400	550	65	8	158	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	797	972	73									
621	10	935	196	21	10	206	1200	1200	200	130	1000	450	.....	.....	.....	230	3210	3416	74									
329	158	495	187	38	13	200	600	474	150	261	115	.....	.....	.....	.....	56	1056	1256	75									
888	58	538	185	32	12	197	.....	1300	200	67	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	87	1654	1851	76									
563	362	832	641	77	14	656	1350	1350	360	578	942	.....	.....	.....	7	233	3470	4125	77									
658	63	990	297	30	28	325	1050	1050	150	220	125	143	.....	.....	.....	382	2077	2402	78									
280	160	418	279	07	.....	279	1200	1200	240	340	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	137	1917	2196	79									
83	83	124	124	100	3	127	208	208	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	228	355	80									
766	104	1153	452	39	23	475	1550	1400	150	350	450	175	.....	.....	16	745	3286	3761	81									
378	29	570	149	21	1	120	1200	1200	200	300	75	.....	.....	.....	72	32	1879	1999	82									
428	170	644	336	60	.....	336	1075	1075	150	240	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	1597	1933	83									
674	120	1014	460	45	101	561	1500	1600	450	745	586	.....	.....	.....	160	285	3826	4357	84									
274	40	412	112	27	.....	112	1000	1000	300	115	350	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	1785	1897	85									
415	96	624	305	49	543	848	1200	1200	240	150	100	.....	.....	.....	60	52	1802	2650	86									
97	3	146	52	36	.....	52	150	156	96	60	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	339	441	87									
413	30	621	238	38	2	240	831	831	240	175	250	.....	.....	.....	.....	158	1654	1894	88									
1363	176	2050	286	14	.....	286	2400	2400	400	1743	.....	785	.....	1255	215	6798	7084	89										
540	189	812	245	30	13	258	2100	2100	30	747	770	570	261	.....	31	4509	4767	90										
230	20	347	56	13	6	62	600	663	120	171	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	106	1075	1137	91									
522	27	786	291	37	.....	291	1300	1300	200	170	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	423	2093	2384	92									
675	303	1014	642	63	7	649	1400	1343	180	206	350	20	5	274	2378	2378	3027	93										
1082	252	1627	471	28	.....	471	1500	1500	450	639	248	652	241	521	521	4251	4722	94										
475	156	714	395	55	.....	395	1300	1300	360	326	37	.....	.....	.....	35	321	2379	2774	95									
503	.....	757	36	5	.....	36	1000	815	250	260	205	.....	.....	.....	.....	125	1655	1691	96									
624	251	938	565	60	3	568	1050	1050	360	457	140	.....	.....	.....	25	21	2053	2621	97									
705	44	1060	107	10	.....	107	1000	1000	150	75	3600	105	272	101	5303	6410	98											
284	284	428	428	100	3	431	1000	833	250	187	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	203	1503	1934	99									
587	222	883	518	59	3	521	1200	1200	250	400	185	100	18	122	2275	2796	100											
396	101	696	131	22	3	134	1200	1200	420	645	20	385	894	219	3693	3827	701											
990	123	1480	364	24	.....	364	1900	1900	1200	1579	186	.....	.....	.....	150	399	5413	6777	102									
737	120	1110	166	15	20	186	1600	1600	480	826	144	150	360	428	3988	4174	103											
359	359	541	541	100	.....	541	1000	1000	340	194	535	.....	.....	.....	.....	2069	2610	104										
687	45	1033	391	38	.....	391	1500	1500	300	215	65	.....	.....	.....	18	228	2326	2717	105									
894	228	1210	519	43	21	640	1700	1700	360	402	.....	575	307	302	3646	4186	106											
466	154	701	319	45	10	329	1000	913	240	115	47	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	1365	1694	107									
387	14	582	189	31	23	203	1100	1100	150	40	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	1390	1693	108										
170	105	286	191	75	.....	191	.....	420	64	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	644	835	109									
356	120	536	300	56	3	303	850	850	72	72	198	.....	.....	.....	5	236	1492	1795	110									
501	326	764	520	69	6	526	1300	1300	180	156	407	193	28	548	2812	3338	111											
437	437	657	657	100	.....	657	1400	1400	350	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	274	2224	2881	112									
357	55	538	149	28	2	151	750	800	250	227	155	.....	.....	.....	.....	102	1534	1685	113									
1788	1107	2661	2000	75	153	2153	2600	2600	800	2439	560	1000	2030	972	10401	12554	114											
722	292	1086	462	42	7	469	1300	1300	480	478	63	600	198	338	3457	3926	115											

**COLLECTIONS FOR GENERAL**

Number	CHARGES	Maryland Conf. Budget				WORLD SERVICE BUDGET											
		Assessed President's Salary	Paid President's Salary	Assessed Md. Conf. Budget	Paid Md. Conf. Budget	Undesignated Budget	Children's Day	Rally Day	Young People's Day	Easter Offering	Women's Auxiliary	Young People's Union	Special for Missions	Special for Education	Children's Home		
116	Sharptown .....	24	29	299	254	.....	95	42	16	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
117	Snow Hill .....	36	36	317	317	.....	110	117	6	130	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
118	Stewartstown .....	33	33	295	295	.....	210	.....	.....	.....	.....	105	.....	.....	.....	.....	
119	Susquehanna .....	21	21	184	184	.....	.....	6	16	.....	10	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	
120	Trinity Salem .....	30	10	281	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
121	Union Bridge .....	20	20	177	177	.....	181	.....	20	.....	36	131	.....	.....	.....	.....	
122	Wallace Memorial .....	19	19	104	164	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	15	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	
123	Warwick .....	11	11	91	91	.....	.....	15	15	5	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	
	Washington:																
124	Alexandria .....	31	31	268	20	.....	12	16	14	92	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
125	Calvary .....	22	22	191	191	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
126	Cherrydale .....	48	48	418	418	.....	200	38	30	15	55	175	50	15	.....	.....	
127	Congress Street .....	34	34	300	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	
128	First Church .....	27	28	237	237	.....	.....	35	40	.....	50	165	.....	.....	.....	.....	
129	Fort Myer Heights .....	14	14	126	106	.....	.....	9	10	3	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
130	Mt. Olivet .....	31	31	275	275	.....	.....	22	20	40	36	163	.....	.....	.....	.....	
131	Mt. Tabor .....	24	24	216	216	.....	24	25	25	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	
132	North Carolina Avenue .....	36	36	225	225	.....	.....	25	25	.....	25	150	10	.....	.....	.....	
133	Rhode Island Avenue .....	83	83	736	736	.....	63	205	225	.....	200	700	230	.....	.....	.....	
134	T. H. Lewis Memorial .....	13	13	97	97	.....	.....	96	15	19	5	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	
135	Wesley Chapel of Kent .....	26	26	229	229	.....	78	71	40	17	137	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
136	Westminster .....	42	42	364	364	.....	100	63	81	60	100	360	38	.....	.....	.....	
137	Whaleyville .....	28	28	244	244	.....	.....	8	32	7	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
	Wilmington:																
138	First Church .....	25	12	224	109	.....	84	.....	7	7	15	51	.....	.....	.....	.....	
139	Peninsula .....	81	81	719	262	.....	.....	15	21	.....	.....	400	3	.....	.....	.....	
	Detached Churches:																
140	Chateau .....	3	4	27	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
141	Eldorado .....	5	5	47	47	.....	59	16	10	10	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
142	Harmony .....	1	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
143	Madison .....	6	6	53	53	.....	115	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
144	Portsville .....	3	3	32	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
145	Quinton .....	5	5	47	45	.....	.....	15	12	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
146	Union Church .....	5	5	49	49	.....	46	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	

**AND LOCAL INTERESTS**

Assessed World Service Budget	Total Paid World Service Budget	LOCAL INTERESTS														Number	
		Total Assessment	Paid Total Assessment	Percentage Paid on Total Assessment	Miscel. General Interests	Total Pd. General Interests	Assessed Pastor's Salary	Paid Pastor's Salary	Rental Value of Parsonage	Current Expenses	Paid on Building and Improvements	Paid on Debt	Paid for Interest on Debt	Miscellaneous Local	Total Paid for Local Interests		Total Paid for all Purposes
662	203	998	486	48	.....	486	1500	1500	275	259	41	128	7	231	2441	2927	116
699	363	1052	716	68	.....	732	1500	1500	400	368	.....	376	35	460	3133	3865	117
682	310	980	538	53	.....	645	1500	1500	200	223	.....	.....	.....	258	3399	4044	118
406	102	610	307	50	.....	307	1200	1200	250	173	30	.....	.....	333	2003	2345	119
576	15	867	25	21	.....	25	1200	1200	300	100	650	.....	.....	115	2365	2930	120
390	390	587	587	100	36	623	1450	1450	200	200	350	.....	.....	416	2516	3139	121
362	114	545	297	53	.....	297	1000	1000	300	230	150	.....	.....	236	1916	2216	122
201	50	303	152	46	.....	152	900	900	120	22	11	.....	.....	100	1153	1305	123
590	134	889	185	21	.....	185	.....	369	.....	540	.....	35	216	718	1878	2063	124
421	82	634	235	46	6	301	.....	1620	600	397	514	300	1061	642	5134	5435	125
921	563	1387	1029	74	40	1069	2288	2288	600	1605	184	300	460	744	6181	7250	126
660	105	994	439	43	120	559	2000	2000	720	750	400	100	180	105	4255	4314	127
522	290	786	555	71	9	564	1700	1700	540	325	55	75	174	292	3161	3725	128
279	49	419	169	40	5	174	900	893	180	310	309	.....	.....	90	1692	1866	129
607	281	913	587	64	.....	587	1800	1800	900	249	.....	.....	203	496	3648	4235	130
474	149	714	389	54	.....	389	1400	1400	750	410	1950	120	25	30	4655	5074	131
715	235	976	496	51	74	570	1800	1800	600	780	200	600	200	610	4790	5350	132
1623	1623	2442	2442	100	118	2550	3300	3300	900	2526	325	875	56	1333	9375	11935	133
190	190	300	300	100	.....	300	1800	1800	.....	103	.....	.....	.....	376	2284	2684	134
507	345	762	600	79	11	611	1200	1200	300	500	923	.....	.....	72	2095	3606	135
802	802	1208	1208	100	158	1366	2080	2080	480	1072	644	.....	.....	481	4657	6023	136
538	72	810	344	42	.....	344	1000	1000	75	413	606	.....	.....	.....	2094	2438	137
492	164	741	285	38	19	304	1300	1400	558	446	32	15172	1899	196	19703	20007	138
1588	439	2388	782	33	53	835	2500	2500	2400	2317	185	899	3330	371	12002	12837	139
59	.....	89	30	34	.....	30	.....	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150	180	140
105	.....	105	157	100	.....	157	350	350	.....	52	320	.....	.....	29	751	908	141
16	.....	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	142
115	115	174	174	100	.....	174	400	400	120	110	50	.....	.....	.....	680	854	143
70	5	105	13	12	.....	13	240	240	.....	.....	306	.....	.....	20	500	673	144
103	46	155	96	62	.....	96	300	300	.....	35	59	107	.....	70	571	667	145
109	46	163	100	61	.....	100	.....	208	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	268	368	146

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CHARGE	PROPERTY							ASSESSMENTS						
	Appointments	Churches	Parsonage	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage Property	Debt on Church and Parsonage	Insurance on Church and Parsonage Property	Church Papers Taken	President's Salary & Exp.	Superannuates	Md. Conference Budget	World Service Budget	Total Assessments	Pastor's Salary 1936-1936
Acomac.....	1	1	1	20000	3000	200	8000	5	35	91	177	590	833	1200
Amelia.....	1	1	1	7000	3000	.....	1000	9	21	56	108	360	545	700
Baltimore:														
Alnutt Memorial.....	1	1	1	50000	.....	.....	20000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethesda.....	1	1	1	60000	.....	37610	45000	6	39	102	199	664	1004	1600
Brooklyn.....	1	1	1	60000	13500	19066	34000	60	156	309	1028	1553	1800	
Calvary.....	1	1	1	40000	5000	8350	21500	7	50	129	253	846	1278	1500
Chesaco Park.....	1	2	.....	2500	.....	10	1800	12	11	31	59	196	297	700
Christ Church.....	1	1	1	70000	7000	4400	23000	20	63	176	348	1154	1746	1900
East Baltimore.....	1	1	1	20000	.....	.....	7500	22	37	95	183	623	943	1500
Edmondson Avenue.....	1	1	1	100000	6500	50500	53000	15	73	182	362	1204	1820	3090
Eutaw.....	1	1	1	60000	7000	8300	29800	22	74	189	380	1258	1901	2400
Evergreen.....	1	1	1	15000	14000	8100	26600	8	23	58	114	378	573	1200
Glen Burnie.....	1	1	1	50000	4000	23537	32000	26	47	119	236	783	1185	2000
Grace.....	1	1	1	73000	6000	18500	30000	3	58	147	298	832	1485	2000
Graceland Park.....	1	1	1	10000	.....	650	5000	.....	9	23	43	141	216	350
Hampden.....	1	1	1	175000	20000	31075	65000	44	104	265	525	1748	2642	2600
Keen Memorial.....	1	1	1	40000	6000	17400	20800	16	36	94	183	609	922	1650
Lauraville.....	1	1	1	50000	7500	37696	30000	28	53	133	263	875	1323	1900
Linthicum Heights.....	1	2	1	25000	8500	.....	25800	9	44	112	119	370	1005	1600
Low Memorial.....	1	1	1	50000	8000	.....	15500	30	58	148	292	973	1471	1920
Marley.....	3	3	1	7000	5000	1964	10000	5	22	56	109	362	549	750
Nichols' Memorial.....	1	1	1	12000	6000	699	8900	11	22	59	115	380	576	1200
North Baltimore.....	1	1	1	60000	7000	6300	56000	35	66	168	333	1107	1674	3000
St. John's.....	1	1	1	100000	10000	3000	94000	32	93	239	474	1578	2384	3000
St. Paul's.....	1	1	1	60000	5000	16000	22500	5	44	114	225	748	1131	1560
South Baltimore.....	1	1	1	20000	8000	4806	15800	19	32	83	162	539	816	1300
Starr.....	1	1	1	350000	20000	96845	100000	35	113	289	574	1912	2888	3000
Texas.....	1	2	.....	9000	.....	.....	7500	4	16	42	80	266	404	675
Towson.....	1	2	1	25090	8000	120	18000	21	44	113	221	738	1116	2000
Trinity.....	1	1	1	45000	7000	18950	17500	7	64	165	325	1082	1636	2100
Violetville.....	1	1	1	50000	8000	24700	25000	8	27	70	137	455	689	1500
West Baltimore.....	1	1	1	100000	.....	39498	35000	30	67	171	330	1131	1699	2500
Wilton Heights.....	1	1	1	65000	3000	5825	23000	12	51	131	267	857	1300	1800
Bedford.....	4	4	1	36000	3000	27700	16000	9	39	101	198	660	998	1200
Belair.....	4	4	1	30000	10000	.....	10000	20	37	91	174	583	882	1300
Bivalve.....	2	2	1	13000	1500	.....	4500	11	25	66	129	429	649	950
Buckeytown.....	1	2	1	35000	4500	.....	24600	22	41	107	211	700	1059	1800
Cambridge.....	1	1	1	67000	4500	14100	48000	19	49	126	247	828	1246	2000
Caroline.....	4	4	1	4000	1800	.....	5300	5	17	45	84	232	428	960
Carroll Circuit.....	3	3	1	5000	3500	545	6000	5	18	48	92	307	465	600
Cecil.....	4	4	2	28000	5000	.....	19000	20	30	79	154	514	777	1200
Centerville.....	1	1	1	37500	5000	.....	26700	11	26	70	135	449	680	1200
Chestertown.....	1	1	1	75000	10000	.....	58000	36	61	157	311	1033	1562	2200
Claremont.....	3	3	2	14000	2500	.....	8250	9	29	76	147	490	742	1000
Clayton.....	2	2	1	16000	800	.....	7000	5	21	55	106	353	635	800
Crisfield:														
Mt. Pleasant.....	1	1	1	55000	3000	700	41000	10	52	134	264	880	1330	2100
Mariners.....	1	1	1	18500	2000	3500	11500	8	28	75	145	483	731	1200
Cumberland:														
First Church.....	1	1	1	40000	8000	725	25000	15	43	112	218	726	1099	1600
Cumberland Circuit.....	3	3	1	8000	3000	2700	4600	5	31	83	161	536	811	1200
Dagsboro.....	2	2	1	8800	2000	.....	8500	.....	24	62	121	401	608	800
Deer Creek.....	2	2	1	4000	3000	.....	5700	7	18	49	93	310	470	700
Deer Park.....	2	2	1	15000	8000	.....	12500	23	46	120	237	789	1192	1400
Delmar.....	1	1	1	20000	4000	1750	9400	17	41	105	206	686	1038	1600
Delta.....	1	1	1	8000	4000	.....	.....	5	31	81	159	528	800	1400
Denton.....	1	1	1	20000	2500	.....	11000	8	35	91	177	590	833	2000
Dorchester.....	3	3	1	7000	1500	.....	5000	.....	28	72	143	473	716	1000
Dover.....	1	1	1	20000	5000	375	8000	2	18	48	98	302	461	850

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	Appointments	Churches	Parsonage	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage Property	Debt on Church and Parsonage	Insurance on Church and Parsonage Property	Church Papers Taken	President's Salary & Exp.	Superannuates	Md. Conference Budget	World Service Budget	Total Assessments	Pastor's Salary 1936-1936	
Doblesburg	3	3	1	7000	1400	.....	5000	11	29	76	149	496	750	1020	
Easton	1	1	1	25000	5000	4200	13000	18	27	71	132	459	635	1620	
Elizabeth	1	1	1	20000	8000	2700	14500	4	26	67	130	433	656	1000	
Fairfax	4	4	1	4000	2000	.....	6525	2	14	38	71	239	362	150	
Fawn Grove	2	2	1	30000	5000	.....	14425	.....	49	126	248	825	1248	1750	
Federalburg	1	1	1	9000	2500	.....	7000	20	22	58	111	369	560	1456	
Finksburg	3	3	1	41000	7000	.....	25000	18	38	99	193	646	976	1200	
First Church, Newark	1	1	1	130000	35000	.....	142500	52	147	376	747	2487	3757	3000	
Frederick	3	4	1	6800	2500	.....	4000	16	25	67	131	433	656	1200	
Friendship	1	1	1	3000	1500	.....	2000	3	3	11	17	57	88	.....	
Georgetown	1	1	1	35000	6000	.....	5200	30500	3	40	104	203	678	1025	1500
Greenbackville	3	3	1	13000	2000	.....	9500	9000	4	27	78	153	509	767	1000
Greenbush-Hallwood	3	3	1	16000	7000	.....	3200	12500	4	36	92	181	600	909	1000
Greenwood-Cannon	3	4	2	18000	6000	.....	24550	9	35	92	179	596	902	1125	
Grove	4	4	1	11000	1800	.....	2500	2	12	36	65	214	327	675	
Harbeson-Lewes	3	3	1	17000	4000	.....	11000	.....	36	93	181	604	914	.....	
Harmony, W. Va.	1	1	1	8000	2500	.....	6000	8	16	40	78	258	392	600	
Harpers Ferry	2	2	1	11500	5000	.....	6000	4	23	61	118	394	596	1300	
Harrington	1	1	1	45000	5000	.....	64	39500	15	33	85	166	552	836	1250
Hebron	2	2	1	10000	3000	.....	9000	.....	39	103	203	676	1021	1050	
Howard	4	4	1	43000	5000	4040	30500	48	41	106	207	689	1043	1300	
Howard	2	2	1	9800	3000	.....	7300	7	22	60	115	383	580	1200	
Hurlock	1	1	1	6000	.....	.....	4000	3	4	14	25	84	127	208	
Indian River	4	5	1	31000	4000	200	21000	29	45	116	228	760	1129	1550	
Kempton	1	1	1	8000	4000	.....	1200	10000	7	23	60	114	331	578	1200
Kennedyville	3	3	2	15000	5000	.....	11800	8	26	66	128	424	644	1175	
Kent Island-Wye	1	1	1	70000	10000	.....	3500	30000	25	46	117	231	770	1164	1600
Laurel	4	4	1	8000	5000	.....	6200	2	17	45	86	286	434	1000	
Laurel Circuit	2	2	1	20000	2500	.....	18000	9	25	65	126	420	636	1200	
Leeds	1	1	1	4000	500	.....	2000	1	5	15	28	87	133	150	
Leipsic	3	3	1	11000	3000	.....	8775	16	24	64	124	414	626	825	
Lewistown-Liberty	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Lynchburg:	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
First Church	1	1	1	50000	5000	20650	20000	27	78	187	369	1318	1952	1800	
Second Church	1	1	1	10000	6000	6400	9500	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2100	
Tyreanna	1	1	1	1500	1500	.....	1750	.....	13	35	66	221	330	500	
Mardella	4	4	1	12000	1500	.....	7800	12	32	83	162	538	815	1300	
Maryland Line	4	4	1	50000	3500	950	22400	17	41	105	207	689	1043	1300	
Milford	2	2	1	43500	10000	3800	20000	7	64	166	327	1089	1646	1660	
Milton	1	1	1	5000	3500	.....	7000	12	29	76	147	489	741	1300	
Mt. Nebo	3	3	1	13000	4000	.....	12700	2	30	78	153	609	770	1000	
New Church	1	3	1	70000	3000	425	25000	.....	35	91	176	689	891	1100	
Northumberland	4	4	1	38500	3500	4450	8000	8	42	107	210	700	1059	1000	
Oxford	1	1	1	5000	4000	.....	5000	7	17	46	88	291	442	.....	
Parksley	1	1	1	30000	5000	300	9000	15	36	92	179	697	904	1200	
Philadelphia:	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Emmanuel	1	1	1	60000	5000	10220	22000	8	22	59	114	379	574	1200	
St. Luke's	1	1	1	225000	25000	3700	54000	24	59	150	296	985	1490	1900	
Taylor Memorial	1	1	1	45000	5000	6300	24000	15	43	111	218	724	1096	1600	
Pipe Creek	2	2	1	9000	4000	.....	8000	9	20	53	103	341	517	1100	
Pittsboro	2	2	1	14000	5000	250	9500	16	41	106	209	694	1050	1500	
Pocomoke City	2	2	1	55000	7500	25145	42000	18	47	121	239	793	1200	1700	
Poplar Springs	3	3	1	10000	5500	.....	11200	10	25	76	147	492	744	1000	
Powellville	4	4	1	14000	2500	.....	3900	10	23	61	117	389	590	1100	
Queen Anne	2	2	1	7500	1500	.....	5000	5	9	26	48	159	242	490	
Reliance	2	2	1	10000	1800	130	10450	4	24	63	121	404	612	850	
Ridgeville	2	2	1	10000	4000	291	13800	19	33	85	165	552	835	1300	
St. James	1	1	1	15000	5000	.....	8500	10	27	68	132	440	667	1400	
St. Michaels	2	2	1	16000	2000	.....	8000	2	22	56	108	360	546	850	
Salisbury	1	1	1	165000	12000	41500	100000	40	106	271	537	1789	2703	3000	
Seaford	1	1	1	25000	8000	2700	26000	9	44	113	220	735	1112	1300	
Sharptown	2	2	1	21000	4500	72	16000	16	33	87	169	563	852	1350	

PROPERTY, ASSESSMENTS, PASTOR'S SALARY

CHARGE	PROPERTY							ASSESSMENTS						
	Appointments	Churches	Parsonage	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage Property	Debt on Church and Parsonage	Insurance on Church and Parsonage Property	Church Papers Taken	President's Salary & Exp.	Superannuates	Md. Conference Budget	World Service Budget	Total Assessments	Pastor's Salary 1936-1936
Snow Hill.....	1	1	1	60000	6000	454	40000	13	42	108	213	708	1071	1500
Stewartstown.....	1	1	1	17000	3500	.....	17000	.....	41	104	203	682	1032	1500
Susquehanna.....	1	1	1	8000	2000	.....	8000	.....	24	65	125	417	632	1200
Trinity-Salem.....	1	1	1	36000	5000	6000	10500	.....	32	83	163	549	831	.....
Union Bridge.....	1	1	1	16000	3400	.....	9900	17	17	42	123	401	607	1285
Wallace Memorial.....	1	1	1	7900	3000	.....	3500	13	13	33	113	377	671	1000
Warwick.....	1	1	1	3200	1200	.....	3500	4	13	33	62	210	318	900
Washington:														
Alexandria.....	1	1	1	40000	.....	3962	20000	1	33	86	169	562	850	300
Calvary.....	1	1	1	30000	9000	20000	25000	7	27	70	136	452	685	1800
Cherrydale.....	1	1	1	30000	6000	7500	12000	5	61	155	307	1021	1544	2400
Congress Street.....	1	1	1	30000	8000	3000	1800	10	39	100	195	651	985	2000
First Church.....	1	1	1	30000	10000	2925	29000	3	32	81	159	528	800	1700
Fort Myer Heights.....	2	2	1	23500	.....	9450	18800	6	17	46	87	281	441	1000
Mt. Olivet.....	1	1	1	20000	9000	3075	9000	4	22	59	114	380	575	1400
Mt. Tabor.....	1	1	1	20000	6000	1470	20000	5	36	83	182	605	916	1800
North Carolina Avenue.....	1	1	1	60000	7000	6339	23500	16	44	108	213	708	1073	1800
Rhode Island Avenue.....	1	1	1	75000	10000	300	36000	38	97	247	490	2630	3464	5300
Thomas H. Lewis Memor.....	1	1	1	21000	.....	.....	2000	4	17	43	85	253	399	1800
Wesley Chapel of Kent.....	2	2	1	25000	2200	.....	10000	14	32	83	162	539	816	1200
Westminster.....	1	1	1	25000	6000	.....	2800	24	48	126	243	816	1238	2030
Whaleyville.....	3	3	1	8000	2500	.....	6500	4	31	78	153	509	771	1200
Wilmington:														
First Church.....	1	1	1	60000	.....	35344	45000	14	30	77	149	497	753	1400
Peninsula.....	1	1	1	120000	37000	58101	86500	20	95	243	483	1608	2423	2500
Detached Churches:														
Chateau.....	1	1	1	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	10	17	55	85	100
Eldorado.....	1	1	1	2500	.....	.....	1000	7	7	18	33	108	160	360
Madison.....	1	1	1	6000	1500	.....	4000	6	6	19	35	114	174	.....
Portsville.....	1	1	1	5000	.....	.....	1000	.....	4	13	21	71	109	240
Quinton.....	1	1	1	5000	.....	.....	2500	.....	6	18	33	107	164	300
Union Church.....	1	1	1	4000	.....	.....	2000	2	7	19	33	110	169	300
Md. Conf. Bldg.....	.....	.....	.....	250000	.....	.....	100000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. T. Seminary.....	.....	.....	.....	170000	.....	.....	90000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. M. College.....	.....	.....	.....	1250000	.....	.....	800000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Home for Aged.....	.....	.....	.....	13000	.....	.....	3000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
President's Parsonage.....	.....	.....	.....	18000	.....	.....	12000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

## MEMBERSHIP

CHARGE	Unstationed Ministers and Preachers	Probationers	Probationers				Full Members				Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Conversions	Sunday Schools			Y.P.S.C.E.						
			Received	Elected to Membership	Withdrawn	Discontinued	Deceased	Received	Withdrawn	Discontinued				Deceased	Schools	Officers and Teachers	New Scholars	Scholars on Roll	C. E. Societies—Senior	Members	Intermediate Societies	Members	Junior Societies
Accomac.....			295	11			4	4			3	5	1	15	32	15	350	1	75				
Amelia.....			202				2	1			1	5	1	11	4	2	130	1	28				
Baltimore:																							
Bethesda.....			247				10	11					15	13	15	37	232	1	32				
Brooklyn.....			366				29	1					19	13	15	62	11	26					
Calvary.....			314				1	1					1	1	1	156	1	16					
Chesaco Park.....			73				2	2					3	3	3	100	1	32					
Christ Church.....			430				23	4					14	13	10	100	1	15					
East Baltimore.....			184				13	1					1	1	1	274	1	23					
Edmondson Avenue.....			586				41	11					14	5	5	105	1	30					
Eutaw.....			492				40	9					13	26	26	440	1	23					
Evergreen.....			171				15	4					1	1	1	339	1	27					
Glen Burnie.....			327				19	4					21	13	13	215	1	30					
Grace.....			336				29	6					15	21	21	400	1	16					
Graceland Park.....			31				6	14					2	2	2	100	2	110					
Hampten.....			719				63	11					29	23	23	215	1	52					
Keen Memorial.....			224	1			15	6					1	1	1	122	1	154					
Lauraville.....			333		1		14	1					10	10	10	230	1	46					
Linthicum Heights.....			286				13	5					7	7	7	136	1	23					
Lowe Memorial.....			445				37	10					3	3	3	182	1	40					
Marley.....			108				1	1					1	1	1	250	1	135					
Nichols' Memorial.....			130				6	1					2	2	2	146	1	20					
North Baltimore.....			223	2	2		2	2					1	1	1	136	1	45					
St. John's.....			452				13	5					11	11	11	131	1	123					
St. Paul's.....			294	8	16		30	3					12	14	14	279	1	34					
South Baltimore.....			150				10	10					10	10	10	362	1	49					
Starr.....			625				28	2					15	15	15	150	1	20					
Texas.....			111				3	3					3	3	3	260	1	42					
Towson.....			274				10	1					10	10	10	400	1	18					
Trinity.....			543				14	4					3	2	2	159	1	20					
Violetville.....			154	7			2	1					1	1	1	309	1	57					
West Baltimore.....			333		7		22	2					3	3	3	440	1	29					
Wilton Heights.....			398	11			48	13					9	4	4	480	2	15					
Bedford.....			368				7	7					8	8	8	273	1	16					
Belair.....			239				15	1					1	1	1	170	1	40					
Bivalve.....			190	18			11	1					9	1	1	120	1	18					
Buckeystown.....			246				25	1					20	8	8	260	1	40					
Cambridge.....			333				12	5					13	1	1	237	2	50					
Caroline.....			101				3	1					12	3	3	196	1	15					
Carroll Circuit.....			109				9	9					20	4	4	311	2	24					
Cecil.....			213				1	1					15	9	9	82							
Centerville.....			138										6	7	7	26	1	15					
Chestertown.....			382				13	3					6	7	7	283	1	45					
Claremont.....			288				1	1					2	2	2	243	2	45					
Clayton.....			114	9	2	7	9						4	4	4	28	1	10					
Crisfield:																							
Mt. Pleasant.....			308	4	2		14						9	40	1	35	54	375	1	147			
Mariners.....			188				2						6	1	1	134	1	50					
Cumberland:																							
First Church.....			354				30	4					22	32	13	137	399						
Cumberland Circuit.....			221				6	6					5	5	5	409	3	85					
Dagsboro.....			201	12	4		15						2	2	2	166	1	35					
Deer Creek.....			166				3	3					19	12	12	162	1	25					
Deer Park.....			342	14			17						9	9	9	364	1	77					
Delmar.....			291				18	1					1	1	1	133	18	330					
Delta.....			216				1	1					2	2	2	116	12	135					
Denton.....			133				1	1					2	2	2	22	2	30					
Dorchester.....			244				4	4					4	4	4	22	2	247					
Dover.....			270	10			2						17	11	11	75	1	15					
Doyleburg.....			200				4						3	3	3	435	300						
Easton.....			270				11						2	6	6	11	105	1	24				

# MEMBERSHIP

CHARGE	Unstationed Ministers and Preachers					Probationers				Full Members				Sunday Schools				Y.P.S.C.E.				
	Probationers					Full Members				Sunday Schools				Y.P.S.C.E.								
	Received	Elected to Membership	Withdrawn	Discontinued	Deceased	Received	Withdrawn	Discontinued	Deceased	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Conversions	Schools	Officers and Teachers	New Scholars	Scholars on Roll	C. E. Societies—Senior	Members	Intermediate Societies	Members	Junior Societies	
Elizabeth.....	111					111																1
Fairfax.....	130					130																
Fawn Grove.....	429					212	217	4		8												
Federalburg.....	137					10	10	1		2												
Finksburg.....	331					331																
First Church, Newark.....	705					333	13			333												
Frederick.....	215					18	3			17												
Friendship.....	24					7	3			4												
Georgetown.....	203					13	7			21												
Greenbackville.....	257					4	1			3												
Greenbush-Hallwood.....	257					18	5			6												
Greenwood-Cannon.....	201					6	1			1												
Grove.....	119					1	1			1												
Harbeson-Lewis.....	262					2	2			1												
Harmony, W. Va.....	172					15	3			3												
Harpers Ferry.....	159					13	3			3												
Harrington.....	217					13	3			10												
Hebron.....	321	1				2	2			2												
Howard.....	335					9				3												
Hurlock.....	104					2	2			3												
Indian River.....	42					6	4			1												
Kempton.....	410					16	6			2												
Kennedyville.....	185	7				2	2			3												
Kent Island-Wye.....	173					6	4			1												
Laurel.....	312					13	4			2												
Laurel Circuit.....	124					6	1			1												
Leeds.....	149					1	1			1												
Leipsic.....	24					1	1			1												
Lewistown-Liberty.....	203	1				4	4			4												
Lynchburg:																						
First Church.....	487					43	9			30	4											
Second Church.....	390					84	2			35	2											
Tyreanna.....	81	2				18	1			1												
Mardela.....	260					11	1			12												
Maryland Line.....	401	15	15			19	10			3	6	4										
Milford.....	447					15	2			30	7											
Milton.....	176	2				8	3			26	2											
Mt. Nebo.....	212					16	1			2	1											
New Church.....	236					1	1			3												
Northumberland.....	399					2				3												
Oxford.....	98	9				11	1			2												
Parksley.....	274					13	1			1	1											
Philadelphia:																						
Emmanuel.....	66					5	7			3												
St. Luke's.....	353					36	2			5	5											
Taylor Memorial.....	196					19	2			2	3											
Pipe Creek.....	146					13	1			1												
Pittsville.....	358					6				4												
Pocomoke City.....	352					17	2			3												
Poplar Springs.....	252					1	7															
Powellville.....	184									10												
Queen Anne.....	66					3				5	1											
Reliance.....	197					4	6			4												
Ridgeville.....	197	2				12	3			5												
St. James.....	262					15				20	5											
St. Michaels.....	131					2																
Salisbury.....	962					165	5			6	5											
Seaford.....	334					4				4												
Sharptown.....	240					6				4												
Snow Hill.....	317					16	1			2												
Stewartstown.....	358					7	1			2	6											
Susquehanna.....	197					9				2												

## MEMBERSHIP

CHARGE		Unstationed Ministers and Preachers	Probationers	Probationers				Full Members				Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Conversions	Sunday Schools			Y.P.S.C.E.												
				Full Members	Received	Elected to Membership	Withdrawn	Discontinued	Decensed	Received	Withdrawn				Discontinued	Decensed	Schools	Officers and Teachers	New Scholars	Scholars on Roll	C. E. Societies—Senior	Members	Intermediate Societies	Members	Junior Societies	Members				
Trinity-Salem	237														2	24	150	1	30											
Union Bridge	148														2	20	136	1	24											
Wallace Memorial	131														1	17	173	3	52	1	35	1	13							
Warwick	70														2	12	96	1	40											
Washington:																														
Alexandria	142														1	23	55	232	1	25										
Calvary	164														1	35	311	1	23		1	17								
Cherrydale	393		16												1	34	402	1	35		1	25	1	15						
Congress Street	235														1	10	213													
First Church	150														1	15	100	1	15											
Fort Myer Heights	112														2	15	30	140	1	10			1	15						
Mt. Olivet	219														1	24	40	270	1	13										
Mt. Tabor	156														1	14	77	187	1	26										
North Carolina Avenue	230														1	27	33	143	1	13										
Rhode Island Avenue	606														1	48	35	400	3	65										
Thomas H. Lewis Memorial	136														1	15	34	178	1	16										
Wesley Chapel of Kent	305														2	45	10	410	2	130										
Westminster	297														1	24	23	252	1	20										
Whaleville	223														3	27	15	343												
Wilmington:																														
First Church	164														2	7	3	2	10	15	1	19	56	180	1	25	1	15	1	8
Peninsula	629														10	69	11		10	11	1	30	400	1	20	1	20			
Detached Churches																														
Chateau	21														1	8	35													
Eldorado	47														2															
Madison	39																													
Portsville	28														4															
Quinton	46														1															
Union Church	62														1															

## STEWARD'S REPORT

	1935	1934	Incr.	Decr.
President's Salary and Expenses.. \$	4,347	\$ 4,420		73
Maryland Conference Budget.....	29,036	29,128		92
General Conference Budget				
Credits:				
Undesignated on Budget.....	5,353	6,910		1,557
Children's Day .....	4,486	3,776	710	
Rally Day .....	3,153	2,998	155	
Young People's Day.....	1,042	858	184	
Easter Offerings .....	4,899	3,962	937	
Women's Auxiliary .....	13,506	14,133		627
Young People's Union.....	720	659	61	
Special for Missions.....	864	1,026		162
Special for Education.....	78	234		156
Special for Children's Home	91	130		39
Paid on Gen. Conf. Budget..	34,192	34,686		494
Paid on Total Assessments....	67,575	68,234		659
Miscellaneous General .....	6,053	4,546	507	
Total for General Interests..	73,628	72,780	848	
Pastors' Salaries .....	195,795	196,342		547
Rental Value of Parsonages.....	52,830	52,395	435	
Current Expenses .....	85,804	86,726		922
Paid on Building & Improvements	33,044	19,910	13,134	
Paid on Debt.....	39,259	22,107	17,152	
Paid on Interest on Debt.....	42,751	43,126		375
Miscellaneous Local .....	43,368	43,205	163	
Total Paid for Local Interests.....	492,851	463,812	29,039	
Total Paid for All Purposes.....	566,415	536,592	29,823	

RAYMOND W. WHITE, Steward,

J. R. McKEAWN, Assistant Steward.

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY

## MEMBERSHIP

	1935	1934	Incr.	Decr.
Ministers and Preachers.....	172	170	2	
Supply Preachers .....	8	5	3	
Unstationed Ministers & Preachers	55	48	7	
Full Members .....	35,822	35,415	407	
Full Members Received.....	2,110	1,862	248	
Full Members Withdrawn.....	369	345	24	
Full Members Discontinued.....	853	1,140		287
Full Members Deceased.....	398	404		6
Probationers Received .....	156	209		53
Probationers elected to				
Membership .....	101	146		45
Probationers Discontinued .....	9	23		14
Adults Baptized .....	305	151	154	
Children Baptized .....	1,217	1,034	183	
Conversions .....	2,039	1,789	250	
Sunday Schools .....	239	243		4
Sunday School Officers & Teachers	3,706	3,764		58
New Scholars .....	3,131	2,978	153	
Scholars on Roll.....	35,787	35,660	127	
Senior C. E. Societies.....	140	141		1
Senior C. E. Society Members.....	4,428	4,454		26
Intermediate C. E. Societies.....	80			
Intermediate C. E. Society				
Members .....	1,408			
Junior C. E. Societies.....	48	52		4
Junior C. E. Society Members.....	1,260	1,388		128

## PROPERTY

Appointments .....	250	246	4	
Churches .....	258	259		1
Parsonages .....	132	132		
Value of Church Property.....	6,618,300	6,499,700	118,600	
Value of Parsonages.....	745,900	754,600		8,700
Debt on Church and Parsonage....	877,582	864,805	12,777	
Church Papers Taken.....	1,725	1,851		126
Insurance on Church & Parsonage	3,804,425	3,802,625	1,800	

J. LEE MARKER, Statistician.

# MANUAL

## RULES OF ORDER AND REGULATIONS

FOR THE

Government of the Maryland Annual Conference

### RULES OF ORDER

#### RULE I. ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE

1. The Conference shall convene in annual session each year on the second Wednesday in June. The fiscal year shall be from June 1 of each year to May 31 of the following year.

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 Secretary shall distribute the printed Minutes to the charges on the basis of one copy for each twenty members. Provided that extra copies may be supplied charges where need may appear. Also, copies shall be mailed to all ministers of the Conference holding special relation to the Conference, to all institutions and officials of the general church, to the widows of ministers of the Conference, and to other miscellaneous organizations that may apply.

5. Each session shall fix the bar of the Conference and shall require all members to sit therein.

#### RULE II. DUTIES OF OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE

##### A—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; preserve the most rigid order, and confine the members to the subject under consideration; not allow improper personalities nor reflections upon any religious communities.

4. 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 ....."

5. State a question sitting but stand when the question is put and taken; stand when he states a point of order and when he makes any formal communication to the Conference.

6. Is not allowed to vote when a question is taken unless there be a tie, but he may vote in case of ballot.

7. 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.



8. The office of stationing the ministers and preachers is committed to the hands of the President of the Conference.

9. It shall be the duty of the President to fill blanks in statistical reports for all charges unsupplied.

10. In the event of the death of any ministerial member, or his wife, or widow, the President shall immediately appoint an Obituary Committee of three ministers and three laymen from the most intimate acquaintances of the deceased.

11. The President of the Conference is relieved from the usual plan of visitation on the charges. He is to make survey of the District; and conduct regular Quarterly District Conferences over the area where feasible; assume general oversight of all church work; examine church registers; 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.

12. The President shall visit the quarterly conferences of the charges as frequently as possible and shall sympathetically present the claims of the General and Annual Conferences; shall seek to secure a salary to the pastor of not less than \$1,200, and the prompt payment of the same; shall urge adequate insurance on all church property, the incorporation of the churches, the employment of approved and systematic financial plans, and such other matters as he may deem of value for the welfare of the work.

#### **B—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. Be the Committee on Credentials and keep an accurate list of members of the Conference.

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, Steward and Statistician shall be the committee on the preparation and printing of the Conference Blanks, and he with the Chairman of the Board of Finance and the Conference Treasurer shall be the committee on publication and distribution of the Minutes.

12. Supply the pastors with blanks, and send 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. These records shall be kept in the vault of the Headquarters Building.

14. He shall maintain a book entitled "Memorial Roll" which shall include the names of the ministers of the Conference who are deceased, in the order of their decease, with information concerning them such as dates of birth and death, places of interment, etc. He shall also maintain a book for ministers' wives, in which a record of their full name (Maiden name), place of birth, church connection, services, etc., shall be kept.

**C—Duties of Steward, Treasurer and Statistician:**

1. The Conference Steward, the Treasurer, and the Statistician, shall constitute the Board of Stewards who shall receive the reports and collections from the pastors and shall be responsible to the Conference for all reports, monies, receipts and vouchers delivered to them.

2. The Board of Stewards shall meet on Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock in open conference to receive the pastors' envelopes containing the reports and collections; shall meet thereafter to make a distribution of the various reports to the proper persons; shall note the agreement of the pastors' financial reports with the financial envelopes and prepare the reports of the Conference.

The report blanks shall consist of the following:

- a. Financial, covering collections for general and local interests.
- b. Statistical, covering memberships of all organizations.
- c. Pastors' personal reports.
- d. Certificate of delegate's and alternate's election.
- e. General information.
- f. A financial envelope corresponding to financial report.
- g. A general envelope to contain the whole.

3. The Steward shall receive, after checking with the Treasurer the envelopes and blanks, the financial reports of the pastors from which he shall make his report.

4. (a) The Treasurer shall receive the financial envelopes and all monies, vouchers and receipts enclosed. He shall hold these monies for distribution according to the action of Conference upon order of the Board of Finance, which order shall be the voucher of the Treasurer covering his various transactions. This same provision for distribution shall apply throughout the year for monies received during the sitting of Conference and for monies received ad interim. He shall keep an account with some accepted bank, and his accounts shall be open for inspection at all times by the President of the Conference, the Board of Finance or by any one designated by either of them. The Treasurer shall designate the charges whose assessment for President's Salary, Travel Expenses and Parsonage Expense is due each month of the year, rotating from year to year. Charges failing to pay their apportionment in the month designated shall be referred to the Board of Finance for further action.

4. (b) Where appropriation is made by the Conference to supplement the salary of a minister, that hereafter the Treasurer of the Conference be directed to deduct from such appropriation one-third of the amount due to the Conference for Group Insurance and the Superannuate Fund, annually, until fully paid.

4. (c) Hereafter when a minister claims superannuate relief the Treasurer of the Conference be instructed to deduct from his apportionment the first year all unpaid obligations to the Superannuate Funds.

5. The Statistician shall receive the membership blanks submitted by the pastors from which he shall make his report.

6. In all cases where discrepancies in reports may appear the Steward, the Treasurer, or the Statistician, according to the department in

which errors may be noted, shall seek to correct same by conference with the pastor concerned.

### RULE III. COMMITTEES

1. 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. The Board of Finance—5 Ministers, 5 Laymen.

The chairman to be appointed one year in advance. Recommend Conference budget, apportion and promote all budget assessments, and have general oversight of Conference finances as provided in Conference Minutes 1930, page 47.

2. Itinerancy and Orders—6 Ministers.

For further record of the duties of this Committee see detail listed in the forepart of the Conference Minutes under title "Conference Examiners and Examinations."

3. Board of Survey and Extension—5 Ministers, 5 Laymen.

The President of the Conference shall be a member ex-officio and the Chairman of the Board. This Board shall serve for the full twelve months period and shall at Conference and ad interim review the church extension needs of the Conference, make recommendations as to Church Extension appropriations, pastors' supplemental salaries, church and parsonage operations (Reg. 1, Par. 9, etc.)

4. Pulpit Service—3 Ministers.

This Committee shall make the assignments for Sabbath preaching during the sitting of Conference.

5. Superannuates—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

Review the needs of the superannuated ministers and widows of the Conference, make appropriations, etc.

6. Christian Literature and Education—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

Review and report on all reports of our educational institutions, publishing interests, etc.

7. Moral Reform and Social Service—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

Deal with such matters as relate to Sabbath observance, prohibition, economic and social conditions.

8. Benevolent Agencies—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

Review the Deaconess work, etc.

9. Official Relations—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

Review and pass upon the character of all ministers and the Conference relationship to their charges, etc., and shall read as part of their report an "Honor Roll" of charges which pay their assessments in full.

10. Obituaries—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

To be appointed by the President upon the death of a minister of the Conference or the wife of a minister.

11. Missions—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

Review the activities of our church in foreign and home fields.

12. President's Report—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

Pass upon the report of the Conference President.

13. Audit—2 Ministers, 1 Layman.

To whom shall be referred all financial reports of institutions and boards belonging to this Conference.

14. Conference Program for the following session—3 Ministers (One of whom shall be the President).

15. Appointees on Executive Committee of Council of Religious Education—President of the Conference and two members, appointed for two years each, but appointed one each year.

16. Home for the Aged—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.  
Review the work of this institution.
17. Conference Arrangements—the President and Standing District Committee.
18. Evangelism—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.  
The President of the Conference a member ex officio, with voting power.  
(This an ad interim committee).
19. Group Life Insurance—President of Conference and Treasurer of Conference.
20. Memorial Day—3 Ministers.
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.

#### RULE IV. ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION

1. The order of business for each session of the Conference shall be arranged by the Program Committee appointed at the preceding session. Its report shall be made immediately following the roll call and be subject to approval, amendment or disapproval by the Conference.

2. For the opening day it shall follow this order:

a. Call to Order.

At nine o'clock A. M., on the day to which the Annual Conference adjourned from the last annual session, the President shall open the Conference by reading a portion of the Word of God, with prayer by himself or by another, and with congregational singing.

b. Roll Call.

The Secretary noting the absentees.

In the event of the death of any member of the Conference since the preceding session, the Chairman of the Obituary Committee, or in his absence some member of the Committee, shall formally announce the fact to the Conference, such announcement being made when the name of the deceased is reached at the Roll Call, and the name shall then, on motion, be transferred to the Memorial Roll by the Secretary.

c. The Program Committee's report for Conference consideration.

d. Memorial Roll Call by some one designated by the President.

e. The Lord's Supper, administered by the President assisted by such ministers as may be selected by him.

f. The Conference Sermon, preached by the President or someone designated by him.

g. The benediction.

#### Afternoon Session, 2 P. M.

h. Examination of the President:

The Conference shall open with a hymn and prayer, after which 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 the committee shall answer the question: "Shall his character pass?"

## i. Election of Officers, 3 o'clock.

1. President
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Steward
5. Statistician

*The Steward, Treasurer and Statistician elected at one session shall serve at the following session of the Conference, and they shall each appoint two assistants with Conference approval.*

6. Standing District Committee, 3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
7. Committee on Appeals, 3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

## j. Examination of Official Character, 4 o'clock.

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 bag of the Conference Steward. The reports and charges against official character shall be handed to the Committee on Official Relations.

## k. Benediction at pleasure.

3. The Program Committee shall adjust the remainder of the Conference sessions without requiring undue absence from the floor of Conference by the committee members.

4. The order of business for the daily sessions shall be arranged by the Program Committee but shall include for each morning, and in such order as the Committee may elect, a devotional service, reading of the Minutes, roll call (complete or absentees only), call by the Secretary for official communications by pastors and delegates, reports from institutions and boards, which shall without reading (unless so requested and allowed at the time) be sent to the proper committees.

5. Committees shall report to the Conference at the time designated in the program. The report may be read by any member of the committee or by the Secretary. A re-reading of the report by the Secretary may be had at any time by a request from the floor.

6. The time for the reports of committees arranged on the program shall be considered as the order of the day and any delayed report must be withheld until the pending Order of the Day is concluded.

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 V. 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 all daily sessions of Conference, unless excused by the Conference on request.

#### RULE VI. MOTIONS

1. Every motion and resolution shall be written, signed and read aloud by the maker, handed to the chair and read aloud by the Secretary, before any action can be taken upon it by the Conference, except motions to adopt and second, motions for amendment which do not change the content of a paper, 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 put first.

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 invitations to fix the place of the meeting of the Annual Conference shall lie on the table twenty-four hours.

### RULE VII. 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 can 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 order shall be as prescribed in the Discipline.

### RULE VIII. 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.

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## REGULATIONS

### Regulation 1. DUTIES OF PASTORS

1. The pastor shall be held jointly responsible with the Stewards of his churches for the collection of the assessments on his charge made by the Conference; in accordance with the provision of the Discipline, and to report quarterly at the time of the District Conference, the amounts raised on his charge for the benevolences to date, in order to determine the standing of his charge concerning the budget for benevolences.
2. It is the duty of the pastors to examine and see that suitable deeds be had for all churches, parsonages and other church property, as to secure them to the Methodist Protestant Church, and whenever allowed by state law have their churches incorporated. 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.
3. Pastors are required to apportion the President's salary suitably among the several appointments, and to have the same paid when notified by the Treasurer of the Conference that it is due.
4. Pastors are required to see that families belonging to their churches are supplied with the Catechism of our church and to arrange in the church schools for its use.
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 according to regulation of the Discipline.
6. Pastors, when changing appointments, shall hand to their successors, a plan of the work of the charge, including correct church registers, addresses of members, names of ill and aged persons, list and addresses of Sunday school members, list of prospective members, etc.

7. 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.

8. 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 Superannuate Fund of this Conference.

9. All pastors are required to submit in detail to the Board of Survey and Extension 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 and Extension shall have reviewed their plans and passed favorably upon the same.

10. All married pastors of the Conference shall be guaranteed a minimum salary of \$1,200, and parsonage, and 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 \$1,200, except in cases where the pastors agree to serve for less than the minimum salary to accommodate personal situations.

Further, that the minimum salary guarantee as outlined above shall be interpreted as meaning that the Annual Conference will appropriate to various charges on pastors' salaries from a maximum total of \$2,500, amounts which are deemed imperative and justifiable by the Board of Survey and Extension, and that no allowance will be made for any deficit that may occur in the salary promised by the church.

11. Pastors, in arranging for their regular Quarterly Conferences shall give the President of the Conference at least two (2) weeks advance notice of date of such meetings, so that the President may be aided in so arranging his itinerary 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 eighteen years shall be entitled to vote in all cases. Provided, that only those who have attained the age of twenty-one years shall be "qualified members" for the purpose indicated in the Constitution of the denomination, Article IV, Section 3, and in the Discipline under "Trustees," page 80, Section 9. (See 1932 Discipline). (These references having to do with property).

2. 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.

3. Every member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-one years shall be eligible as a Treasurer, Steward, Class-leader, and Sunday School Superintendent, Trustee and a Delegate to the Annual Conference.

4. Only those ministers who have faithfully exercised the office of Elder for two years in the Conference shall be eligible to the office of President of the Annual Conference.

5. The Conference records the fact that authority for the appointment of pastors to charges resides in the Annual Conference, but fully recognizes the right of the annual membership meeting or of a quarterly conference to give instructions to the delegate to the Annual Conference as to the return of a pastor, that it strongly disapproves the secret ballot for the return or removal of a pastor, that it condemns the complimentary vote that asks for a pastor's return in the public meeting and seeks his removal at the Annual Conference.



### Regulation III. THE PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE

1. The President's Parsonage, owned by the Conference, is 3600 Copley Road, Baltimore, Md.
2. The Conference each year shall elect an Agent of the President's Parsonage, who shall out of monies placed in his hands for the purpose pay the water rent, insurance and maintain all needful repairs.
3. An assessment of \$4,500 shall be laid on the District for the President's salary, traveling expenses and for the expenses of the President's Parsonage, the assessment to be known as "President's Salary and Expenses." Nine-tenths (\$4,050) of this amount shall be paid the President for salary and traveling expenses; one-tenth (\$450) shall be paid to the Agent of the President's Parsonage for the purposes recorded in Section 2. The method of levying this assessment is recorded under Rule II, Section C, paragraph 4.

### 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. MINISTERS AND SPECIAL RELATIONS

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. CHURCH SCHOOLS

1. As a preparation for more efficient study and teaching of the Word, teacher's meetings should be steadily 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. OUR CHURCH HOME

1. Every charge shall elect or appoint a Lady Visitor from each church on the charge, where there is more than one appointment, and 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 cooperate with the Board of Lady Superintendents in securing special donations 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 requirements 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**

Ordained ministers only have the right to administer, or to assist in administering, the Christian ordinances of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, baptism and marriage; except those pastors who have been given license by an Annual Conference for one year at a time. A license to preach, or election to orders (preceding ordination) does not constitute this right.

#### **Regulation IX. UNSTATIONED MINISTERS**

The Conference will not recognize as an unstationed 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, selling chances, and other games of hazards, is strongly condemned by this Conference. Pastors are required to oppose such methods. The wilful continuance of such practices shall, upon recommendation of the Committee on Official Relations, subject pastors and churches responsible, to disciplinary action.

#### **Regulation XI. MORTGAGING CHURCH PROPERTY**

The placing of mortgages 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 the 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 a record of his nativity, and 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. UNFERMENTED WINE**

The Conference recommends the use of unfermented wine in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

### Regulation XV. DROPPING MEMBERS

Members of the church who remove from the community without taking a certificate shall be given pastoral care through correspondence by the pastor, and if they manifest an interest in the church and desire to be continued as members shall remain on the register. But such members, and members remaining in the community but absenting themselves from the church services, and failing to give to the support of the church or to cooperate with the church in Christian work for more than one year, shall be visited by the pastor or written to by him if residing elsewhere and appealed to in loving solicitude for their loyalty to their Lord and to the church and to resume active relations to the church. If after six months, no change is manifest, it shall be the duty of the quarterly conference to address to each of such members a kind and Christian letter calling attention to their loss and the loss to the church of such neglect, and beseeching them not to abandon the hope of their calling in Christ Jesus, and admonishing them that if no change is made by them within six months the church will be compelled to regard their silence to mean that they wish to end their communion with us, and to drop their names from our register. If, after another interval of six months any member thus advised still manifests no interest, it shall be the duty of the pastor to report their names to the church and to show that the requirements of this section have been complied with, and the church shall have authority then to vote whether such members shall be continued or dropped. In the case of stations this action may be taken by the quarterly conference.

### Regulation XVI. MEMORIAL DAY

A Standing Committee of three shall be appointed to arrange Memorial Services to be held on the Sunday nearest May 30, of each year, by congregations and ministers in honor of the ministers of the Methodist Protestant Church who are buried in cemeteries located near our churches. The duty of this committee will be to secure information about the burial places of all members of the Conference whose names are on our Memorial Roll, to gather biographical data to be used in the Memorial Services, to prepare an Order of Service for use when desired, and to arrange or appoint churches and ministers to conduct these services when such appointments would aid in securing a service for every minister who has been a member of the Conference and has passed into the Heavenly home.

### 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. Provided, that this regulation shall apply only to appointments within the Maryland Conference District. It is expected that with men who have been "loaned" or who have been in special relation outside of the Maryland Conference area the agency served or the minister moving shall provide the moving cost.

### Regulation XVIII. ELECTION OF DELEGATES

#### First. 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.

#### Second. 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.

Third, 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; provided however that in case both the delegate and the alternate are unable to attend the sessions of the Conference a special election may be held, and such election be construed as an adjourned session of the meeting which elected the original delegate.

Fourth. In all cases of the election of delegate some one other than the pastor shall preside and shall sign the certificate of election. The pastor's name attached to any certificate of election invalidates the same.

#### **Regulation XIX. PLAN OF CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT**

##### **A—Expense of Travel:**

The transportation of ministers and delegates to and from the Annual Conference shall be placed upon a mileage basis of two (2) cents per mile. A special committee shall be raised annually to compute the mileage and report the same to the Conference Treasurer who shall pro-rate the Transportation Assessment and notify the charges accordingly through the pastors. The churches are expected to pay the same before a designated period prior to the sitting of the Conference. Pastors and delegates will receive a Treasurer's check for the round trip to their homes. Superannuates will have their expenses paid out of the Conference Funds.

##### **B—Expense of Entertainment**

1. Each charge shall be assessed an amount equal to one percent 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 (who are pastors), candidates for admission, superannuates, supernumeraries, those in special relation and the General Agents of the church, are eligible for entertainment.

3. No member of the Conference can make a claim on the Conference if he remains at his own home, or if he is entertained, without expense to himself, by relatives or friends.

4. In lieu of money for board, a member is permitted to charge his 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. Members are not entitled to the maximum amount if their actual expenses are less.

5. All members of Conference who make their own arrangements to stop at hotels or boarding houses shall be entitled to the maximum amount of \$2.00 per day.

##### **C—Cooperation**

1. The Conference shall require that every charge shall cooperate in this plan, and the names of the charges which fail to cooperate shall be reported to the Conference.

### Regulation XX. PLAN OF LEVY FOR THE BUDGET

1. The Budget System in distribution is of three parts—
  - a. The President's Salary, Traveling Expense and Parsonage Expenses.
  - b. Maryland Conference interests, to wit:—Incidental expenses of Conference, Superannuates, Church Extension, Our Church Home and Headquarters Building.
  - c. General Conference Interests, to wit:—The Board of Christian Education, the Board of Missions, the Board of Superannuates (for the General Church), the Children's Home (High Point, N. C.), the Aged People's Home (West Lafayette, Ohio), the American Bible Society, the Contingent Fund.
2. 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 for 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 previous year, and determine the per capita necessary to provide 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 Budget, 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 of each Conference session.

### Regulation XXII. ADMISSION TO THE ITINERANCY

1. Candidates for admission to the itineracy of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church should have a collegiate training, and must be graduates of the Westminster Theological Seminary, or a school of equal rank, except where experience and practice have demonstrated such unusual natural and spiritual graces as would justify, for such individual, the suspension of the foregoing regulation upon the recommendation of the Committee on Itineracy and Orders and the vote of the Conference.
2. The President of the Conference shall have authority to employ local preachers, preferably Seminary students, to supply charges where their services can be utilized.
3. The provision of the Discipline that itinerant preachers shall be eligible for ordination only after serving three years under the appointment of an Annual Conference, shall apply to all candidates after the 1935 Conference Session, exclusive of any time served while a student.

**FORM OF BEQUEST AND ANNUITIES**

I give and devise (if real estate) or I give and bequeath (if personal property) to (here name the proper incorporated body and if not incorporated name an incorporated General or Local Conference Board having jurisdiction) the following described real (personal) property, to wit: (here describe property) with the request that it be used for the following purposes.

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Name or names of Corporations of Institutions.

It is my desire that this devise (or bequest) shall not fail because of a failure to properly name the corporate body organized for the purpose of receiving bequests and holding title to property for the purposes of this legacy and in the event that the donee of this bequest (or devise) shall not be incorporated, I direct my said Executor (or Executrix) to pay over or convey said real (or personal) property to the proper incorporated body of the Methodist Protestant Church having power to accept and hold bequests for the Society, Institution or body named in this Article or for the purposes set forth herein.

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**HISTORY**  
of the  
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**Methodist Protestant Church**  
**1829---1934**

As Compiled By  
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## PREFACE

The Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church will always abound in gratitude to the late Dr. Thomas Hamilton Lewis for his frequent laborious and sacrificial attempts from time to time to preserve the records of this Conference.

In addition to the "Historical Record" published up to the date of our Centennial in 1928, Dr. Lewis, after years of effort and considerable expense, succeeded in assembling the Annual Conference Minutes of all the sessions from the first in 1829 and formally presented them securely bound to this Conference at the session of 1905. They are securely stored in the vault in the basement of our Headquarters Building at 516 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

In the semi-centennial year of 1880, Dr. Lewis and Dr. J. T. Murray presented a "Historical Sketch of the Maryland Annual Conference for the First Fifty Years." This was published and circulated in a little book now out of print. It was reprinted in the Centennial Edition of the Historical Record, along with the Semi-Centennial Sermon of Dr. J. K. Nichols and the Diamond Jubilee and Centennial Sermons of Dr. Lewis, and other records of inestimable value.

All these historical documents were produced by Dr. Lewis without any financial profit, though they required arduous labor on his part over a period of at least forty years.

## SESQUI-CENTENNIAL

The approaching sesqui-centennial of the organization of Methodism in America reminds us of the part which the Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church has taken in the one hundred and fifty years of Methodist history. At the session of 1933 this Conference, in cooperation with the general Sesqui-Centennial Committee, provided a committee to represent our Conference in this great celebration, and instructed this committee to have prepared an appropriate history of this Conference, including the session of 1934.

No funds were available for use in carrying out these instructions. Consequently, your Conference President, having access to the volumes of the Conference Minutes, above referred to, has undertaken to provide at least a few historical observations derived from the reading of these vast volumes of Annual Conference Minutes. He has tried to avoid a repetition of any of the facts contained in the semi-centennial sketch of Dr. Lewis and Dr. Murray, but to add to this sketch the record of the fifty-five years following its preparation.

The author has presumed to add a few observations omitted in the semi-centennial sketch for the reason that these facts gather additional sentiment as the years pass. The closing sentence of Dr. Lewis' "Explanatory Preface" provides additional inspiration for this attempt—"and keep its (the Conference's) facts and figures unspotted from the world!" Nine months after these words were written, while we were in the midst of the first session of the second century of our Conference history, Dr. Lewis slipped away to join those whose names are on the Memorial Roll and the noble army of laymen who compose our Conference membership in the Father's House above.

Whether this Conference shall desire to publish, preserve, or discard this sketch is of little concern to its author, who has found ample joy and rich intellectual refreshing from the lengthy research he has made in the voluminous records containing the facts abbreviated and assembled herein.

LEONARD B. SMITH.



## HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE MARYLAND CONFERENCE

## Chapter I

A reading of the "Historical Sketch of the Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church for the First Fifty Years," by Dr. J. T. Murray and Dr. T. H. Lewis, suggests a cluster of names which must never lose their familiar sound when called. The passing of the years endangers memory's precious treasures. Therefore, we mention again some of these leaders in the early years, linking them with some of those who followed in their train in the second half-century.

Attention should be called to the tribute entitled "Our Leaders of the First Century," by Rev. Frank T. Benson, D.D., Editor of the Methodist Protestant, published in the Centennial Memorial Volume in 1928. Therein are testimonials to Nicholas Snethen, first President of the Maryland Conference, Asa Shinn, Dennis B. Dorsey and Alex. McCaine, great defenders of "Mutual Rights" reform, Thos. H. Stockton, perhaps the greatest preacher of them all, Samuel K. Jennings, pioneer reformer, Francis Waters, educator and author of the name "Methodist Protestant," and two leading pioneers of the laity, Wm. S. Stockton and Hon. P. B. Hopper.

We shall, therefore, pass these names by with the hope that Dr. Benson's tribute to them may be read again in this connection.

**Eli Henkle.** Strong advocate of the "essential elements and principles of the Methodist Protestant Constitution and Discipline." Ordained by Bishop Murray. Served two terms of three years each as President, with a vote of commendation, at the close, for his excellent work. In stature not tall, but round and well developed and near-sighted. Socially cheerful, without levity and solid without moroseness. A very sweet singer with a deep toned voice.

**Frederick Stier.** A former presiding elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church, an uncle of the late Henry Stier Dulaney, one of the most prominent and generous Baltimore laymen in that church. First pastor of St. Johns Church, then known as Baltimore Station. Zealous early devotee to the cause of foreign missions in the Methodist Protestant Church. In his family prayers he would mention the heathen nations and those who "were holding up the light of life to them," and his soul would immediately kindle into an ecstasy. A man of strong native intellect. It was said of him that "his failings leaned to virtue's side." So bold in his reproof of sin, he could even enjoy a joke better if he recognized in it a repartee against evil. As a preacher, he was earnest, practical, pointed and vociferous. Brother Stier was a large, tall and muscular man, and stooped a little as he walked with a noiseless step.

**Charles Rigby.** His name is prominent because it heads our Memorial Roll. He died just five months after receiving his first appointment as a missionary in the Maryland Conference, aged 48 years. Blind from his youth, but a good preacher. Buried at his request under the pulpit of Wesley Chapel erected near his residence in Kent County, Maryland.

**Joseph Scull.** His name occurs in the first plan of appointments with the unique distinction of being the first missionary of our church to the Eastern Shore. He died at Easton in the year following this appointment.

**William Kesley.** Too little has been written in historical documents about this most active and useful pioneer in the Maryland Conference. Perhaps no two men combined brought so many vital issues to the place of favorable action in the Conference as did Wm. Kesley. He was active in the formation of the Superannuate Fund Society, the author of the first

recorded effort to establish a Methodist Protestant Seminary of Learning, and whose widow spent much of her later life in the education of young women in Alexandria, Virginia. He was the maker of the first recorded motion inquiring into "what could be done by our church in the cause of Home and Foreign Missions," in 1837, resulting in the formation of the Maryland Conference Foreign and Home Missionary Society. He was appointed to write and preserve the minutes of the first few years of our Conference history, without which we would have no accurate record. A local preacher expelled from the Methodist Episcopal Church in September 1829, he joined the Associated Methodist Church. He was diminutive in size, with a very large head, of a cheerful disposition and easily approached. Highly educated and naturally gifted, he was almost a peerless debater. Judge Chambers pronounced him the most masterly disputant he ever encountered. The body lies buried under the pulpit of Wesley Chapel of Kent. Kesley Chapel, now closed, in Kent County, recently sold, was erected to his memory.

**Samuel Rawleigh.** A former member of the Philadelphia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, his application for entrance being opposed strenuously because he was a Free Mason. When the session adjourned at which he was received, Bishop Asbury put his arm around him and said, "Well, honey, they didn't hurt you much," by which Rawleigh inferred, perhaps correctly, that the Bishop himself was also a Mason. He was once elected to the Maryland Legislature, but being a minister was debarred by the State Constitution. He was a man of two books, the Bible and the Hymn Book, and he knew both well. His language was sometimes poor, but always earnestly and fervently used. In exhorting sinners he would often take fire.

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There are doubtless many others of our early fathers who deserve to be mentioned in this sketch, but for the time and space it would require. Let us, however, recall particularly a few names borne by fathers and brothers in the same families whose work stands out so prominently in Methodist Protestant history.

**THE REESES.** Perhaps no name is quite so prominent as this in the first half-century of the Maryland Conference. Dr. Daniel E. Reese, Sr., wielded the gavel to organize the first session of this Annual Conference, as President pro tem. He was an uncle of four noted brothers who rendered valued service to the Methodist Protestant Church, all of whom achieved great prominence in both the religious and educational world, three of whom became Presidents, and one of them a noted Editor of The Methodist Protestant.

**John Smith Reese.** This is another of that notable company expelled from the mother church. He was a man of short stature, but rotund, and well developed, having a broad expansion of forehead with keen and searching eyes. Socially he was amiable, genial and entertaining. As a preacher he blended pathos with logic, and melted his audience to tears while he chained them with his argument.

Dr. Reese evidently won and held the confidence of the entire Conference. Three times he was chosen President for terms of three years each, his death at 65 years of age occurring one month before the expiration of his third term. He was the only President to die during his administrative career, and he is the only one who has served more than two terms in this position.

**Levi Rogers Reese,** was sixteen years younger than his brother, John, though his death at 45 years of age occurred four years before that of his older brother. He was a man of fine commanding appearance with superior social qualities, and in that respect admirably endowed for effective usefulness in his high and holy office. With an intellect natively quick of perception and readily discerning, and with a disposition constitutionally polished and amiable, his presence was always respected and his opinion

eagerly sought. His last sermon, preached in the old church at Green and Lombard Streets, just two weeks before his death, on the subject of "Love as the Essential Element of all Christian Experience and Character," made a profound impression on his audience.

Levi Reese was the first preacher to be licensed under our ecclesiastical authority in Baltimore, having been licensed by the Quarterly Conference of the Associated Methodist Church of Baltimore, Rev. Nicholas Sneathen, Chairman, January 10, 1829. He also upheld the Reese traditions in being chosen President of the Conference. It was during his term of office that the serious controversy arose relative to the right of St. John's Church to retain its status of a mission, and to be exempt from the limited term in the pastorate, in order that Dr. Augustus Webster might be retained indefinitely as pastor. Dr. Reese and Dr. Webster, both conscientiously to be sure, engaged in some severe disputes in the Conference and on the printed page. Though St. John's was lost to the denomination for a period of sixty years as a result of the controversy, yet both Dr. Reese and Dr. Webster maintained an irreproachable reputation, the former being reelected to the Presidency immediately following the clash, and Dr. Webster participating with deep feeling at the burial of Dr. Reese.

**Tamsey Ann Reese.** It is imperative that we tarry at the name of Levi R. Reese, to bring to our remembrance his young wife, who was left a widow in the second year of her marriage, while only twenty-eight years of age. Before her marriage to Dr. Reese she was Tamsey Ann Hughlett of Dorchester County, and as a young woman nineteen years of age, attended a revival conducted by Judge Philemon B. Hopper and was converted, and received into the Methodist Protestant Church. The result of that revival in this one conversion can never be fully told.

Following the death of her husband, and shortly thereafter of her only child, a little girl, she consecrated her long widowhood of fifty-eight years to a life of marvelous beneficence to the ministry, the Maryland Conference interests, the Bible and Tract Societies, the local churches of the Conference, all the churches and the poor in her home town of Easton, Maryland.

Throughout most of that long period of time she placed into the hands of the Conference President for distribution to needy ministers at least \$600 a year, aside from purchasing for every young minister as he entered the Conference a good supply of valuable books. For many years also she generously contributed to the Bible and Tract Societies, Church Extension and Missionary Work, and from time to time made generous gifts to the Book Directory.

It is not extravagant to say that this pious and generous-hearted, lonely, childless widow gave to all these interests in excess of one hundred thousand dollars, and that she perhaps holds the distinction of having been the donor of the largest gifts ever received from any one person by the Maryland Conference and its various interests.

The Maryland Conference must never cease to thank God for this humble and generous handmaiden of His, who sowed so bountifully in His vineyard during her long and beautiful life of eighty-six years.

**Daniel Evans Reese, Jr.** This younger brother of John S., and Levi R. Reese, was the third member of the Reese family to be chosen President of this Conference. His term occurred many years later, and near the close of his long and useful ministerial career. However, he was received into the Conference of 1830, and figured prominently in the first half-century of our Conference history.

Dr. Daniel Reese, Jr., lived longer than any of the four noted Reese brothers. In his early ministry, while assistant pastor of Deer Creek Charge, he had an impressive dream wherein he saw a young friend of his struggling with a call to the ministry, but depressed in spirit and hesitant about the response. So impressed was young Reese by his dream

that he rode horseback all the way to Baltimore and found his chum exactly as pictured in the dream. The result was that the young man went back with young Reese and spent a period of time with him on the field. At the following Conference both were received into the itinerancy, and incidentally both later became Presidents of the Conference. The young man was Josiah Varden.

Daniel Evans Reese was the first minister to receive from Western Maryland College the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity, in 1868.

**E. Yates Reese.** This youngest member of the distinguished quartette of Reese Brothers, like his brother Levi, died in the prime of a most useful life, at the age of 45. To read the record of his achievements in the educational, ministerial, and editorial spheres, is almost like fiction.

Deprived of the advantages of scholastic pursuits, he profited by the instruction of his noble uncle Daniel E. Reese, Sr., a minister and also school teacher. While only 18 years of age, Yates opened a school on his own account in order to provide for his widowed mother's family, following the death of his father. He soon found himself surrounded by nearly fifty pupils, many of whom were his seniors.

Five years later, at the age of 23, he was elected, over the protest of some who objected on account of his youthfulness, Editor of The Methodist Protestant. Following his election to this important position he spent the remaining 22 years of his most useful life as a public lecturer, educator and journalist. For polemic disputation, for defense of Christian doctrines, for appreciative review of new books, or criticism of a new poem, for keen repartee, for rebuke of vice, he was always ready.

As a preacher and theologian he held a place in the front ranks of his day, his texts being frequently extended passages of Scripture, and his sermons expository.

It was said at the time of his death, no citizen of Baltimore was more widely known or more generally beloved. Hundreds of its business men remembered him as their first perceptor. At the funeral services in the church at Green and Lombard Streets, the audience included the clergy of the city, the Board of Commissioners of Public Schools, Officers of Baltimore City Corporation, official members of all denominations and many other distinguished citizens.

What has been written here concerning the Reese family, so prominent in the early history of the Maryland Conference, may appropriately be duplicated in large measure in reference to other family names which mark distinguished leaders, such as the following:

**THE WEBSTERS.** Isaac and Augustus, native sons of Harford County, were both conspicuous among the giants of those days. Isaac, twenty-one years the elder, voluntarily seceded from the Methodist Episcopal Church, at the time of the beginning of the Reform movement, because he so thoroughly sympathized with our fathers who had been unjustly thrown from that communion. His talents were said to be more useful than brilliant, but he stood perhaps at the head of the list in his zeal for the Methodist Protestant Church, leading to the breaking down of his health, and the loss of his useful life at the age of 64. He served a term of three years in the Presidency, and filled other positions of prominence and usefulness. His tenderness in preaching earned for him the name, "the weeping prophet."

Augustus, though twenty years the younger, lived to the ripe old age of 82 years. He also was chosen President of the Conference, and for many years was pastor of St. John's Ind. Methodist Protestant Church. He was compared to Chrysostum, "the golden mouthed." In the Conference he was a persuasive debater, in the chair an able parliamentarian, and vigorous executive, in the pastorate a tireless worker, and in the pulpit a master preacher.

**THE BATES.** There is a remarkable series of prominent brothers running throughout our Conference history. The last part of the first half-century was prominently marked by this family name, graced by two active and useful brothers, Lawrence Webster and Daniel Webster Bates. Both of these were chosen to the presidency of the Conference, and filled this and other positions of prominence. Lawrence was four years younger, but was President seventeen years before the administration of his brother. Both lived to a ripe old age — octogenarians.

Both were men of great culture and wide literary attainments, and were such charming conversationalists that their presence in any social circle was a guarantee of wholesome delight. Dr. Daniel's series of "Letters to a Catholic Priest," in *The Methodist Protestant*, "did much to enlighten the people on the leading doctrines of the Roman church," and Dr. Lawrence's "Memoirs" is a most enlightening and highly entertaining volume.

**THE NICHOLS.** James K., and John R. Nichols took their places among the leaders during and following the trying years of the Civil War. Dr. Jas. K. served as President during the war. There was great division of sentiment and opinion. Party sentiment precipitated the alienation of friends and kindred and churches in some cases were rent asunder. President Nichols, though decided in his convictions, conducted himself with such prudence and brotherly kindness that he retained the confidence of all in his leadership and sincerity to the close of his administration which was co-terminous with the deplorable strife.

He was also Vice-President of Western Maryland College, and Professor of Belles Lettres. President J. T. Ward, of Western Maryland College, declared he had never been "associated with a man whose whole life and character were more nearly perfect" than that of Jas. K. Nichols. Dr. Nichols' Sermon in commemoration of the Semi-Centennial of our Conference, in March 1879, is published in the Centenary volume of the *Historical Record*.

**THE MURRAYS.** The close of the first half-century found another pair of brothers well out in front in the leadership of the Maryland Conference, John Jackson and Joshua Thomas Murray, each of whom served a term of three years in the Presidency, and both of whom held many other positions of importance in the denominational life.

Dr. J. J. Murray was the older by six years, and survived his younger brother by six years. He died during the 1905 session of Conference at the age of 81 years. A convert of Dr. Jas. K. Nichols when 15 years of age, before his eighteenth birthday he became an itinerant member of the Maryland Conference, a privilege he enjoyed over a period of six years. In him education and piety found complete harmony in development. He was known by all as "an able minister of the New Testament." Aside from being President of his own Conference, he was also chosen President of the General Conference. He ranks high among the best preachers and most intellectual men the Maryland Conference ever produced. On one occasion when the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was making inviting overtures for union with the Methodist Protestant Church, a prominent Bishop of that church turned to Dr. Murray in the chair and said, "We'll make you a Bishop, sir."

Dr. J. T. Murray was indebted to his older brother while the former was yet a youth for much of his intellectual preparation for the ministry, the facilities of college and seminary not then being available for bright young men. His prominence and leadership not only demonstrated themselves in important pastorates, but also in being chosen as President of his Conference for three years, filling the editorial chair in a most critical period in the history of the Methodist Protestant Church following the Civil War, his service in behalf of the Bible and Tract causes, the Book Directory, as a Trustee of Western Maryland College, and as one of the founders of the Theological Seminary. To Dr. J. T. Murray along with

Dr. T. H. Lewis we are indebted for the Historical Sketch for the First Fifty Years of the Maryland Conference published in the Centennial Edition. To those of our day he is personally identified as the father of Mrs. F. T. Benson and Thomas A. Murray, and the grandfather of F. Murray Benson.

**THE ELDERDICES.** We cannot pass the mention of these sets of brothers in the leadership of our Conference without tarrying to mention the two generations of Elderdice brothers who truly did their part, and which part, thank God, is not yet ended.

John and James Martin Elderdice were brothers active in the close of the first half-century of our Conference life. Too modest and humble to be chosen for positions of great prominence, they both distinguished themselves by their sincere devotion to their several pastoral fields and their most tireless energies therein.

Brother James Martin Elderdice made the name of being the most submissive minister in the Conference with reference to his appointment. On one occasion the President said to him, "If I were to send you to the North Pole I suppose you'd go, would you not?" With a tremulous voice and a tear-drop glistening in his eye, he replied, "as far as I could, Sir, in that direction." He is said never to have spent an idle hour in his ministry, the element of his being and the glory of his consecration having been to work for Christ and the advancement of His Kingdom, to win souls and build up the Methodist Protestant Church. He gave to the Maryland Conference two noble sons and one grandson who are among the honored ministers of our Conference, Dr. James L. Elderdice, his son Charles Martin Elderdice, Pastor of Crisfield Charge, and Dr. Hugh Latimer Elderdice, the best known, the most useful, and the best loved minister in the entire Methodist Protestant Church.

"And what shall I more say" in this personal phase of our sketch. "For the time would fail me to tell of" W. W. Wallace, pioneer in the District of Columbia, James Hanson and W. C. Pool, trail blazers in upper Virginia, John Fernon, our first missionary to Pennsylvania and New Jersey, David Croll, pioneer in Baltimore County, Wm. Bawden, pioneer in Anne Arundel County, Chas. W. Jacobs, youngest of them all, itinerant pastor of four charges from the first and died before his 21st birthday; and of Josiah Varden, Wm. Collier, J. W. Everist, Washington Roby, S. B. Southerland, David Wilson, T. D. Valiant, Wm. S. Hammond, Webster M. Strayer, John D. Kinser, A. D. Melvin, Francis T. Little, Jarrett M. Sheridan, John S. Bowers and Luther F. Warner, all honored, efficient and beloved Presidents of this great Conference, who have gone to their reward; and of Francis Waters, S. K. Cox, J. T. Ward, Peter Light Wilson, H. C. Cushing, B. F. Benson, Jas. T. Lassell, El. A. Warfield and Thos. Hamilton Lewis, great educators, the last great not only here, but in every sphere of church life, among either our own or any other denomination; of Asa Shinn, Daniel Davies, E. J. Drinkhouse, F. T. Tagg, F. T. Benson, in many respects peerless leaders in the editorial field; and of J. M. Holmes, W. R. Graham, D. L. Greenfield and others, gospel preachers of the highest class; and of Fred C. Klein, T. E. Colbourne, E. H. Van Dyke of burning missionary passion; and hundreds of others on the Memorial Roll, whose Christlike lives, pastoral devotion and evangelistic zeal have resulted in countless souls to glorify their Father in Heaven, and who are now their joy and their crown.

## Chapter II.

### EVANGELISM

In the semi-centennial sketch of 1881 attention was called to the fact that the churches of the Maryland Conference in fifty-three years had produced and commissioned nearly three hundred itinerant gospel preachers, and perhaps as many local preachers, and had turned "from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God" more than fifty thousand souls. The latter statement refers only to those converts who united with the Methodist Protestant Church.

The number of itinerant ministers since then has increased to nearly six hundred, including those who have come to us by transfer, but not including those who have entered other Conferences or denominations after having been licensed by our churches. With few exceptions this vast host of ministers were parts of the fruitage of countless harvests reaped from the evangelistic labors of our fathers. The Maryland Conference had its largest growth in times of greatest evangelistic zeal.

Not until 1886 was the number of conversions regularly reported by pastors. During forty-eight years since then there have been reported about 135,000 conversions. Adding to these the probable number from 1881 to 1886 and the very conservative estimate of Dr. Murray and Dr. Lewis in the first Historical Sketch, it is safe to estimate that fully two hundred thousand souls have been won to Christ in the churches of the Maryland Conference in the one hundred and five years of its history, an average of nearly two thousand annually for more than a century. Truly our Father in Heaven has been glorified by the bearing of much fruit on the part of those of His children who have been sheltered in our happy fold.

In the sketch of 1881 it was noted that during the fifty-three years over forty-nine thousand members had been received into the church, the membership in that year being fifteen thousand. The second half-century has brought the full membership on roll to over thirty-five thousand, an increase of one hundred and thirty-three and one-third percent in fifty years, and during this time we have received into our churches a total of one hundred and eighteen thousand members. Adding the total reported in the first half century we have revealed the joyful fact that in the one hundred and five years of our history one hundred and sixty-seven thousand persons have joined the churches of the Maryland Conference, a number not far below our present entire denominational membership.

The outstanding decade of our history in the number of conversions was from 1912 to 1922 during which we had a harvest of over thirty-five thousand souls, or thirty-five hundred a year for ten years. An alarming condition is revealed in the number of conversions reported in the next decade ending last year, which is nearly twelve thousand less than the previous decade. This means that for the past ten successive years conversions have averaged one hundred a month less than during the previous decade.

Can it be that in our zeal for a more extensive world program, higher education, advanced efficiency, improved equipment and a trained leadership, we have allowed ourselves to miss the one real aim of Christ's great commission?

### Chapter III.

#### EDUCATION

In the first half-century of the Maryland Conference frequent attempts were made to establish educational institutions for our youth and a school of theology all our own for the training of young ministers. A "Seminary of Learning" was suggested in a resolution by Wm. Kesley, passed at the Conference of 1835, but it failed to become a reality. Some of our early fathers were prominent in the establishment and conduct of such educational institutions as Windsor Institute, Madison College, and Lynchburg College, and finally in 1868 Western Maryland College was established at Westminster under the supervisory control of the Maryland Conference.

The semi-centennial sketch stated that during the twelve years of its existence Western Maryland College had graduated ninety-four students, and that about half that number had received partial training therein for the ministry. Since 1881, the number of graduates has increased to 2153, of whom fifty are now serving in the Maryland Conference. Many of these have achieved great prominence in the various professions, and in the business world. Present enrollment 485; total in all departments 810.

For several years following its establishment Western Maryland College had a property valued at \$25,000.00, and a debt of nearly the entire amount.

Throughout its history this institution has had three Presidents, all of whom were honored ministers of the Maryland Conference, — Rev. J. T. Ward, D. D., 1870-75, Rev. T. H. Lewis, D.D. LL.D., 1886-1920, and Rev. A. N. Ward, D.D., LL.D., since 1920.

As a result of the untiring efforts of these efficient executives aided by the agents appointed from time to time, and by the counsel and cooperation of its Board of Trustees, most of whom were ministers and laymen of the Maryland Conference, the property valuation has advanced to \$1,100,000, with a debt of only \$69,000, and through bequests and gifts from year to year, and a gigantic campaign ten years ago, together with a State appropriation, and a large gift from the Rockefeller Educational Foundation, an endowment has been established now valued at \$800,000, making Western Maryland one of the leading Liberal Arts Colleges in the United States.

#### Westminster Theological Seminary

Though this great school of the prophets now rightly belongs to the entire denomination, and though its student body is now composed of candidates for the ministry in several denominations, nevertheless its establishment and early development and practically all of its phenomenal progress, material and otherwise, have been the results of statesmanlike leadership, very largely, if not almost entirely, within the Maryland Conference. To write and read the account of the rise of this institution is like reading the most prominent chapter, if not the most important events, of the second half of the history to date of the Maryland Conference. For years before it established our young ministers had procured such training as was possible, with the facilities available, at one time in Madison College, Uniontown, Pa., largely under Methodist Protestant management, Windsor Institute under that eminent educator, already mentioned, Dr. Francis Waters, and finally in a department of theology in Western Maryland College.

The sketch of 1881 briefly refers to a committee appointed with Dr. Murray chairman, at the session of the Maryland Conference that year, with instructions "to mature some plan by which systematic theology may be taught the graduates of Western Maryland College who are preparing for the ministry, and report the same to the next session of this Conference." "This contemplates," said the writers, "the establishment of a Theological Seminary in the near future."



This committee at the next Conference session, made a favorable report with the following recommendation: "That we endeavor to secure pledges from one hundred persons to give, or be responsible for, \$10 each." The report was adopted by a vote of 84 to 12. A kind Providence has obscured the identity of these twelve apostles or disciples who voted against this recommendation.

The modest building in which this great school operated for the first decade or more, including the ground donated by Western Maryland College, represented a cost of only about \$4,000. From time to time, through the generous gifts of friends, including Messrs. Samuel Norment of Washington, Jos. D. Baker of Frederick, J. M. Topham, Mrs. Lydia Brubaker, Mrs. E. J. Hill, A. E. Tull of Marion Station, and many others, improvements were made to the property as necessity demanded, a home was erected for the President, a scholarship fund was accumulated, and an endowment procured amounting at the end of the first twenty-five years to about \$7,500.

For the first forty years of its existence the Theological Seminary was largely a Maryland Conference institution, its charter providing that it should be under the direction and supervision of the General Conference through a Board of Governors, one-half of whom to be elected by the General Conference and the other half by the Maryland Conference. In 1922 a reorganization was recommended by the General Conference wherein all the members of the Board of Governors would be elected by the General Conference. The Maryland Legislature made the desired change in the charter, and since then the Seminary has truly belonged to the whole church. The North and the South, the East and the West including the Orient united "in paying grateful tribute to the Maryland Conference" for having founded, nurtured, and almost wholly supported this institution for fully a quarter of a century.

Following this charter change, the Maryland Conference has in no sense lessened its devotion to and support of this favored institution of ministerial training. In the erection of the present magnificent building in 1920, and of the President's Home in 1924 to replace the original one in honor of Dr. Elderdice's Silver Anniversary as President, and in the effort begun in 1929, arrested by the untimely depression, to increase the endowment fund to \$150,000, the Maryland Conference has maintained its place far in the lead of all other units of the church.

The total value of property, including the Seminary building, the home of the President, and three houses for Professors, together with the regular endowment, and scholarship endowment, at present is about \$300,000.

The Seminary graduates are conspicuous among the leaders of all our Conferences, and in the foreign mission fields, and the heads of most of our denominational institutions.

The four Presidents of the Seminary during the fifty-two years of its history, Dr. Thos. H. Lewis, five years, Dr J. T. Ward ten years, Dr. H. L. Elderdice thirty-five years, and Dr. F. G. Holloway, elected in 1932, have been members of the Maryland Conference.

The graduates of the Seminary now number 366, of whom 176 became itinerant members of the Maryland Conference. Of the present membership of 170 in this Conference, 127 attended this institution.

During the last ten years, 1923-1933, the Maryland Conference received forty-eight ministers and preachers, and in this number there are only eight who were not trained in the Westminster Theological Seminary.

## Chapter IV.

## MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Two pages of the historical sketch of 1881 were devoted to the work of Foreign and Home Missions by the Maryland Conference.

The entire work of the Maryland Conference in behalf of so-called "Home" and "Foreign" missions can be covered only in a review of the present General Conference Board of Missions, and of the Board of Foreign Missions, Board of Home Missions, W. F. M. S. and the W. H. M. S., preceding the merger of these units ordered by the Centennial Session of the General Conference of 1928.

Inasmuch as this sketch is confined to the Maryland Conference, rather than to the general church, reference may be made more or less indefinitely to this most important phase of our Conference history. Within the past half-century of our denominational work in three foreign fields,—Japan, China, and India,—most of the leading Methodist Protestant missionaries were from the Maryland Conference. These include Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Klein, missionaries to Japan, 1883-1893, Rev. and Mrs. U. G. Murphy, for years missionaries to Japan, and still missionaries to Orientals on the West Coast, though now affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Van Dyke, missionaries to Japan 1890-1916, Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Soderbom, present missionaries in China, Rev. and Mrs. Paul F. Warner, present missionaries in Japan, and Rev. and Mrs. Paul M. Cassen, present missionaries in India.

In the meantime the following members of the Maryland Conference served most efficiently as Executive Secretaries of the Board of Foreign Missions: Rev. F. T. Tagg 1885-1891; Rev. T. E. Coulbourn 1893-96; Rev. F. C. Klein 1909-1926; a total for the three of thirty-seven years. Rev. J. M. Sheridan was the most efficient Executive Secretary of the Board of Home Missions during the two years preceding the merger of the Boards in 1928, and for the six years since the Board of Missions was created by the merger in 1928, the Executive Secretary has been Rev. G. W. Haddaway, a prominent member of the Maryland Conference.

## Church Extension

Perhaps the greatest and most far-reaching home missionary work of the Maryland Conference in the second half-century of its existence is embraced in what is termed "Church Extension."

Prior to 1889, the work of organizing and building churches within the bounds of the Maryland Conference district, continuing their support until they became self-supporting, and supplementing the salaries of pastors in charge of weak and young churches, was done largely under the auspices of the Conference Home Missionary Society. In the session of 1888 steps were taken toward the formation of a Conference Church Extension Society in harmony with the Book of Discipline of the preceding General Conference. It was not until the session of 1892, however, that the organization of this Society was affected, though a local Church Extension Society of Baltimore City was organized two years earlier.

Within a few years the work of this department of the Conference began to reveal the wisdom of a change of name. President Kinser in his report of 1895 said in reference to it, "New territory is open to us in many places. Invitations come from leading citizens, in the towns and rural districts, to preach and organize societies. The door of opportunity is wide open." An indication of the interest herein is shown in a statement by Dr. Kinser in his fifth and last report as President in 1897: "Church Extension ought to have the best thought of the Conference. Our life and growth are in this . . . . We have been gaining one church a year in Baltimore for nine years and this growth may continue if watchmen upon the walls of our Zion are faithful and zealous. New enterprises

ought to be started, and young churches nursed into vigor, usefulness and independence."

This statement is all the more significant in the light of the fact that during Dr. Kinser's administration came the great depression, or "hard times" of the nineties. The President referred to "the stagnation in business, and the general depression," "in some rural sections the people with little money at their command have nobly done their best for the church," and "low prices of farm products." "Let there be no retrenchment because of hard times. We conserve the best interests of our old churches by building new ones." Nevertheless, all the while the work of Church Extension went steadily forward. The Society in Baltimore City for over a quarter of a century aided in the organization of new enterprises, and the erection of new church buildings, including North Baltimore, Christ Church, Evergreen, and Brooklyn, averaging for years even before the close of the nineteenth century at least \$500 raised annually to aid in this work.

In later years it made several appropriations to new church building enterprises at Lauraville, Towson, Christ Church, Wilton Heights, St. Paul, Calvary, Trinity, Chesaco, Graceland Park and Edmondson Ave. The report of this Society in 1918 called attention to the fact that in the thirty-one years of its existence, it had "assisted in all but one or two of seventeen new churches established in Baltimore in that time."

Nothing has contributed so largely to the growth and development of the Maryland Conference in the twentieth century as has the vigorous program of the Conference Church Extension Society, supplemented by auxiliary societies in Baltimore, Washington and on the Delmarva Peninsula. Large sums of money have been raised through benevolent assessments, and by personal solicitation to organize churches in growing residential centers and to erect buildings fully adequate to the needs. Striking illustrations of this work are seen in the cases of Peninsula Church, Wilmington, Del., established and largely financed by the organized ministry and laity of the Delmarva Peninsula, the entire Conference responding to a campaign for subscriptions, resulting in the raising of \$40,000 for the new building erected in 1922; of Edmondson Avenue Church, Baltimore, aided also by loyal and liberal laymen in Baltimore; and of Calvary Church at Aurora Hills, Virginia, in the Washington district.

In the year 1915 Rev. J. M. Holmes, D.D., was appointed Superintendent of Church Extension. He occupied this position for two years, devoting his time largely to assisting pastors in financing new church enterprises and raising property debts. In September 1917, Rev. J. M. Sheridan, D.D., was appointed Superintendent, retaining the position until the time of his election as Executive Secretary of the Board of Home Missions in 1926. Following the merger of our general missionary boards and societies in 1928, Dr. Sheridan was again assigned to the Church Extension superintendency, and was zealously engaged in promoting a great program at the time of his sudden death in 1929. For two years 1926 and 1927, Dr. E. A. Sexsmith served as the Conference Church Extension Superintendent, and for the year 1929, Dr. Wm. H. Litsinger. At the Conference of 1930, the acute financial conditions growing out of the great world-wide "depression," and the large debts incurred by an extensive building program in the preceding prosperous years, necessitated a program of strictest economy. Therefore, the work of this department was added to the administrative duties of the Conference President. During the past four years the Church Extension activities have not ceased, new church buildings being erected by the aid of the Society under the supervision of the President. The chief work during that period, however, has been that of reducing and adjusting financial obligations previously incurred in large building enterprises and made acute by the serious banking conditions. A "Liquidation League" in 1930-31 resulted in the reduction of these debts to the amount of about \$25,000, and later in enlisting churches and individuals for investment in church extension.

## Chapter V.

## BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES

Chapter VII of the Semi-Centennial Historical Sketch refers to five organizations operating in the Maryland district for the distribution of benevolent funds. One of these organizations, the Phebean Society was even then extinct. Two others, the Pipe Creek Benevolent Society, and the Jefferson Benevolent Society, under the control of a Board of Directors, continue to distribute the income from invested funds committed unto them, the former to churches contiguous to them, and from \$300 to \$500 annually through the President of the Conference for the relief of ministers' families inadequately supported, and the latter to Lewistown and Buckeystown churches, formerly belonging to what was known as Jefferson Circuit.

## St. John's Board of Beneficence

This organization was not mentioned in the semi-centennial historical sketch.

It is a self-perpetuating Board, independent of denominational control, but interested primarily in the welfare of Methodist ministers, and particularly those of the Maryland Conference, whose support is inadequate to their family needs, and also in the welfare of churches, and the education of worthy ministers' children.

Through the cooperation of the President of the Maryland Conference, this Board contributes generously each year to the needy ministers, and in special cases to church extension and other urgent and worthy causes.

## Mutual Relief Association

This Society continues its timely aid to the families of deceased members. Upon notice of the death of one of its members a check is mailed to the family, and an assessment of \$1.00 is laid upon every member to reimburse the treasury preparatory to the next emergency. The Association holds its annual meeting during the session of Conference. The membership of the Association is now 193.

## Superannuated Fund Society

This Society, referred to in the semi-centennial sketch, is practically as old as the Conference. Along with the name of Luther J. Cox, mentioned in the semi-centennial sketch, as the author of a resolution passed in the Conference session of 1829, designed to "provide a fund for the support of superannuated and wornout preachers, etc." should be associated that of Rev. Wm. Kesley who at the session of 1834 submitted a plan for the establishment of an invested fund, the income from which would supplement the fund collected annually for distribution. By the addition of gifts and bequests, later to be referred to, from year to year, this fund grew constantly until at the end of the nineteenth century it reached about \$100,000.

In the year 1909 it was increased to the extent of nearly \$11,000 raised by Dr. T. H. Lewis and Mr. Daniel Baker.

In 1918 through the increase in security values and further gifts the fund was estimated at \$125,000, producing an annual income of \$6,700. At that time a campaign was proposed to raise \$100,000, but postponed later in deference to the General Conference Million Dollar Campaign. It was definitely launched, however, in 1922, resulting subsequently in subscriptions from 4000 persons amounting to \$110,285, of which the ministers subscribed \$14,225. Of this amount about \$65,000 was subsequently paid, increasing the invested fund, along with increased security values, to more than \$200,000, producing a maximum income for distribution during the years 1929 to 1931 of about \$12,000 annually. Through the present so-called "depression" period the fund has suffered from decreased valuation

of securities, resulting in what we trust is but a temporary decrease in annual income of about \$3,000. This loss, however, has been offset by a supplemental fund provided by an assessment laid upon the pastors of from one-fourth of one percent to one percent of the amount of their salaries, according to the amount of salary received, and by free-will offerings from the churches during the current year, in order that the distribution to beneficiaries on the superannuate list might be maintained. The amount allowed from the income of the invested fund to each superannuate minister is \$12 for each year of his active service as a member of the Conference, and to each widow \$6 for each year she was married to her husband during his active service in the Conference.

This distributed fund is supplemented by a fund of \$7,000 from the \$9,000 assessed upon the district for superannuates, enabling the Conference to meet the actual necessities of practically every superannuate minister's widow. The total maximum amount distributed during the current year to any one superannuate is \$600, eleven members receiving this amount each.

From the \$9,000 assessed each year for superannuates, \$2,000 is applied to the amount required from the Conference as premium for Group Insurance, the ministers insured adding \$10 each to the premium fund. The policy for each minister is for \$1,000. The plan for Group Insurance was adopted at the session of 1926 held at Peninsula Church, Wilmington.

#### Home for the Aged

The beneficent impulses of the Maryland Conference have not confined themselves to the care of superannuate ministers and ministers' widows. Though this most timely and worthy cause was espoused almost simultaneously with the origin of the Conference itself, and though we waited sixty-five years to make a definite and concrete approach to the care of the aged lay members of our Maryland Conference churches, nevertheless in 1893 a committee composed of Mr. J. D. Cathell of Washington and Dr. J. W. Hering of Westminster, both prominent laymen of the Conference, and Rev. David Wilson, Rev. J. T. Ward and Rev. W. M. Strayer, was appointed to prepare a set of resolutions relating to this imperative need. At the same session the committee in submitting its report called attention to the "many old and infirm members of our various churches more or less dependent upon the church for even the meagre support which it is willing or able to provide," and "the imperative necessity of carefully providing for the Lord's poor," and offered the following resolution:—

"That this Conference at once . . . . appoint a committee to formulate some plan looking to the establishment of a Methodist Protestant Church Home, for the above named dependents, to be located at some central part of our Conference District."

During the ensuing year, this committee kept the enterprise before the church at large by an occasional article in *The Methodist Protestant*, and letters to the pastors and congregations. At the next session in 1895 the committee suggested Westminster as the location of the proposed Home, and the Conference appointed a Board of Managers "with instruction to incorporate . . . and secure property and funds for the institution, and as soon as possible open the Home." Soon thereafter this Board purchased a property located at Main and Church Streets, Westminster, containing "a commodious and substantial two story brick house on a lot ninety feet by two hundred and twenty-five feet in dimension. The cost of the property was \$1831.60, with repairs costing in addition about \$875. Toward these amounts there had been raised in cash \$1,775, and reliable subscriptions of \$350. No applicants were to be admitted until the full debt was paid.

The Home was formally opened and dedicated to its benevolent purpose July 15, 1896, and two ladies admitted as inmates.

Churches and individuals cooperated generously in furnishing the various rooms, including Starr and Alnutt Memorial Churches, Baltimore, Congress St. Church, Washington, and the church at Uniontown, Md; Mrs.

P. T. Hall, Washington, D. C. (the reception room furnished as the "Weaver Memorial Room"); Mrs. W. P. Maulsby, Westminster (dining room); Mrs. Annie S. Fairbanks, Baltimore; Mrs. Mary Shoemaker, and Mrs. Mary Dunning of Washington; Mrs. Kitty Copenhagen and Mrs. A. H. Wentz of Westminster; Mrs. H. A. Owings, over eighty years of age; and Mrs. Gaven Spence, Newark, N. J.

These gifts were but the beginnings of perennial donations received through the years throughout the Conference district.

In the year 1903 the property was enlarged and improved to provide for both men and women inmates, at a cost of \$3,600. Other improvements were added from time to time to accommodate the increased number of inmates admitted from year to year, until the property is now valued at about \$20,000, and the number of inmates has increased to twenty-six with eleven applicants on the waiting list.

For years the Home has been included among the beneficiaries of the Maryland Conference benevolent assessments, \$6,000 a year now being assessed for this purpose.

The permanent fund for investment begun shortly after the establishment of the Home, has increased through gifts and bequests until it now is valued at about \$42,250.00.

A Board of Lady Managers assumes responsibility for the local conduct of the Home affairs and renders valued sacrificial service in the care of the family of inmates. Every church in the Conference is required to appoint a Lady Visitor to represent the Home in the local church.

The present matron of the Home is Mrs. E. A. Warfield, widow of a former prominent ministerial member of the Maryland Conference.

#### The Deaconess Movement

This department of Maryland Conference activity was inaugurated in 1908 upon recommendations of the President, Dr. J. M. Sheridan. A special committee "appointed to consider the feasibility and expediency of organizing a Deaconess Movement" declared in its report that it was necessary "if we are to measure up to the responsibilities and opportunities providentially laid upon the church" and recommended the organization of a Deaconess Society, and "a form of consecration for Deaconesses." Dr. F. T. Tagg, Chairman of the Committee, became President of the Deaconess Board.

The first Deaconess, Miss Evelyn Jefferson of Cambridge, Md., was received in 1910. Others received later were Miss Nettie C. Perrin, of Cumberland, Md., in 1911, Misses Lillian N. DeMoss and Elma Lewis, of Baltimore, in 1913, Misses Dot Emmert of Indiana, Mary E. Ford and Sara E. Cullen of Baltimore, and Miss Myrtle Baus of Philadelphia in 1917-18, Misses Maybelle Waples and Juanita K. Young of Baltimore in 1921, Misses Bessie L. Johnson, Elizabeth S. Wells and Ethel G. Beach, of Baltimore, in 1922.

The training of these young women was made possible through the cooperation of the Maryland General (Methodist) Hospital of Baltimore, the Lutheran Mother House of Baltimore, the Lucy Webb Training School in Washington, and a faculty composed of Maryland Conference pastors located in Baltimore.

In 1917 a property located at 2512 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md., was purchased as a Deaconess Home at a cost of \$4,550, including repairs.

For many reasons the Deaconess movement after a few years began to decline. Miss Emmert became the wife of Rev. Mr. Simons of the Indiana Conference, Miss Cullen was married to Rev. Geo. W. Ports, Miss Young to Rev. T. J. Turkington, Miss Waples to Rev. P. M. R. Schauer, all these of the Maryland Conference. Misses Perrin and Johnson resigned to be married to a Mr. Perrin of Cumberland and Mr. Fred Hartman of Baltimore, respectively, and Miss Jefferson and Miss Baus

entered the nursing profession. Subsequently all had resigned except Miss DeMoss who continues to render most acceptable service.

In 1928 the Deaconess Home was sold for \$7,258.70 net, and with other accumulated funds amounting in all to \$10,000, was invested in the Church Extension Society. The interest from the investment is used to cover the expense of the work of our Deaconess, Miss DeMoss.

## Chapter VI.

### YOUNG PEOPLE

The second half-century of our Maryland Conference history has occasioned many important movements and sweeping changes in the work of young people. Inasmuch as these experiences were had in common with all other Conferences of our own church and practically with all evangelical denominations, it is unnecessary to include in this sketch lengthy reference to them.

#### Christian Endeavor

The historical sketch of 1881 was written in the birth year of this great world movement. Consequently no reference was made to the part the Maryland Conference took in promoting the movement in this District.

Prior to the spread of Christian Endeavor the moral and religious training of youth in our churches was confined to the Sunday School and class meeting; and yes, they did it well, basing their authority for such instruction on "Thus saith the Lord." For instance, the Minutes of 1882 and 1883 contain a few significant sentences in the report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools:—"We can but regard the too common practice of relieving the children from attendance upon public services in the sanctuary as one fraught with great mischief, and a custom we should labor to correct. We most earnestly recommend that parents, teachers and superintendents act in concert with the pastor to secure this end." "In this day, if such persons are not brought to Christ in childhood and youth there is but little hope of their being gathered into the church in later years." "We would have the children storing up the precious Word of God for the time of trial and conflict which will inevitably come."

Christian Endeavor received its first official notice in the Maryland Conference at the session in 1892, when a "Committee on Young People's Societies," appointed by the Preachers' Meeting of Baltimore, with Rev. H. L. Elderdice, Chairman, submitted a report saying in part the following: "Whereas, We have learned with pleasure of the widespread acceptability of the Christian Endeavor movement, and Whereas, There are many societies of Christian Endeavor within the bounds of the Maryland Conference. . . . proving of great value to the young people and helpful to the church, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we most heartily endorse this mighty movement, because by its catholic spirit, its gospel principles, its judicious methods and its successful results. . . . and recommend the formation of Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor in all the charges. . . . that the delegates from this Conference to the General Conference be instructed to use their utmost influence to secure for this movement an open door throughout the entire Methodist Protestant Church." The report was heartily adopted, and much history was therein begun. Many of the young people reached and trained by Christian Endeavor entered into the front lines of leadership in our ministerial and lay ranks. Their name today is "legion."

A Committee on Christian Endeavor Work was appointed regularly by the Conference for seventeen years. The General Conference of 1892 endorsed Christian Endeavor as the Young People's Society of the denomination. The following year fifty-two societies were reported with over

two thousand members, President Kinser officially mentioning it in his report. The Maryland Conference Christian Endeavor Union with B. L. Henderson, President, was formed and our young people everywhere began to "hear the trumpet call of the Master, and rally under the banner 'For Christ and the Church.'" Annual conventions were held by this Union attended by large and enthusiastic delegations from the churches.

In the year 1896 Christian Endeavor reports were officially added to our statistical tables indicating the number of societies, members, conversions, meetings and cash contributions. For a number of years an evening session during Conference was devoted to Christian Endeavor and proved to be a great inspirational occasion.

The session of 1897 warned against the danger of making the Christian Endeavor Society "A scheme of finance rather than a blessed agency for the salvation of the young life already in the church," making "intelligent enthusiastic working Christians." Only six charges at this time were without a Christian Endeavor Society.

Quite a few of our Maryland Conference ministers and laymen figured prominently in the promotion of interdenominational Christian Endeavor. Rev. G. W. Haddaway is at present one of three living Life Trustees of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, he having organized the first Christian Endeavor Society in the Methodist Protestant Church. Mr. W. O. Atwood of St. John's Church, Baltimore, was Chairman of the local committee of the International Christian Endeavor Convention at the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore in 1908, and Mr. Wm. G. Baker, was Treasurer. Mr. Carroll M. Wright of the same church later became Field Secretary for Maryland, and is now one of the three officials in charge of the United Society, with headquarters in Boston. Rev. E. T. Read of the Maryland Conference, and Mr. George K. Mather of Westminster Church, were among the early Presidents of the Maryland Christian Endeavor Union.

At the dawn of the twentieth century the Maryland Conference Christian Endeavor Union raised \$2,000 toward the "Thank Offering" to establish a headquarters for the Baltimore Book Directory.

Beginning in 1904 this Union has raised annually a fund ranging from \$500 to \$1500 to support a missionary on the foreign field.

For years the Christian Endeavor Societies in our Conference reported annually a large number of conversions. The "Tenth Legion" and "Quiet Hour Comrades" inaugurated by the United Society about 1908, and actively promoted by our Conference Union did much to advance the cause of tithing and stewardship in our churches, revolutionizing many of our antiquated financial systems, and brought many of our promising young people into "a closer walk with God."

#### Young People's Work

Following the action of the General Conference of 1908 in creating a Board of Young People's Work, our Conference formed a "Union of Young People's Work" covering Christian Endeavor and Sunday School, with Rev. F. T. Benson, who later became Editor of the Methodist Protestant, as President. Emphasis now began to be placed upon Teacher Training, Graded Lessons and Organized Adult Bible Classes in Sunday School, and Efficiency in Christian Endeavor. A Christian Endeavor Efficiency Campaign was conducted successfully in 1911 under the leadership of Rev. L. F. Warner. In the year 1912 the Brotherhood idea was added to the Union work under the leadership of Mr. J. Bibb Mills. In the year 1915 Sunday School Architecture was added to the Union interests to meet the growing demand for departmental work in the Sunday School.

The Conference Union, through its President, F. T. Benson, began to advocate in 1916 a Conference Field Agent to give his whole time to the young people's work, calling attention to the "vast importance of conserving and training the young life within the bounds of this Conference—the greatest asset the church has."



About 1916 the convention idea began to give way to the demand for departmental work and institute training. The first young people's summer gathering at Western Maryland College at Westminster took place in 1918, under Rev. J. H. Straughn, Union President. Later it adopted the name "Young People's Summer Institute." Hundreds of our choice young people began to attend these annual occasions, many of whom dedicated their lives, and receiving inspiration for consecrated and efficient service in their local churches, began to offer themselves for full time service in the ministry, or missionary service as "Life Work Recruits."

In 1920 under Rev. E. A. Sexsmith, President of the Union, the Summer Institutes began to adopt the curriculum idea of training, sponsored by the denominational Board, covering such subjects as Christian Endeavor, Sunday School methods, Missions, Stewardship, Bible Study and Personal Evangelism. Dr. Sexsmith was chosen in 1923 as Executive Secretary of the Board of Young People's Work, and Rev. Leonard B. Smith, succeeded him as President of the Union.

The registration at the Summer Institute in 1924 reached the four hundred mark. District Institutes were conducted through the year in various sections of the Conference.

Daily Vacation and Summer Bible Schools began to be added to the activities of several of our Conference churches about 1927. A Conference Director of Religious Education was suggested. In 1928 the Summer Institute was changed to the "Leadership Training School," under Rev. R. Y. Nicholson, President, and Rev. R. W. White, Dean, and in the following year the Maryland Conference adopted the Constitution for a denominational Council of Religious Education printed in the Minutes of 1929. This necessitated a change of name to the

#### Council of Religious Education

This is the name by which at present our Conference young people's body is known, with Rev. R. W. White, President. Rev. B. I. Barnes became the first Conference Director of Religious Education in 1929. He was succeeded in 1930 by Dr. C. E. Forlines, the Westminster Theological Seminary cooperating with the Council in his support.

Dr. Lawrence Little, Professor of Religious Education in Western Maryland College, and former Executive Secretary of the Board of Young People's Work, is rendering part-time service at present as Conference Director. Standard courses approved by the International Council are taught by accredited teachers. Many of our present ministerial leaders and lay workers in the church school and other departments of Christian service have been the recipients of the benefits of the training obtained in these schools.

### Chapter VII.

#### MORAL REFORM

From its very beginning the Maryland Conference has marched in the front ranks of every movement aimed at the suppression of current evils preying upon the moral character of its people. The semi-centennial sketch in its chapter on "Public Questions" declared "The Maryland Conference has not . . . . kept silence when the cause of God demanded speech." Avoiding always a partisan bias it has spoken out courageously and thrown itself unreservedly into political conflicts whenever questions affecting the moral welfare of the people were involved.

#### Committees

Beginning with the session of 1865 immediately following the Civil War the Maryland Conference had for forty-five years a Standing Committee on Temperance.

From 1886 to 1910 the Standing Committees included one on Sabbath Observance and for several years a special committee "to confer with other similar denominational committees on Sabbath Desecration."

Since 1910 the Standing Committee on Moral Reform has dealt with both Temperance and Sabbath Observance, as well as other questions involving public morality.

For several years following 1918 another Standing Committee, inspired largely by the work of the churches during and following the World War, was devoted to Social Service. This however, has been combined with the Committee on Moral Reform since 1922.

#### Temperance

Perhaps no subject involving the moral welfare of mankind has so persistently maintained its place of prominence in the Maryland Conference as that of Temperance. Almost every phase of the subject, which is at this time reappearing since the Repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution in December 1933, has presented itself again and again more or less acutely during the entire century of our Conference existence.

#### Total Abstinence

In the first public expression on Temperance in the session of 1831 our Conference took a bold stand for total abstinence: "Among the evils in view of which we are commanded to 'touch not, taste not, handle not, the use of ardent spirits as an article of drink appears to us to be most properly included," for in even "a temperate use of this burning potation in too many instances, men conspicuously useful have been irretrievably ruined." Two years later "Ministers and members within the bounds of this Conference" were urged "to adopt and practice the principle of total abstinence from the use of distilled spirits, except as a medicine," and to "form Temperance societies throughout its bounds."

#### "Temperance Hotels"

In 1846 emphasis was laid upon the importance of patronage by the travelling community of "Temperance Hotels, and all other establishments of like character," and specific attention was called to "Isaac Beer's Temperance Hotel on Third St., Washington." Public patronage was also directed to a daily newspaper (Columbian Foundation), advocating Temperance and Truth.

#### Prohibition

As early as 1847 the Conference took a stand for the absolute prohibition of "the manufacture, traffic and use of intoxicating drinks as inconsistent with the Gospel and hurtful to humanity, hostile to the cause of Christ and to the good of our beloved country." From year to year the ministers were "requested to preach at least one sermon a year in each appointment on Temperance."

#### The License System

Our Conference fathers seem at least once to have slightly modified their hostility and "the aspect which the license system has assumed, hailed by us with pleasure" was endorsed as a hoped for step of progress.

However, for a period of at least fifteen years immediately following, due to the "apathy of the church" the Temperance cause declined, with "increased habits of intemperance and decreasing conviction of the evil of the moderate use of ardent spirits as the principal cause of drunkenness in the land."

Beginning in the year 1868 "Juvenile Temperance Societies" were formed to guard "the rising generation from the influences and affects of intemperance, which abounds almost everywhere—and from the fearful increase in social inebriety." Temperance pledges were introduced in the Sunday schools. Temperance reform and evangelism were definitely linked

together in the program of the churches, the former deemed "a most important auxiliary of the Christian ministry . . . to save men from sin." Definite steps were taken throughout the Conference district "to overthrow the license system."

#### **"Rum-Selling and License-Signing Members"**

Over a half century ago the Maryland Conference memorialized the General Conference for such "ecclesiastical legislation as will protect our churches from the pernicious influence of all rum-selling and rum-drinking members and from the reproach brought upon them through members who engage in the traffic in intoxicating liquors, or sign applications for liquor license." Is not history literally repeating itself in our very day?

Following this courageous stand by our Maryland fathers, for several years constantly repeated in pulpit, press, private conversation and Conference session, the General Conference of 1888 specifically declared: "That any minister or member who makes, sells or signs applications for license to sell, or rents property for the purpose of selling any spirituous liquors as a beverage is guilty of immorality, and shall be dealt with accordingly."

Encouraged by this courageous expression from the legislative body of the church, our Conference, after a heated debate at the session of 1897 on the subject of "professing Christians known to sign liquor dealers' petitions, and in some instances being elevated to official positions in the church and our institutions of learning" expressed itself thus: "So long as this continues our Conference declarations are negative and the cause of Christ is humiliated. Such offenders should be brought to speedy trial and if found guilty expelled." This is what the Maryland Conference said thirty-seven years ago. Do we dare lower the standard our fathers bravely erected then, by compromising or maintaining silence today?

Incidentally but very significantly it was at the session in the very year following, at the 70th Anniversary of the Conference that attention was called to the fact that "the last ten years have been the most prosperous in our history," the number of conversions being 27,000 or an average of 27 annually for every minister and charge. This is a convincing answer to the charge that a church which is militant in temperance agitation and legislation is weak in evangelism. We are always at our best in winning souls when we are engaged in our hottest battles to destroy hell's strongholds in our midst whatever they may be.

#### **Mrs. Rutherford B. Haynes**

In the journal of the Conference of 1880 held in Georgetown, D. C., at which time President Hayes entertained the Conference on Saturday afternoon at the White House, a statement appears printed in italics for emphasis expressing "our high appreciation of the course of that noble and godly woman who presides at the Presidential mansion in banishing from the festive board all intoxicating liquors ..... in the face of difficulties arising from custom and fashion, and we do pray God to bless her and make her example potent for good to the whole nation."

There is need today of another Lucy Webb Hayes in the White House at Washington.

#### **Local Option and Prohibition**

As a result of many decades of the militant leadership of our Conference fathers, and others of kindred minds, Maryland, more than a half century ago, had ten of its counties vote "dry."

In cooperation with the W. C. T. U., the Anti-Saloon League and other organized Temperance movements, we witnessed the fulfillment of our fathers' dreams in at least one respect when in 1920 nation-wide Prohibition was written into the Federal Constitution.

But to our shame the enemy has taken advantage of another period of apathy, and staged a return engagement perhaps more severe than those wherein we routed him.

Our noble sires and praying mothers, we hear you calling us, saying—  
 "Be not afraid of them; remember the Lord which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives and your houses!"

#### Sabbath Desecration

Eighty-six years ago the Maryland Conference made its first declaration in printed form on the destructive evil of lax Sabbath observance, in a pledge "to maintain and support the Scriptural sanctity" of the Lord's Day. Throughout its history this body has maintained the same uncompromising hostility toward the sinister encroachments of those who would divert its Divinely planned uses with human abuses, and break down the laws which the early State settlers passed for the legal protection of this day of rest and undisturbed worship.

While the situation is perhaps more acute now than ever, yet it is evident that our Conference leaders years ago were fully cognizant of the dangers of laxity in this respect. At the session of 1851 a resolution was passed taking "more efficient measures to arrest the sin of Sabbath breaking," enjoining members to discontinue desecrating customs, and requesting the ministers to preach at least one sermon each year "on the proper observance of the Lord's Day."

"Lax opinions respecting the obligations of the Sabbath," were deplored in a resolution of 1867, and the ministers and members were exhorted "to arrest, by exhortation and example, the progress of an evil which threatens to corrupt our churches, to diminish our congregations, to debase our national character, and to bring upon our land the most fearful retribution of the Almighty." Somewhat prophetic, this expression!

The Lord's Day Alliance has constantly received from this Conference most hearty endorsement and cooperation in all its educational and legislative activities.

### Chapter VIII.

#### HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

The Maryland Conference Headquarters Building, located at 516 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, Md., is a five story brick office building with a frontage of twenty-six feet on Charles Street and extending on Hamilton Street one hundred at twenty feet. The basement is the home of the Stockton Press connected with the Board of Publication, where the Methodist Protestant-Recorder is printed. The large store room on the first floor is occupied by the Baltimore House of the Board of Publication. Two other storerooms on the first floor face Hamilton Street.

The Board of Missions is located in the front rooms on the fourth floor. On the fifth floor are the offices of the Treasurer of the General Conference and the Methodist Protestant-Recorder. On this floor also are the offices of the President of the Maryland Conference and the Church Extension Society. The large Drinkhouse Memorial Room for assembly purposes is at the rear of the fifth floor. This room was equipped by the Baltimore Preachers' Meeting which holds its weekly sessions herein on Monday mornings.

Our building is also the headquarters of the City Missionary Society of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Maryland Tract Society and the Maryland State C. E. Union.

To trace the history of our Conference Headquarters requires a reference to events back about 1837, at which time the Maryland Conference took the initiative to establish a Baltimore Book Concern. For many years it was simply a book department conducted under church supervision in

connection with the private business of Wm. J. C. Dulaney, 8 E. Baltimore Street, who was a loyal layman of the Methodist Protestant Church.

From the beginning the Book Concern, aided by a few generous laymen began to show a reasonable profit. It was the owner for a number of years of the stereotype plates of Clarke's Commentaries, and derived considerable profit from the sale of these volumes. These plates were sold in 1851 for \$3,000 to help liquidate the debts of the Book Concern. Mr. Wesley Starr and Miss Tamsey Hughlett, before her marriage to Dr. L. R. Reese, then "a young lady from the Eastern Shore," in 1847 provided in gifts and annuities for West Baltimore Sunday School and for books for itinerant ministers, respectively, about \$3,500 for the Concern.

In 1899 the Conference, weary of having no home for this "Concern" of the church in its midst, declared itself thus: "Believing it is the desire of a large number of the members of the Maryland Conference to have a Book Concern on an independent basis; and believing further that the first step in the accomplishment of such a desired end is the purchase of a suitable building for such a purpose in Baltimore City: We, therefore, suggest that this Conference, by subscription or otherwise, raise a fund of not less than \$15,000 to be used in the purchase of a building in which to conduct the business of our Concern and the Periodical; said building when purchased to be deeded to the Trustees of the Maryland Conference." In the meantime the Baltimore Preachers' Meeting recommended that the various Conferences raise a Twentieth Century Thank Offering of \$100,000 to be disbursed in the various Districts. The Maryland Conference, endorsing the movement, agreed to apply its share of \$20,000 to a home for the Book Concern, stating that "The cause represented by this Directory stands for more in our history and perhaps in our success than any other cause in our church." The campaign was launched in 1900 under the direction of Dr. F. T. Tagg, and continued for two years, and under Dr. F. T. Little for the third year, resulting in the raising of \$15,148.67, about \$2,000 of which came as a gift from the Conference C. E. Union.

In 1903 a property including building and ground located at 316 N. Charles Street was purchased at \$21,000. The Book Concern was given charge of the management, free of rent, with the understanding that it pay all expenses from rents received and other profits.

This then became, in a measure, a kind of headquarters for the Conference, as well as a home for the Book Concern, and continued thus for twenty years.

In 1921 Dr. F. T. Benson, Editor of The Methodist Protestant, successfully conducted a campaign for a printing plant as a centennial gift to The Methodist Protestant.

The increased business of the Concern and the growing demand for specific headquarters for the Annual Conference led, in 1924, to the sale of the property at 316 N. Charles St. for \$55,000, and the purchase of our present property at a cost including the erection and equipment of the building of about \$200,000.

The present mortgage debt on this property is \$96,000, with additional obligations incurred in the meanwhile of about \$55,000. The Maryland Conference is now contemplating a plan to place this property on a secure financial basis.

## Chapter IX.

## BEQUESTS

It is practically impossible to list the bequests made by the members and friends of the Maryland Conference churches to the various churches, Conference agencies and denominational boards and institutions over a period of more than a century. However, the noble and generous impulse of so many persons to provide for their churches, as well as for the members of their families, out of their God-given earthly possessions, needs certainly to receive emphasis in an account of the events of a century. The secret of it all is embodied in their love for the church, just as Christ's love for it led Him to give Himself for it. This chapter is written not only to honor those who have expressed their devotion to our part of the "Body of Christ," but also with the hope that within the second century of our existence there may be an increasing number to "follow in their train." The investment of funds, annuities, providing an income during life time; bequests, outright or upon the death of surviving loved ones; funds placed into the hands of one or another of our incorporated Conference Societies, or general boards or institutions, in trust to provide an extended income for local churches for their temporal and eternal good; all these may easily be done for our beloved Zion.

From the Journals of all our Annual Conference sessions and from a few other available sources, information is obtained concerning the following list of bequests:

**Superannuate Fund:** Charles Waters, \$1,000 (first bequest recorded in the Conference Journals, made in 1847); Luther J. Cox (author of the resolution at the first Conference in 1829 suggesting a fund for Superannuate ministers) \$500 (estimated value of a lot in Hampden); Miss Henrietta Baynard, \$600; Mrs. Catherine Baker, \$500; Nicholas Owens, \$800; Miss Rachel Wilson, \$1000; F. M. Warner, \$500; Mrs. M. A. Zollickoffer, \$200; Henry Swope, \$1000; John G. Clarke, \$1000; Mrs. J. H. Ellegood (sister to wife of Gov. Cooper of Delaware) "small bequest;" John A. J. Dixon, \$200; Mrs. Drinkhouse, \$5000; Gen. Richard Thomas, amount unknown; Mrs. Arthur J. Pritchard, \$300.

**Churches:** Williamsport, Peter and Mary Light, \$800; Enoch Jones, \$400; Linthicum Heights, Dr. A. H. Linthicum, \$2000; Hon. J. Chas. Linthicum (chimes) \$10,000; North Baltimore, M. A. Zollickoffer, \$200; Stewartstown, Miss Henrietta Goodhand, \$500; St. Luke's, Joshua Gonsha, \$7000; East Baltimore, John G. Clarke, \$3090; Mrs. Jane Rupp, \$400; Milton, Mrs. J. H. Ellegood, "small bequest"; Mt. Tabor, Mrs. Drinkhouse, \$5,000; North Baltimore, Mrs. Drinkhouse, \$500; Congress St., Mrs. Drinkhouse, \$500; Cecil Circuit, Geo. Cleadon, \$713; Easton, Mrs. Amanda Harris, \$900; St. Lukes, Mrs. Emma Miller, \$500; Newark, N. J., Mrs. Mamie Rumph, \$315; Pipe Creek, Mr. Ed. Formwalt, \$500; Wye, Jas. H. Dodd, \$7500; Wesleyan Chapel, Mrs. Elizabeth Ewing, \$600; Uniontown, Mrs. Brubaker, "Amount unknown;" Easton and Wye, Gen. Richard Thomas, \$2000; North Baltimore, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cunningham, \$8000; Providence on Bel Air, E. R. Rutledge, \$1200; Fawn Grove, J. T. Fishel, \$1400; St. James, Dr. H. T. Nicholson, \$200; Madison, Mrs. Arthur J. Pritchard, \$10,000; Centreville, Dr. R. M. Price, \$17,000; Salisbury, Oscar Morris, \$30,000; Peninsula, Wilmington, Melville Gambrell, \$5000; Alnutt Memorial, Miss Mary Grillet, \$2000; Stewartstown, Mrs. Mary Edie, \$450; Georgetown, Del., Thos. P. Walls, \$675; Easton, Mrs. Mary A. Jump, \$1500; Lynchburg, Miss Virginia Winfree, \$6000; New Market, (Frederick) Mrs. T. D. Edmondson, \$1500; Easton, Mrs. Eugenia Cuncell, \$800; Brookeville, T. S. Orndorff, \$6000; R. I. Ave., Wm. H. Martin, \$2500; Christ Church, John Messersmith, \$1000; Deer Creek, John O. Robinson, \$2500; Elizabeth, Moses Baiz Armacost, "amount unknown"; Fawn Grove, \$100; Centreville, Sidney Jump, \$2150; Whaleyville, Mrs. Martha J. Duncan, \$100; Salisbury, \$1000; N C. Ave., Miss Mary L. Stephens, \$500.

**Conference Missionary Society and Church Extension Society:** John S. Wallop, \$50; Mrs. Rachel Wilson, \$1000; Henry Swope, \$1000; Gen. Richard Thomas, "amount unknown"; Robt. Butler (farm mortgage) \$3900.

**Western Maryland College:** Gaven Spence, \$5,000; John G. Clarke, \$500; Mrs. Sadie Longwell, \$5000; Oscar Morris, \$10,000.

**Missions:** Nagoya Home, Mrs. Catherine Baker, \$1,000; Maryland Branch, W.F.M.S., Mrs. M. A. Zollickoffer, \$200; General, Miss Annie Stephenson, "some for foreign missions;" W.F.M.S., Mrs. Jane Rupp, \$450.

**Maryland Conference:** Mrs. Horne, \$300.

**Miscellaneous:** Bible Cause, Miss Catherine Baker, \$500; Children's Home, Miss Virginia Winfree, \$500.

**Westminster Theological Seminary:** E. J. Hill, \$250; W. H. Starr, \$500; Mrs. Jane Rupp, \$400; Mrs. Mary Sexsmith, \$175; Mrs. E. J. Drinkhouse, \$2500; Dr. Kinzer, \$1000; Miss Jane Coon, \$100; Miss V. Winfree, \$1000; Mrs T. D. Edmondson, \$2500; N T. Meginnis, \$2000; Mrs. Wm. Dale, \$1000; Mrs. Clara P. Cushing, \$1000; J. Wiley Norris, \$1000; Mrs. G. R. McCready, \$8000;

**Our Church Home:** J. G. Clarke, \$500; Cunningham Estate, \$4,500; Brubaker Estate, \$100; Mary A. Grillet, \$1000; Mary L. Wheeler, \$100; Virginia Winfree, \$1000; Ada B. Frazier, \$500; Geo. J. Huster, \$2500; Mary J. Cole, \$100; Mary Wolfram, \$50; Lydia Cassell, \$500; Virginia E. Watson, \$200; Cora I. Chambers, \$5; Mrs. J. H. Ellegood, "small bequest;" John McCoy, \$213; Mrs. Jane Rupp, \$400; Elizabeth Sendorff, \$100; Julia J. Coon, \$100; Avis Vannort, \$50; E. A. Connell, \$300; Lucinda Lee, \$200; E. B. Van Dyke, \$100; Mary A. Shureman, \$1,000; Elen V. Smith, \$200; Ellen A. Grushon, \$100; Jos. Engler, \$313; Wm. H. Martin, \$250; J. K. Messersmith, \$1,000; John A. J. Dixon, \$1,000; Mrs. E. J. Drinkhouse, \$1,000; Mrs. A. S. Eversole, \$300; Gen. Richard Thomas, "Residue;" Mrs. Mary Jump, \$1,000; First Church, Newark, N. J., Mr. Albert A. Ripple, \$1,560; Mrs. Marietta White, \$1,000.

## Chapter X

### MATERIAL GROWTH

The "Review Chapter" of the semi-centennial sketch suggests a backward glance from 1882 "along the vanishing lines of perspective to 1829." Then follows a series of contrasts between the former and the latter years. Let us here focus a third point of vision at the year 1934 and make another contrast.

In 1829 "Ten itinerants, no churches or parsonages or schools or chartered funds; a precarious and inadequate support for its ministers." In 1882, "One hundred and more itinerants (111) eighty-six pastorates, two hundred and ten churches and fifty-nine parsonages, nearly seven hundred thousand dollars worth of church property. A fund for superannuates with added current collections yielding three thousand dollars a year. A college raised up by the Conference, in which we have moneyed interests of \$24,000 and where our young men are being educated for the ministry. Surely the progress is encouraging."

And so it was. But let us look forward another half-century.

In 1934, one hundred and thirty-five pastorates; two hundred and sixty-two churches (in spite of recent losses in changing rural sections); one hundred and thirty-two parsonages; over five and a quarter millions of dollars worth of church property, including Headquarters Building, Aged People's Home, and President's Parsonage, not counting our real equities in the College and Theological Seminary; "A fund for Superannuates, with added current collections" yielding twenty thousand dollars annually.

In the first half-century there was raised for general interests two hundred thousand dollars. In the second half (1833-1933) two and three

quarter millions of dollars. In the first half century there was raised for local interests (published reports beginning in 1858) about eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars; in the second half sixteen million dollars.

"The increase of church property in the first half century (1829-1883) was four hundred and eighty-three thousand dollars." This included the property of the Western Maryland College. The increase in church property in the second half century, not including Western Maryland College and the Theological Seminary which are largely Maryland's, is over four and one-half million dollars.

Of course, figures covering property values are vague and inaccurate, and we should add the significant fact that there are debts on the churches of the Maryland Conference today amounting to about three quarters of a million dollars. But the progress made in financial achievements for local churches, Conference benevolent institutions, missions, education and other general interests of the church, move us to exclaim "What God hath wrought."

## Chapter XI

### ADMINISTRATIVE

Brief reference is made in the semi-centennial sketch to the "manner of stationing the preachers" as "the subject of much deliberation" in the formative years, resulting in the adoption of the plan we still follow, "the appointments being made by the President, subject to revision by the Committee on Appeals." During the first half century the stationing committee plan came up frequently for discussion, and while most of the other Conferences adopted it, the plan invariably failed to commend itself favorably to the Maryland Conference, the latter always preferring to place this responsibility entirely upon its President.

#### Appeals

The success of the Maryland plan of stationing the pastors seems to be emphasized in the fact that for one hundred and four consecutive times the Conference has proceeded to elect a Standing Committee on Appeals, but only four times has this Committee had anything to do,—all in the second half century. In 1883, Rev. R. T. Smith was appointed to Pittsville. He appealed, and the appeal was sustained. At the session of 1889, Rev. E. A. Warfield, who had been engaged two years as Professor in the Theological Seminary, entered an appeal and expressed the wish to be either left without an appointment or in the hands of the President (Rev. W. M. Strayer). The Committee on Appeals retired for consultation, and reported that they did not find anything to adjust in the case." "The appellant," however, "was left without an appointment at his own request."

Three years later Rev. C. S. Arnett, who had served for two years as pastor of Salisbury, was appointed by President Kinser to Union. He took an appeal "and his case was referred to the Committee" which later reported "confirming the appointment of the President." Brother Arnett gracefully acquiesced and rendered excellent service at Union.

Two years later Rev. Elmer Simpson, who had been at Pocomoke one year, appealed from his appointment by President Kinser to Middleway, W. Va. After retiring to consider the case, the Committee reported the appeal as not sustained.

#### Stationing the President

Only twice in its history has the Maryland Conference had proposals made to station its Executive. In 1863, doubtless because of itinerant difficulties growing out of the Civil War then going on, a motion to this effect was postponed indefinitely by a vote of 75 to 8.

At the session of 1877 another paper favoring the plan was also voted down.

#### Visitation

The Presidents of the Maryland Conference have followed rigidly the plan of visiting as nearly as possible all the charges at least once annually.



A resolution by Dr. J. J. Murray in 1887 was passed providing a special committee "to enquire whether any change in the plan of Presidential visitation is expedient." The committee reported that in view of the growth of the District, rendering it impossible for the President to give each charge all the attention it demands, "it is the sense of this Conference that the interests of the District will be better served by leaving the President to consult his own judgment" in the distribution of his labors for the most effective service. The report was adopted.

A slight Manual change concerning Duties of the President was made in 1902 to the effect that should the President's itinerary fail to cover the entire District, charges not visited were not to be excused from the assessment for President's salary.

In 1920 the Conference relieved the President from "the usual plan of visitation on the charges; that he make a survey of the District, assume general oversight of all church work, and use his official leadership in securing the most constructive development of the charges." The four Presidents since then, however, have seemed to view the plan of visitation as essential to the "most constructive development," the general itinerary being maintained with regularity by each one.

#### Time Limit

The journals of the first eighty-three years seem to contain nothing relating to the time limit for the President of the Maryland Conference. However, the fact that no executive was ever elected for more than three successive years until 1895 would indicate that the precedent, if any, of a term shorter than is provided in the Constitution and Discipline was abolished during the administration of Dr. J. D. Kinser, who served five successive years in this office.

In 1902 a motion to limit the term to three years was defeated by a vote of 60 to 120. A similar motion was again lost four years later. At the session of 1909 the Conference expressed itself by a vote of 283 to 55 as favoring a three year limit after the expiration of the incumbent's administration. This expression, however, failed to take definite form in the Manual, and Dr. J. S. Bowers was elected five successive years. In 1917, the three year limit plan was adopted by a vote of 97 to 63, and the succeeding four Presidents were elected for three years each, an attempt to abolish it in 1920 failing to carry by a vote of 104 to 106. At the session of 1931 a motion to abolish the three year limit was carried by a vote of 106 to 58, and the Constitutional limit alone is now being observed.

#### President's Parsonage

The "Executive paper," the term by which the President's annual report was formerly known, submitted by President J. K. Nichols to the session of 1863, referred to the fact "that a benevolent lady had donated to this Conference a President's parsonage." Her name was not made public, and the President's report was not then printed in the Journal. It is known that this "benevolent lady" was the same one referred to in the Journal of 1847 as "a young lady from the Eastern Shore," who had contributed so liberally to the Book Directory for over a half century known as Mrs. Tamsey Ann Reese of precious memory. This parsonage was located at No. 8 Parkin Street, Baltimore, which was later marked as No. 42 Parkin Street.

After thirty-seven years of occupancy by the Presidents this property was reported as "inconvenient, uncomfortable and unsanitary," and the purchase of a new home was recommended. The property at 1420 Linden Avenue, was purchased soon thereafter at \$5,909.15 including improvements, and the purchase money was obtained as a loan from the Superannuate Fund Society at five per cent interest. The Maryland Conference Guild was organized to take care of the Parsonage, with forty members contributing one dollar a year each.

On recommendation of President Bowers in 1913 the Conference Trustees were duly authorized to sell this property, and to secure another suitably located. It was not until eleven years later, however, in 1924,

during the administration of President G. I. Humphreys, that this property was sold for \$6,500 net, and the present property at 3600 Copley Road was purchased for \$16,500. The mortgage of \$10,000 since then has been reduced to \$2,000.00.

The care of the Parsonage is now in the hands of Mr. Frank Brown, Agent, elected by the Conference.

#### "President's Character"

The formal question, "You have heard the President's report; shall his character pass?" more or less monotonously asked and answered at every Conference session without formal motion, immediately following the reading of his annual report, was apparently interrupted by objection twice in our history. In 1844 the passing of the character of President Levi R. Reese was opposed by Rev. Augustus Webster, because of the former's method of dealing with the controversy concerning St. John's Church. After a voluntary adjustment, however, the President's character was passed and he was reelected.

Rev. W. M. Strayer objected to the official character of President Daniel E. Reese in 1872, and the case was referred to a special committee, which evidently submitted a report sustaining the objection. Nevertheless, "after a long discussion" the report was "laid on the table" and "on motion the official character of the President passed."

#### The President's "Cane" and "Satchel"

Where are they? An interesting incident is recorded in the records of the session of 1870 relating to the presentation by W. T. Wright of Brazil of a cane having belonged to his father, Rev. W. T. Wright, Sr., deceased member of the Maryland Conference. The gift was gratefully acknowledged and the cane ordered kept at the President's Parsonage.

By vote of the Conference of 1878 the President was allowed five dollars "for the purchase of a satchel for official use." It is altogether likely that in the fifty-seven years intervening "official use" has worn out the satchel and many of its successors; but the administrative puzzle concerning these events is — Where is the cane? The dead speak not, and the four surviving former Presidents protest their innocence, but that doesn't return the cane.

#### Declining the Office

Four times within a century has the office been declined by the President-elect.

Rev. Thos. H. Stockton after three ballots was elected in 1843, but on the following morning asked to be excused from service on account of the frailty of his body. Washington Roby, after serving two successive years most acceptably as President, asked to be relieved of the duties of a third year because of ill health. His popularity led to his reelection, however, and he was compelled to insist upon his resignation. Brother Roby died two years later at the age of forty-six.

The two others declining to serve were Rev. G. W. Haddaway, following his election in 1917 at Starr Church, and Rev. J. M. Gill whose election immediately followed, but who expressed the fear that his health would not endure the arduous tasks of the office.

#### Instructing Delegates

The custom in practically all of our charges of instructing the delegate-elect concerning the desires of the congregation relative to the return or change of pastors is frequently interpreted as instructions to the President in making the appointments. It was evidently never the intention of the Maryland Conference to bind its executive head in making the appointments. He is expected to view his task in this respect from the point of the welfare of all the churches, and the greatest possible efficiency for each minister.

As early as 1845 and 46 resolutions were passed recommending "to the Stations and Circuits, while they properly maintain their Constitutional rights, to be increasingly considerate of the duty of submission to just authority, as indispensable to the harmony and efficiency of our general operations ..... we recognize the right on the part of the Circuits and Stations to express their wishes through their delegates as to the minister a majority of their membership may desire, but that the appointing authority is not obliged to comply with their wishes; and that it becomes the churches to receive whatever minister or preacher the Conference may send and do all in their power to sustain him by their cooperation and support..... nor is the appointing power bound to comply with the wishes of the parties concerned, if in the opinion of such appointing power the general interests of the District require a change." This expression has never been altered or modified in theory or practice in the eighty-eight years ensuing. The Maryland Conference has never tolerated a dictator, nor has it ever failed to guarantee the proper respect to its chosen executive in the discharge of his administrative duties.

## Chapter XII.

### MISCELLANEOUS

References in the semi-centennial sketch to certain events in the early history of the Maryland Conference deserve our telling the other half of some of these true stories.

#### "Trial"

The chapter with this caption pictures vividly the price our fathers paid for our ecclesiastical heritage. Some of them died ere they had registered the triumph of their faith in a church of "mutual rights." The bitter trials of those expelled from the mother church and of their seceding sympathisers, the privations incurred in the establishment of a church of their own, the unwholesome and unholy bickerings and jealousies in local communities between the "M. P.s" on the one hand and the "Southern Methodists" and the "Old Side Methodists" on the other, are all fast disappearing. Once in a while in certain communities a few people provide free comedy for their children by picking up old prejudices that failed somehow to disappear when their sins "were all taken away."

However, on the whole, there is blessed fellowship among the members of our Maryland Conference churches and those of the other two Methodisms whose churches are contiguous.

In recent years our Conference has successfully cooperated with the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in a series of exchanges and adjustments of church properties and even congregations in the interest of economy of operation, adequate maintenance of church facilities and interdenominational cooperation and fellowship.

#### "Controversy"

"The Mission Controversy," precipitated in the early history of the Conference, referred to in the semi-centennial sketch, growing out of the so called "iron rule" of a two year limit to the pastorate, resulted in the loss of Liberty Street Mission or St. John's Church, and practically all of our Philadelphia churches. This story has an interesting sequel.

St. John's Independent Methodist Protestant Church, following its severance from the Conference because of this bitter controversy in 1844, continued to procure its pastors from the Maryland Conference for the sixty-four years of its independence. In the year 1908 during the pastorate of Rev. J. S. Bowers, the congregation voted heartily to adopt the Constitution and Discipline of the Methodist Protestant Church, and upon recognition by North Baltimore Station, was received with rejoicing into the Maryland Conference. It brought along a property then valued at \$65,000, and a strong and loyal and useful congregation,

The loss of our Philadelphia churches has been largely recovered by the establishment of three others—St. Luke, Taylor Memorial and Emmanuel—with a membership of about six hundred, and property valued at nearly four hundred thousand dollars.

Other incidents and events in our Conference history need to be preserved as more or less interesting items.

#### Correct Registers

The action of the Maryland Conference during the current year, in guarding "the sacred rights of church membership," to have the churches procure the new register and to prepare therein a correct membership roll in the churches is in line with a resolution by A. S. Eversole passed by the Conference seventy years ago. This resolution declared it to be "highly important that a correct register of all members be kept" and called upon the pastors to see that it was "strictly and promptly attended to."

#### Pastors' Salaries

The accumulation of the end-of-the-year deficits in current expenses and benevolences, which the Conference just now is making much progress to prevent by through-the-year cooperation, is evidently, in a measure, the outcome of such sentiments of the earlier years as expressed in a recommendation by President Southerland at the session of 1870, that the charges "pay their ministers monthly or quarterly, and not allow one quarter's dues to be thrown forward upon another, thus leaving the burden of finance to be lifted at the end of the year . . . . that the Lay Members of this Conference meet during this session that they may perfect some measures which may tend to correct the evils deprecated."

We have not heard whether or not the Lay Members perfected any measures, but we are still hoping soon to "correct the evils deprecated."

#### Worldliness

The Conference of 1905 expressed itself in no uncertain terms concerning the costly trend toward world conformity among the people of the churches in a resolution on Prayer signed by Rev. W. R. Graham. A few sentences will indicate the definiteness of this approach to the problem: "We acknowledge it to be our privilege that we quicken our pace and arouse our energies for a great and general revival of pure and undefiled religion throughout our borders. We deplore the fact that some of our churches are seemingly thwarting the Holy Ghost by a withering formalism, secular conventionalities, and by social gaieties or customs, such as Euchre Parties and other questionable amusements, and we need to cry mightily unto God to save our Church from worldliness. We believe we must follow the teachings of early Methodists concerning these diversions before we can expect to enjoy a general outpouring of the Holy Ghost upon our churches. We are assured that tireless devotion and biblical preaching are sacred offerings to the cause of God which He will in no wise dishonor."

#### Improving Ourselves

A significant resolution which found its way, usually over the name of Rev. Thos. H. Stockton, into the Conference sessions of about ninety years ago, and which would not be amiss in our day was this: "Resolved, That we do try our best to improve ourselves and our work this ensuing year." They apparently succeeded.

#### Conference Entertainment

For ninety-two years the plan of free entertainment for members of the Conference at the annual sessions seemed to prevail. In 1874 a resolution "That we hereafter abandon the method of free entertainment at the Conference session, and that the churches be requested to bear the expenses of their ministers and delegates" was postponed for one year. It was five years before the plan was again mentioned and then in a long set of resolutions it was disapproved. Then after forty-two years, in 1921 the

plan now in use was adopted, assessing the charges for an amount equal to one percent of their pastor's salary for expense of entertainment and "the establishment of a pro rata basis of expense," to be laid upon each charge to cover this expense, for travel to and from the seat of Conference.

### Property Deeds

Very early in the history of the Maryland Conference an attempt was made to safeguard its equities in church properties by procuring good and adequate deeds for the same. In 1848 a resolution was adopted recommending that "no house of worship be erected at any lot which shall not have been first legally conveyed to trustees properly appointed to hold such property for the use and benefit of the Methodist Protestant Church."

In 1874 on motion of Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse the ministers were "directed and enjoined to make diligent inquiry and investigation as to the manner in which church properties are held and report the same on or before July 1 to a committee to be appointed by the President," the committee to be authorized and directed to employ some competent attorney to examine and perfect the title of the said church properties.

In 1878 President D. W. Bates emphasized in his report the necessity of observing strictly "the law relative to the deeding of church property." President Hammond nine years later recommended "a careful examination at once of the deeds by which our church property is held" and by Conference action "each pastor and delegate and one other to be appointed" were suggested as a committee on each charge "to examine title deeds and report to the next session of the Conference."

The recent attempt of the President of the Conference to procure for the files of the Church Extension Society a copy of every deed to church property throughout the Conference reveals the failure in all too many cases on the part of our churches to carry out the instructions of the Conference in this regard. At this session of the Conference, 1934, it is to be hoped that definite steps will be taken to carry out the full provision of those resolutions and recommendations of the Conference long, long ago.

### Time of Conference Sessions

At first the Maryland Conference held its annual session in April. A proposal in 1838 to change the date to the fall was submitted to the Quarterly Conferences during the year with the result that the proposal was disapproved "in view of the various inconveniences that would attend the change."

In 1843 it was changed to March finally falling regularly upon the second Wednesday. This continued for a period of forty years, when in 1884 after a prolonged discussion a motion by Rev. T. H. Lewis fixed the date on the first Wednesday in April. Again in 1892 an attempt to move it back to March failed. In 1925 the President was instructed to enquire into the practicability of meeting on Wednesday following Easter except in such times as Easter Sunday comes in March. The following year a proposition to change to June was submitted to the churches, which voted adversely, and, a year later, the second Wednesday of September was set. At the first and only September session in 1928, a special committee agreed upon the second Wednesday in June, and the report was adopted.

### Entertained at the White House

Three Presidents of the United States have honored the Maryland Conference by entertaining its members as guests at the White House. They were Presidents Rutherford B. Hayes in 1880, Grover Cleveland in 1885 and Theodore Roosevelt in 1907.

In 1915 President Woodrow Wilson and Secretary of State, Wm. Jennings Bryan, attended the Conference at Rhode Island Avenue Church and made addresses.

#### Governor Ritchie

During the first term of Albert C. Ritchie as Governor of Maryland, his name was specifically mentioned in the report of the Committee on Moral Reform as having seen "fit to line up with the liquor interests and to champion their cause," and as having "offended the decent citizenship of his State."

A motion to strike out the whole reference to the Governor was lost, and the report unamended was enthusiastically adopted. "Coming events cast their shadows before."

#### Whiskers

Rev. S. B. Southerland, who was noted for his long flowing beard, called attention in his semi-centennial sermon in 1891 to the fact that when he entered Conference in 1841, there was "not a bearded man either in moustache or whiskers or cheek or chin." "High neckwear, white or black, was common then, and the grave President was conspicuous and impressive in his 'keel bottom' coat ..... a very clerical assemblage, the oldest of them all being only fifty-nine."

Incidentally when the writer entered the Conference in 1906 fifteen ministers had chin whiskers to say nothing of the moustaches. The whiskers, however, have all disappeared save those which adorn the amiable faces of the father of us all, Rev. G. F. Farring, and of Rev. C. S. Marshall.

#### Division of Conference District

While the borders of the Maryland Conference have been enlarged to embrace the churches of the now extinct Philadelphia Conference, and some of those in the weakening Virginia Conference, only once has its division been suggested. President Strayer recommended in his report of 1891 that the District be divided into two Conferences by the Chesapeake Bay and Susquehanna River. Evidently the sons of the Eastern Shore throughout the Conference were too many, and the suggestion was never seriously entertained. "We are not divided, All one body we."

#### Minimum Salaries

For many years the amount raised for pastoral support was altogether inadequate to meet the needs of the ministers' families, necessitating their being supported largely by provisions donated from the farms as food for the family table and for the circuit horse.

In 1910 a goal was set for a minimum salary of \$600 for each married pastor. This was raised in 1919 to \$900 because of the increased cost of living and the necessity for automobiles as a means of conveyance. Since 1921 the minimum has been \$1200, the Conference endeavoring as far as possible, from funds available from year to year, to supplement those salaries which are entirely too small to meet the actual necessities of life.

#### Weaker Conferences

During the terms of Dr. Thos. H. Lewis as President of the General Conference, the Maryland Conference played the big brother act, in helping some of the weaker conferences in the South. Within two years an offering was made amounting to \$5665 to apply to the care of these Conferences, and Dr. J. H. Straughn was loaned as "Regional Director" for those Conferences.

#### Time Limit for Pastors

For many years there seemed to exist the so called "Iron Rule" of a two year limit for the pastorate. It gradually disappeared however, until there was no time limit at all. Then began a series of efforts to place a limit, but they seemed not to have prevailed. A motion by John R. Nichols in 1861 to request from the General Conference a limit of five years was tabled by a vote of 29 to 15. A four year limit motion in 1885 was lost by a vote of 52 to 68, as also one by Rev. J. M. Yingling in 1891 and 1892, both ministers and laymen voting in the majority against a limit. A motion

for a limit by Mr. J. R. Caton in 1900 was referred to the various congregations through the year, resulting in its defeat by a vote of 1077 to 2263. A resolution for a ten year limit was tabled in 1922, and, one for seven years was lost in 1928.

#### Lotteries

The use of lotteries and games of chance for raising funds has been contrary to the Christian ideals of the Maryland Conference through all the years. In 1858 a resolution signed by T. D. Valiant and J. J. Murray, was passed as follows:

"Whereas the practice of raising funds for church purposes by means of lotteries and other games of hazard has obtained in many places under the auspices of churches in this Conference;

Resolved, That such practices in our judgment are inimical to the true interests of the churches, and should be discountenanced by all who desire the prevalence of true Christianity."

#### Santa Claus

A resolution by the youthful Rev. H. L. Elderdice condemning "the practice of representing Santa Claus in our churches as disrespectful to the house of God, deceptive to children and pernicious in result" was adopted in 1892.

#### Historical

By resolution of J. Roberts and D. W. Bates the Conference of 1857 appointed a committee of twelve to form an "Historical Society" for the purpose of "preserving a record of events touching our history as a church from its earliest incipency, and to aid societies interested to obtain facts respecting ..... the Methodist Protestant Church from every available source; and report them in a digested form to the first meeting of this Society." After many years of postponement the Society was finally formed with a Constitution and By-Laws in 1912.

The Conference again expressed the desire that the "names and deeds of our honored heroes and leaders be treasured by the church as a precious heritage."

#### Lady Delegates

The Conference of 1884 first discussed the matter of women serving as delegates, but decided that it was contrary to law, and no further steps were taken until in 1912 Rev. G. A. Morris introduced a resolution making women eligible. It was tabled. But in 1920 Mrs. Scott N. Duvall was elected and seated as the delegate from Chesaco Park Church. Since then many lady delegates have sat in the sessions of this Conference.

#### Summer Conference

At the session of 1891 President W. M. Strayer recommended that a committee be appointed "to prepare plans and secure a location for a summer school of theology and classical literature, where our preachers may profitably spend the time usually wasted in the inevitable summer vacation;" but apparently nothing was ever done about it.

However, the idea of availing of the summer season for the purpose of intellectual and spiritual inspiration, at some place of assembly, never entirely disappeared. In 1911 at the suggestion of Rev. A. N. Ward, a Summer Conference for Ministers was planned to be held at Western Maryland College. From the beginning it has grown in popular favor. This Conference has been held annually for twenty-three years, the sessions being held in the Theological Seminary since the erection of the new building. An annual appropriation is made by the Annual Conference to help defray the expenses in procuring outstanding lecturers and speakers.

### Quoting Our Leaders

This sketch may appropriately be brought to a close with a few quotations from some of our Conference leaders:

"Our association is not to advance the temporal interests of the ministry. Our first and chief object is the prosperity of our churches and constituents,—the only manner in which we can discharge our obligations to Him who walketh among the Golden Candlesticks."—(President Augustus Webster just before reading his Plan of Appointments of 1842).

"Under his preaching, sin seemed to stand out in its native loathsomeness, piety charmed with her spotless robes, Jesus appeared with a heart full of love, and Heaven attracted with its effulgent glories." (From Obituary of Josiah Varden in 1863).

"If all the pastors of the past had been like some of the pastors of today, some of the pastors of today would have been without a pastorate." (From Report of President Strayer in 1890).

"The best developments of the church of today will be found in an intelligent effort to save the lost." "Failure of business enterprise ..... and low prices of farm products have carried timidity into the church. Progress in some cases has been made by triumph of the pastor's faith and courage over the inertia and hopelessness of the church ..... we must find inspiration in the omnipotent verities of God and Heaven." (From Report of President Kinser in 1896).

"Plain practical preaching 'not with enticing words of man's wisdom but in demonstration of the Spirit and the power,' accompanied by practical hand to hand and heart to heart work, will save men now as well as of old." (President Melvin in 1900).

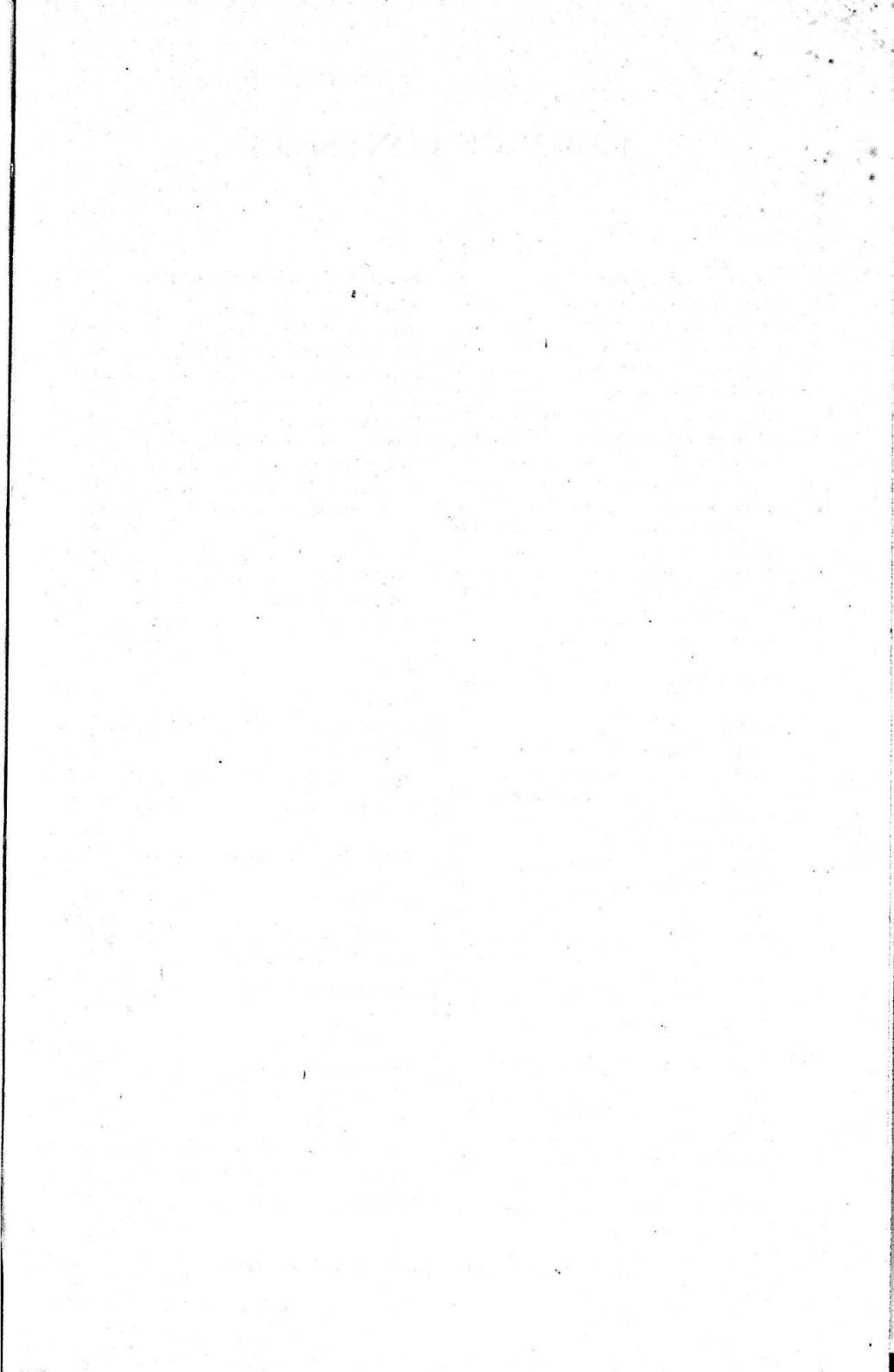
"A spiritual revival comes not through illuminated posters but illuminated pastors." (President Warner in 1919).

"Men are joining our churches because we have been taught the secret of divine consolation for a weary sick world; because the Holy Spirit has been pleased to witness mightily through our preaching to the power of the Gospel to reach the hearts of men and turn them from darkness to light." (From Diamond Jubilee Sermon of Rev. T. H. Lewis in 1903).

Perhaps the best closing words for this historical sketch are those of the semi-centennial sketch in 1881—"And inspired by the history of the past we

*'THANK GOD AND TAKE COURAGE'*





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