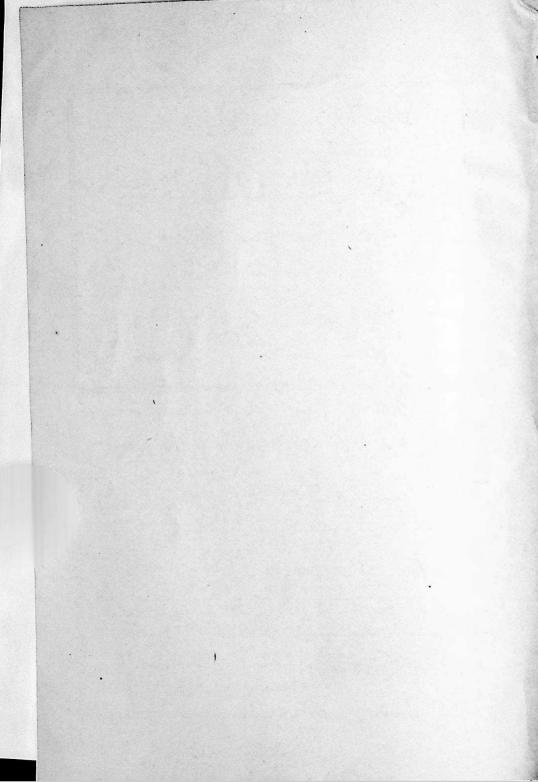
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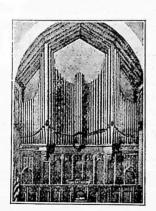
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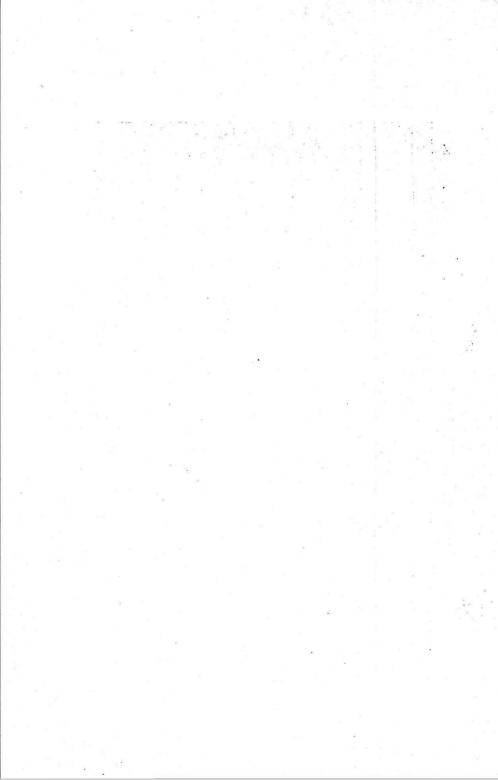
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- APPOINTEES ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UNION OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK—The President of the Conference, N. O. Gibson, P. W. Crosby, W. E. Harrison, George R. Smith.

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On Plans for \$100,000 Superannuate Fund—G. W. Haddaway, J. W. Kirk, C. P. Nowlin, T. A. Murray, J. P. Dodge, Daniel Baker.

Forward Movement Commission—J. M. Gill, G. W. Haddaway, G. I. Humphreys, R. L. Shipley, F. T. Benson, A. N. Ward, Fred P. Adkins, Walter Gale.

Arrangements for Conference—The President of the Conference, and The Standing District Committee.

On Odenton Church and War Work—W. H. Litsinger, E. A. Sexsmith, A. R. Lewis.

To Apportion Million Dollar Quota—J. M. Gill, G. W. Haddaway, F. T. Benson.

On Closed Churches-J. M. Sheridan.

#### To Report 1920

To Co-operate with Our Church Home—G. M. Clayton, W. H. Litsinger, E. A. Sexsmith, Seth H. Linthicum, George K. Mather.

On \$100,000 Superannuate Fund.—G. W. Haddaway, J. W. Kirk, C. P. Nowlin, T. A. Murray, J. P. Dodge, Daniel Baker.

Revision of Assessments and Budget—J. M. Sheridan, Louis Randall, C. P. Nowlin, N. O. Gibson, W. C. Scott, F. P. Adkins, E. E. Wooden, J. P. Dodge.

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- J. L. MILLS—Constitution and Discipline of the M. P. Church. Official Blanks.
- J. W. GRAY-Fisher's Manual of Christian Evidences.

All persons intending to apply for admission on trial will write to the President of the Conference for official blanks, on which application should be made.

All students in the Preparatory Course are required to present a written sermon to the President of the Faculty on or before February 1st of each Conference year.

Students-S. C. Wood.

#### First Year's Class

- T. H. LEWIS-"Tillets Studies in Christian Doctrine."
- J. L. ELDERDICE—Broadus' Preparation and Delivery of Sermons. A written sermon submitted February 1st.
- T. O. CROUSE-English.
- J. M. HOLMES-Nicholl's Help to the Study of the Bible.
- J. W. GRAY-Drinkhouse's History of Methodist Reform, Vol. I.
- B. W. KINDLEY-Sunday School Experience,-Tralle.

#### Students-

Seminarians prepare and forward thesis on "Proofs of the Existence of God" to Dr. Lewis on or before February 1st.

#### Second Year's Class

- H. L. ELDERDICE-Curtis' Theology, Vol. I. First half.
- J. W. TROUT-Smith's Historical Geography of the Holy Land.
- W. M. STRAYER-Fisher's Church History. (Complete).
- J. W. BALDERSTON-Drinkhouse's History of Methodist Reform, Vol. II.
- B. W. KINDLEY-Training the Teacher-Schauffler.

Students-J. H. Lynch, H. L. Murphy.

Seminarians prepare and forward thesis on "Regeneration," to H. L. Elderdice on or before February 1st.

#### Third Year's Class

F. T. BENSON—Curtis' Theology, Vol. I, Last half. A written sermon submitted by January 1st.

W. R. GRAHAM-Lewis' The Divine Credentials.

A. W. MATHER-Miller's Christian Ministry.

The following books are to be read by the class and a written Syllabus presented to the examiners at the time indicated:

W. R. GRAHAM—Peck's "The Revival and the Pastor," submitted November 1st.

A. W. MATHER—Buckley's "Theory and Practice of Extemporaneous-Preaching," submitted February 1st.

Seminarians prepare and forward a sermon on "The Atonement" to F. T. Benson on or before February 1, 1919.

Students—C. N. Alexander, J. T. Moore, P. M. R. Schauer, A. F. T. Raum, J. P. George, L. E. Haddaway, Frank K. McCorkle.

J. L. MILLS will deliver a lecture on the Theory and Practice of our Church Government, and every student is required to attend this lecture and examination, and also to answer the question: "Have you spent a portion of each day in private study of the Word and in prayer?"

The Faculty meets on Tuesday, at 10.00 a.m., to examine students, and at 7.30 p.m., for business. Students will not be examined any other day.

Correct answers to two-thirds of the questions asked will be required to pass a candidate either for reception on trial or into any class of the course, or for orders. Two-thirds will be marked 70. All questions answered, or less three, will be marked 100, and all receiving 100 will be reported to the Conference.

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

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

J. L. MILLS, President.

J. W. KIRK, Secretary.

## JOURNAL

Baltimore, Md., April 2, 1919.

#### FIRST DAY-WEDNESDAY

### Morning

The Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened in its 91st Session this day in Lowe Memorial Methodist Protestant Church at 9 A. M. The President, L. F. Warner, called the Conference to order, and conducted the devotional service. The Thirteenth Chapter of First Corinthians was read by the President, followed by singing of Hymn 318, "Jesus, thy boundless love to me." Prayer was offered by W. M. Strayer. Hymn 345, "Draw me Nearer" was then sung.

The President then called W. M. Strayer to the Chair, and read his report. At its conclusion, the President's character was passed. (Report A).

The roll of the Conference was called by the Secretary. The names of J. A. Weigand, on motion of E. C. Makosky, and of C. W. Cole, on motion of H. L. Elderdice, were transferred to the Memorial Roll.

The names of the Alternates from Accomac, Lauraville, Dorchester, Howard, Marley, Milford, St. Michaels, were inserted as delegates from said charges. The credentials of Broadway's delegate and Salem's delegate were certified to and their names recorded. The President submitted the credentials of delegates from Oak Grove and Lewes; and by vote their names were duly enrolled.

The President read the list of Standing Committees. (See List). W. A. Melvin, Pastor of Conference Church, made announcements.

Report of Program Committee was read by the Secretary; it submitted the program for this session and recommended the suspension of certain regulations of the Manual for this session. Report adopted. Conference suspended to give opportunity for sale of tickets for the supper at the City Club, Friday evening. (Report Q).

Conference resumed 11:30. The Memorial Roll was called by F. C. Klein. At the name of J. A. Weigand, E. C. Makosky read the obituary, and J. L. Mills spoke. Pause also was made at the name of C. W. Cole, and obituary read by H. L. Elderdice, C. N. Alexander and E. H. Jones spoke; also delegate from Williamsport.

After several announcements, Conference adjourned.

#### Afternoon

Conference opened at 2 P. M. On motion the bar of the house was fixed to include the sixth pew.

Secretary of the Conference read his report—it was adopted on motion with reference of the financial item to the Committee on Audit. Roll of charges then called, for communications. (Report B).

The report of the Forward Movement Commission was placed on the desk, the Secretary of the Commission being granted privilege to read that portion of the report embodying the recommendations; following are the same-(1) A Pledge by the Conference of full and hearty Cooperation in the Million Dollar drive. (2) The postponement of all Conference special financial efforts for a year, giving the right of way to this Campaign. (3) The appointment of a Commission to further this movement. (4) That the Conference accept its allottment of \$250,000.00; and that a Committee be appointed to apportion the allottment to the various charges. (5) That Churches having made contributions to the Goals allotted them, be credited with same on allottment to be made. (6) That pastors be directed to use the programs of the "Four Great Sundays"-beginning April 13th. (7) That the Commission send "Flying Squadrons" into the 19 districts of the Maryland Conference, to present the subject to official meetings of the Churches, and that Conference authority urge service on the part of members to promote these meetings. (8) That pastors give hospitable welcome to the Minute Man for any service to which he may come to present the Campaign. port U).

W. H. Litsinger suggested that Conference give Saturday evening to hearing addresses in this church by Dr. Shipley and Mr. Myers, both of whom are officers lately returned from France. Motion adopted that such a program be arranged.

The election of Officers being the Order of the Day for 2:30, the President appointed J. L. Ward, W. P. Roberts, F. L. Ball, and T. A. Myers as tellers on the ballot for President.

Ballot taken, 149 votes cast. Necessary to a choice, 75.

- L. F. Warner received 125 votes,
- J. H. Straughn received 11 votes,
- G. W. Haddaway received 7 votes, several scattering votes.
- L. F. Warner was declared elected; the President-elect in a short address accepted the office and expressed his appreciation of the confidence of his brethren in the honor given him.

On motion, the Assistant Secretary cast the ballot of the Conference for J. H. Straughn as Secretary; he appointed as Assistants, G. I. Humphreys, R. L. Shipley and K. K. Haddaway.

On motion, the Secretary cast the vote of Conference for C. P. Nowlin as Treasurer, and for J. A. Dudley for Steward, both for 1920.

The ballot for Standing District Committee was taken with same tellers as in vote for the President; and tellers were permitted to receive and count the ballot.

E. H. Jones, M. E. Hungerford, M. A. Davis and F. J. Reinicker were appointed tellers on ballot for Committee on Appeals; vote was taken and tellers permitted to retire and make count.

The Committee on Official Relations presented to the President, Revs. Butler of the West Virginia Conference, Lewis of the Pittsburg Conference and Dixon of the North Carolina Conference, and the President introduced them to the Conference.

The Secretary read a letter from the Taylor Memorial Church Quarterly Conference, approving the request of Emmanuel Church of that city for admission to the Conference, and the pastor of Taylor Memorial Church asked that early action be taken by the Committee on Church Extension to which the letter was referred. (See Report G).

An invitation from First Church. Washington, was read, asking that the 1920 session of the Conference be held in that church, by rule the invitation is on the table for 24 hours.

On motion of J. M. Sheridan, the case of W. N. Sherwood was referred to the Committee on Superannuates.

Special attention was called to the meeting of Friday evening at the City Club.

By motion the roll of pastors for the depositing of reports was called at 3:45 o'clock. The President made announcement as to the location of his office and expressed desire to see the ministers and delegates at the close of each afternoon session.

The Secretary read a letter from A. N. Ward; it was referred to the Committee on Official Relations.

Announcements were made and Conference adjourned.

## Evening -

The Conference Choir led a Service of Song. President L. F. Warner presided. Prayer was made by G. W. Haddaway.

The Scripture lesson, a part of the Fourth Chapter of Ephesians, was read by T. O. Crouse. Hymns 58 and 114 were sung.

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The Conference Sermon was preached by E. H. VanDyke; subject, "Our Problems and their Solutions," Text, Ezekiel 7; 23rd verse in part-"Make a Chain." At the conclusion of the Sermon the Sacrament. of The Lord's Supper was administered by the President of the Conference, assisted by T. O. Crouse, J. W. Balderston, B. W. Kindley and J. Doxology was sung and benediction pronounced by J. M. A. Wright. Sheridan.

## SECOND DAY-THURSDAY

#### Morning

Conference opened at 9:30 o'clock with devotional services conducted by R. L. Shipley. Theme: "Preparation for Prophesying." Scripture grange rooting religions and co lesson Isaiah 6: 1-13.

The President took the chair and the roll was called. The minutes were read and approved.

The President and the Standing District Committee acting as the Committee on Conference Arrangements made its report and the same was adopted. (Report S).

The report of the Maryland Conference Educational Endowment Society was read. It cited that the personnel of the Board is unchanged and that its relation to Western Maryland College and Westminster Theological Seminary is the same. That the income of the Henrietta Gibson legacy has been paid the Governors of the Seminary for educating young men for the ministry. To the same purpose has been placed \$500.00 put at the Society's disposal by the Conference Trustees in accordance with the terms of the Drinkhouse will. Adopted. (Report T).

Letters were read from the Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and from the Trustees of the Kansas City University, and were referred to the Committee on Official Relations. A letter from the Treasurer of the General Conference was read and referred to the Board of Finance for consideration.

The report of the tellers on ballot for Standing District Committee reported: 125 votes were cast, necessary to choice 63.

Ministers elected: F. T. Little received 91 votes; W. R. Graham received 79 votes; J. M. Sheridan received 80 votes. Laymen elected: T. P. Fisher received 96 votes; T. A. Murray received 84 votes; W. G. Baker received 70 votes.

Report of Tellers on ballot for Committee on Appeals was made. One minister, J. W. Kirk, is elected; one layman, A. R. Lewis, is electedBy motion the Secretry was instructed to cast the vote of the Conference for the two ministers and two laymen having the next highest vote. Accordingly J. L. Mills and A. W. Mather, ministers; M. A. Davis and W. O. Atwood, laymen, are declared elected.

Various papers were referred to Committees without reading. Announcements were made. On call, the report of the Conference Deaconess Board was read and referred to Committee on Benevolent Agencies.

A partial report of the Committee on Church Extension was made, it recommends the admission of Emmanuel Church, Philadelphia, and that J. N. Dunlop, messenger to the Conference, be seated as delegate from said church. The report was adopted and delegate Dunlop was introduced to the Conference. (Report G).

The Order of the Day, 10:40 o'clock, was the report of the Conference Forward Movement Commission; and the Secretary of the Commission read same. The Preamble and that part of the report up to the recommendations were adopted; and the recommendations called for by items. Item 1 was read. T. H. Lewis spoke to the question. speech, he asked this question: "Will the entire amount subscribed and collected be distributed pro rata among the objects named in Bulletin #2, and in the proportion named there, without any deduction for salaries except that allotted for the expenses of the campaign expected to aggregate about \$15,000.00?" C. H. Beck, Treasurer of the General Conference and member of the Executive Committee was asked to answer the His answer was: "That is the action of the Executive Comquestion. Delegate from Linthicum Heights Church, and G. W. Haddaway and J. M. Gill spoke to the item. By a rising vote, the item was Item 3 was amended to adopted unanimously. Item 2 was adopted. read "with President of the Conference as Chairman Ex-Officio." Item 4 and 5 adopted. By vote the time was extended. Item 6, 7, and 8 were adopted. T. H. Lewis offered an amendment to the recommendations, to be Item 9-which read as follows: "That the President of the Conference be relieved from all other duties until the completion of this campaign, and that he have authority to require of any members of the Conference such help as he may desire."

Amendment adopted and entered as recommendation 9. Report adopted. (Report U).

Conference recessed at 12 o'clock.

#### Afternoon

Conference resumed at 2 o'clock with the President in the Chair. The Order of the day being to hear the General Conference Messengers. The President introduced Dr. C. H. Beck, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Treasurer of the General Conference, who addressed the Conference. Dr. G. H. Miller, Secretary of the Board of Education, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

The report of the Committee as to \$100,000.00 Addition to the Permanent Fund of the Superannuated Fund Society, was read; it recommends that the Conference authorize the raising of this sum, that it be divided into units or shares of \$100 each, in individual or collective subscriptions, payable in two years in quarterly installments; and that a suitable certificate be given for each share of \$100.00 subscribed and paid. The campaign for the raising of this sum to be begun in our churches and among our membership at such a time as this Conference may designate; and that further working out of this plan be left to a Committee to be named by the Conference at this session. The report was adopted. (Report X).

At 3:15 o'clock the Conference gave way to meetings of the Superannuated Fund Society; and of the Mutual Relief Association. Conference resumed.

A letter from the Womens' Board of the Home Missionary Society asking for the loan of T. R. Woodford to be Superintendent of Pine Ridge Institute, Kentucky, was read and referred to the Committee on Official Relations.

The report of the Committee to Cooperate with the Lord's Day Alliance was read; it is stated that no request for our cooperation has been made by the Lord's Day Alliance. Affirmation of our interest and sympathy for their work is made. Report was adopted. (Report Z).

President Warner appointed as Committee to Apportion the Maryland Conference's allottment of the \$250,000.00 on the charges for the Million Dollar Drive—J. M. Gill, G. W. Haddaway, F. T. Benson.

The report of the Conference Trustees was read; it is stated that the terms of F. T. Little, G. W. Haddaway, J. H. Roberts and F. K. Herr expire this year. That the \$1000.00 legacy of Mrs. A. S. Eversole has been continued as invested and the income therefrom has been used for Church extension purposes as per terms of the bequest. That the Treasurer's report audited is herewith submitted—in it is shown the receipts and expenditures of the Drinkhouse Trust Estate, which is now subject

to disposition by this Board in accordance with the terms created by the will of Dr. Drinkhouse. The report was adopted. (Report D).

On motion the Conference directed the Secretary to cast the ballot for F. T. Little, G. W. Haddaway, J. H. Roberts and F. K. Herr as Trustees of the Conference to serve till 1922. On motion, Conference adjourned at 4 o'clock with benediction by J. W. Gray.

#### Evening

The program for this session was held in the interest of the Young Peoples' Work of the Conference Union. J. H. Straughn, President of the Union, presided. L. B. Smith and J. L. Nichols made addresses.

#### THIRD DAY—FRIDAY

#### Morning

Devotional services were conducted by C. M. Compher. Themes "Conversational Evangelism." Scripture reading: Acts 8: 1-8.

President Warner called the Conference to order at 10 A. M. The minutes were read and approved. Roll of absentees was called; and the alternate from Kent Island was enrolled.

Report of Committee on Odenton Church and War Work was read—it commends most highly the work of R. Y. Nicholson as our appointee in the War Work at Camp Meade. Both in this capacity and as "Y" Secretary, his work is attested by Mr. H. P. Voorhees, Camp Mead War Work Secretary. Likewise the work at Odenton Church shows the effect of the services that he and his wife have rendered there. The parsonage at Odenton has been put in good condition; and hope is expressed that a pastor be assigned to this work, and it is recommended that any balance from the War Work Fund be held for the benefit of Odenton and Camp Work. W. H. Litsinger spoke to the report. R. Y. Nicholson addressed the Conference, and expressed gratification that he had the opportunity to serve in this capacity, and his thanks is made for the cordial support of the Committee and of the Conference. Report was then adopted. (Report Y).

The Chairman of Official Relations Committee presented to the Conference, Drs. St. Clair Neal, U. G. Wright and J. C. Nicholson, representing the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who introduced them to the Conference. Each of these representatives addressed the Conference, and President Warner made reply on behalf of this body.

A telegram from Dr. Lyman E. Davis was read; greetings are sent the Conference and announcement made that he expects to visit us Saturday morning.

The report of the Committee on Pulpit Supply was read and adopted after motion to excuse A. W. Betts from the assignment.

On motion, A. W. Betts was excused from further attendance on Conference after this session.

The President appointed T. O. Crouse, H. L. Elderdice and W. O. Atwood as Fraternal Messengers to the Baltimore Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Report of the Committee on Literature and Education was read:

1—WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE. Gratification is expressed at the enrollment and the progress of the Endowment Fund. It states the College was never in better condition than today, nor more hopeful for the future. This item was adopted. T. H. Lewis, President of the College, was then heard; he spoke in relation to the Endowment Fund and student body. Dr. Lewis said that while the student body is larger than ever, yet it is a fact that our church constituency is not yet represented as it ought to be.

2—WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. The report of the Board of Governors shows a gratifying degree of prosperity. The graduating class is the largest for years, numbering 15; among the number are members of the Baltimore M. E. Conference and of the United Brethren Conference. Nine of these graduates will come to this Conference, the remainder will be divided among Ohio, North Carolina, and North Illinois Conferences. Rejoicing is made at the splendid success of the \$50,000.00 Building Fund. Grateful acknowledgment is made of the bequests of Miss Virginia Winfree, Lynchburg, Va., of Mrs. G. B. Edmonston, of Frederick Co., Md. and of Dr. J. B. Watson, St. Mary's, West Virginia.

The Committee concurs in the following recommendations: (1) That H. L. Elderdice be assigned as President of the Seminary. (2) That in so far as possible, all candidates for the admission into the Conference, first take the course of study in the College and then the Seminary. This item was adopted.

H. L. Elderdice, President of the Seminary, was then heard.

3—BOARD OF EDUCATION. Acknowledgment of a communication from the Board of Education is made. It shows an Invested Fund of \$40,250.00; the interest of which is used to educate men for the ministry. It is hoped that the Fund will soon reach \$100,000.00. Pleasure

is expressed at the gratifying condition of our institutions, and that the debt on West Lafayette College Building is being rapidly paid.

It is recommended: (1) That the amounts apportioned to the Charges of the Conference of 1917 for liquidating the debt on the West Lafayette College Building, be continued on those charges which have not paid in full. (2) That a day in November, preferably the Sunday nearest Thanksgiving, be known as Educational Day.

T. H. Lewis offered as an amendment for another Recommendation that the Second Sunday in May be known as "Go to College" Day. The amendment was lost on a rising vote. J. M. Gill offered an amendment that such a Sunday be the 4th Sunday in May. This amendment carried and became recommendation (3). This item adopted.

4—THE BOOK CONCERN. The report from the Concern has been considered and there is an excellent showing. A net gain of \$1121.37 for the year. There is a growing subscription list of the "Methodist Protestant" with a net gain of 1500 for the year. The Editor, F. T. Benson, is congratulated for efficiency and we pledge him support in effort to place the paper in every Methodist Protestant Home, and recommend the 3rd Sunday in October as "Methodist Protestant" Day. On motion, Order of Day was made at 3:30 o'clock to hear the Editor and Publisher of the paper. Announcements and adjournment with benediction by J. W. Gray.

#### Afternoon

Conference resumed at 2 o'clock, the President calling Order, and asked that a hymn be sung.

On motion G. Q. Bacchus and the delegate from Harrington were excused till Monday. A letter from G. A. Morris was read and referred to Committee on Official Relations.

The report of the Committee on Missions was read. Attention is called to the steady growth of our work in Japan and India, under peculiarly trying conditions, as reported by the Foreign Mission Board. That appeals for Relief Fund through the "Methodist Protestant" realized nearly \$900.00, with other amounts coming through the "Recorder" and "Herald." The special need this year is that the standard of Offerings for Childrens' Day should be maintained. The Annuity Fund of the Board has passed the \$10,000.00 mark, and suggest that friends give Liberty Bonds to the fund. Appreciation is expressed for the legacy of Miss Virginia Winfree of which the Men's and Women's Boards are legatees. It

cites that the Maryland Branch of the W. F. M. S. increased its membership and organized seven auxiliaries during the year; and urges pastors to cooperate in this work. It is pointed out that the work of the Home Mission Board is divided into two parts; that of growing cities and towns contiguous to our organized work, and that of frontier sections. Churches are being established and assisted to self support in eleven conferences; including valuable aid rendered in this Conference, particularly in Philadelphia. In the Frontier Work, special attention is given the Southwest, where the Board has opportunity for doing a great work for the denomination and the Kingdom. The supreme need of the hour is for funds to enter open doors. More general and generous use of Easter Service is urged. It is recommended that the Secretary of the Conference make provision in report blanks for the reports on W. H. M. S. recommended that the Committee on Special Missionary Cooperation be continued. Mrs. Baynes representing the Md. Branch W. F. M. S. was introduced and addressed the Conference; and Mrs. E. B. Marley representing the W. H. M. S. was introduced and spoke on that work. T. R. Woodford addressed the Conference concerning his work that is to be at Pine Ridge Institute and asked the prayers of the Conference. Shipley moved to strike out the recommendation for continuance of Committee on Special Missionary Cooperation. Motion adopted. The Report, as amended, adopted. (Report N).

The Report of Committee on President's Report was read. It states that the report of the President gives us a great vision both of splendid achievements and fields of opportunity. The challenge of the hour is . clear and unmistakable and we gird ourselves to answer that challenge. The Committee joins with the President in sympathy for those who have walked in the valley of shadows through the mutual tie of Christian Love. It endorses the President's desire that Western Maryland College shall be given a larger measure of cooperation by our people; and expresses hope that the success of H. L. Elderdice in securing \$50,000.00 for the Seminary shall mark the beginning of greater things for that in-The hope of the President that this Conference appropriate \$300.00 for the Summer Conference is heartily endorsed. is found in the growth of "The Methodist Protestant." It is hoped that speedily the School for Christian Workers in connection with the Deaconess work may be established. Gratitude is expressed for the large amount of money invested in building and improvement, and special rejoicing is found in the fact that amidst unsettled times men are turning to God and the fire is still burning on the Altar. While the contempla-

tion of the liquor traffic's end gives real joy. Concurrence of the Committee in the recommendation to increase the assessment for Church Home to \$3,000.00 in order to meet a deficiency which s embarrassing. On this item, N. C. Clough moved that it be amended to read, "we concur in the recommendation of the President to increase the assessment for the Church Home." Motion to amend was adopted. Concurrence in the President's recommendation that the Manual be so changed, that the minimum salary limit for a married pastor be \$900.00 instead of \$800.00. Concurrence in the Presidents' recommendation that instead of adding 10% of the Assessment to the invested fund of the Superannuated Fund Society, the rule be suspended for this year so that the entire amount of the collection can be used in the distribution. The Presidents' recommendation that a Committee of four ministers and four laymen be appointed to take under consideration the table of assessments and report in 1920, is endorsed. That our beloved Church "may be crowned with that hallowed light from the Cross of Christ, that it may shine upon the gift and the giver." The Committee endorses the call of the President for most intensive and extensive work in our great Forward Movement Drive. For the preservation of the life and health of President Warner gratitude to God is expressed, and prayer made that, in the strenuous days before him, God may give him strength and wisdom for the great tasks to which this Conference has called him. General discussion of the report revealed that the sense of the Conference is that a previous Conference action had definitely assigned the Board of Finance as a Committee to consider the table of Assessments with a view to equitable revision and report thereon. The report as amended was adopted. (Report A).

A Resolution was offered "to amend Regulation 3, Section 2, of the Manual to read \$4,000.00 instead of \$3,000.00; and that the Board of Finance be directed to apportion the amount on the Charges." Resolution was adopted. (Resolution 1).

The Report of the Committee on the Young Peoples Work was read. It expressed keen appreciation for the work accomplished during the year as indicated by the report of the Conference Union President. And it is affirmed that the Young People of the Church will take no backward step. Note is made that many of our young men have not counted their lives dear unto themselves but have made the great sacrifice; and concurrence is expressed with the suggestion of the Conference President, that a careful canvass be made in the district to ascertain how many of our boys have given their lives that "Freedom should not perish from the earth," and a corresponding number of Gold Stars be placed in the

service flag of our union. Rejoicing is voiced that last year the Union raised the largest amount in its history toward the support of the Union Missionary. The Committee commends the Denominational Secretary, A. G. Dixon, on the splendid talents and clear vision he is bringing to the general work; and the wise leadership and consecrated zeal of our Conference Union President, J. H. Straughn, whose work largely accounts for past successes; and it is a pleasure that the President of the General Board of Young People's Work is a member of this Conference, G. W. Haddaway.

It is recommended: (1) That September 28th be recognized as Rally Day, that the Program of the Board be used, and special offering be taken in every Sunday School in the District for the Young People's Work. (2) The organization of Teacher Training Classes in every school as one of the best means to provide future trained and efficient leaders. (3) That in every church a Society of Christian Endeavor, and if possible a Junior Society, be organized, since these serve as a training school. (4) That at least two delegates be sent from each Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Society in the Conference to the coming Convention. (5) That sometime during the year, each pastor preach a sermon calling attention to the need for life work recruits, urging on our Young People definite decision for some specific form of church work.

The consideration of this report was suspended that we might take up the Order of the Day. Accordingly the President introduced F. T. Benson, Editor of the "Methodist Protestant." He first read the report of Mr. Chas. Reiner, Publisher and Agent of the Book Concern, and then spoke to the Conference. The report of the Committee on Literature and Education as amended, was then adopted. At this juncture T. H. Lewis was called to the Chair. (Report I).

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on Young People's Work was again taken up. E. T. Read moved that a special Committee be appointed to consider that item of report on the time and place of holding the Convention of the Young People's Union, concerning which the Standing Committee on Young People's Work had made no recommendation. Motion adopted; and the Chair named this Standing Committee as the Special Committee. On motion further consideration of the report as a whole was held in abeyance till this Special Committee reports. (Report J).

W. H. Litsinger, Chairman of the Committee on Odenton Church and War Work asked the Conference to grant the Committee the privilege to embody in its report, made this morning, the work of W. F. Wright at Glenburnie in connection with Saunders' Range. Request granted by common consent. (See Report Y).

The Conference, on motion, gave way to the meeting of the Church Extension Society. (See Societies).

Conference resumed at 3:45 with T. H. Lewis in the chair.

The Secretary read a telegram from Dr. C. S. Johnson, Secretary of General Conference Forward Movement Commission and was instructed by the Conference to reply thereto.

Several announcements were made, and Conference adjourned with benediction by L. B. Smith.

# FOURTH DAY—SATURDAY

# Morning

The Devotional Services were led by W. L. Hoffman. Theme: "A Ministry of Joy." Scripture lesson: Acts 20: 17-27.

Conference was called to order with the President in the Chair. The reading of the Minutes for yesterday was held in abeyance. On motion, Dr. Howard A. Kelly was invited to address the Conference Monday afternoon; and Dr. W. W. Davis was asked to convey the invitation to Dr. Kelley.

Roll of absentees was called.

The Minutes were read and approved. On motion 11 o'clock was fixed as the hour to hear Mr. Grasty of the Maryland Tract Society.

On motion, the Secretary of the Conference was instructed to communicate to Rev. S. F. Cassen and family the sympathy of the Conference in the death of his son; information having just reached us that his boy passed away last night.

Motion adopted that the President appoint a Committee of two to visit Rev. Jesse Norris, who has been ill for a year.

The Report of the Committee on Closed Churches was read and referred to the Committee on Church Extension. (See Report G).

On motion, Dr. W. W. Davis, Secretary of The Lord's Day Alliance, was heard.

T. H. Lewis called for the unfinished business of yesterday, which was the consideration of Report of Committee on Young People's Work, the item being the Summer Conference. G. E. Brown moved to adopt the report, grant the request and make the appropriation. R. L. Shipley spoke to the motion. T. H. Lewis spoke at length in particular reference to the Summer Conference, mentioning that the Methodist Episcopal

Brethren had asked that they might hold their summer conference at the College. (Reports J and V).

On motion J. W. Trout was excused from Conference to attend a funeral.

The Chairman of the Board of Finance asked permission to present a Partial Report; granted,—this partial report states that after carefully considering the matter it is deemed inadvisable to accept the assessment from the Executive Committee on General Conference Budget transmitted through the General Conference Treasurer. Adopted. (Report E).

The Special Committee appointed to consider the time and place for holding the Young People's Convention reported and recommends that the action of the Executive Committee of the Young People's Union, be confirmed; and deems it inadvisable to change the date. This was adopted. The report as a whole, now under consideration (of Committee on Young People's Work) was adopted. (Report J).

J. S. Bowers was called to the Chair. Partial Report of Committee on Itinerancy and Orders was read; the following items are submitted as recommendations. (1) That, Geo. E. McDorman, J. W. Townsend, R. W. White, Karl Howard Wareheim, E. Lester Ballard, J. R. McKewan, Guy Leister, J. Leas Green, J. W. Baxley, be received into the Conference. (2) That R. W. Sutcliffe be received into the Conference with the understanding that he relinquishes all claim upon the Superannuated Fund. (3) That, Geo. E. McDorman, J. W. Townsend, R. W. White, Karl Howard Wareheim, E. Lester Ballard, J. R. McKewan, Guy Leister, J. Leas Green, and J. W. Baxley, be ordained, they being graduates of the Westmnster Theological Seminary. (4) That J. T. Moore, C. H. Dobson, J. H. Lynch and A. F. T. Raum, be ordained, provided they give the usual pledge concerning the studies of the Conference Course, they having preached three years under the stationing authority of the Conference. The Committee states that I. S. Owens is passed through the Course. W. L. Jump is continued in third years' class in Divine Credentials, C. N. Alexander, J. T. Moore, P. M. R. Schauer, A. F. T. Raum, J. P. George, and Frank K. McCorkle, of the Second Years' Class are passed to the Third Years' Class. L. E. Haddaway is passed to the Third Years' Class, . except that he is continued in Smith's Historical Geography and Fisher's Church History of the Second Year's Studies. J. H. Lynch and H. L. Murphy are passed into the Second Year's Class.

The recommendations of the report were called for by items. Item one was adopted. Item two was adopted. Item three was adopted. Un-

der item four, the candidates for ordination therein named were called before the Conference and gave the required pledge. The item was adopted. This Partial Report was then adopted. The Order of the Day, the reception of the Candidates for admission into Conference, was held in abeyance till the President be notified. (Report F).

The Report of The Committee on Moral Reform was read: Gratitude is voiced that at last, through faith, prayer and consecrated effort, the liquor traffic is outlawed. Attention is called to the base misrepresentations of the press that is venal and subsidized, and which is a foe to be fought, one which is heartless and as hopelessly lawless as the most dangerous anarchist of the European world. And, because this is a day of unrest, one of the greatest needs of the Nation is a profound respect for law that our country may escape the lawlessness and riot of other Therefore, we pledge ourselves to use all honorable means to support and uphold the law of our State and Nation. Because of certain provisions of the 18th Amendment to the Federal Constitution, we urge our people in the Conference District to interest themselves that men who will carry out this provision, may be elected to the next General Assembly of Maryland. Support and cooperation is pledged the W. C. T. U. and all kindred organizations in efforts to absolutely outlaw the liquor traffic the world over. The Call is sounded to all our ministers and laity to awake to the subtle influences engaged in Sabbath Desecration.

We believe a United Church must stand firmly on a final determination for a world's peace on the highest principles of Justice and Righteousness, and so we pledge our faith and cooperation with President Wilson in his herculean efforts to accomplish it. The Report of this Committee now being under consideration, on motion, Mr. J. W. Crabbe, Supt. Anti-Saloon League of Maryland, addressed the Conference. his speech he called attention to the fact that a wet press was doing all possible to discredit Prohibition before the law goes into effect, and that no doubt existed but that Congress will pass such measures for law enforcement as are needed at the coming session-show your interest and speak to your Congressman. F. T. Tagg asked that Conference hear J. L. Nichols, recently returned from France, as to the attitude of our soldiers toward Prohibition when they return to this country. Nichols briefly addressed the Conference; he said he was convinced that 80% of the men of the A. E. F. would consider it a slander to say they were against Prohibition. The Report was adopted. (Report K).

Dr. Lyman E. Davis, President of the General Conference, was introduced and addressed the Conference. In an interesting and thoughtful

speech he called attention to several things he had been called upon to stand for in an official capacity. Regarding the Forward Movement Program, he congratulated this Conference on its recent action; and said this latest program of the General Conference Commission was, in effect, to clear the situation; to give every corner of a Church a channel to cooperate; to give every Sabbath School and every Church a chance to be a Banner organization; but that the only way to be a Victory Church was to "go over the top." Dr. Davis said the divine right of a King was the tyranny of right to lash whether you wanted to be lashed or not; but Democracy was the right of the people, to uphold the majesty of the law and stand in obedience to the law, and that no nation that carries the flag of Liberty at its head can be submerged, and no Ship of Zion that carries the flag of Liberty at its masthead can be submerged. Finally he challenged the Conference thus:—"the will to win depends on the will to sacrifice."

The President took the Chair.

Order of Day:—The reception of candidates into the Conference. Names of these candidates were read and Geo. E. McDorman, J. W. Townsend, R. W. White, Karl Howard Wareheim, E. Lester Ballard, J. R. McKewan, Guy Leister, J. Leas Green, J. W. Baxley and R. W. Sutcliffe were presented to the President, who briefly addressed and welcomed them to the fellowship of the Maryland Conference. Dr. Warner said to the candidates, that a minister must be both a man with a message and a man with a program. That a minister must know how to administer. That a minister must be a preacher—and that there must be the preparation not only of manuscript but of the man. And a minister must be a pastor.

The Report of the Committee on Superannuates was read, and with the list of appropriations was laid on the table for 24 hours. (Report H).

The Report of the Committee on Church Home was called for. On motion, consideration was deferred till Monday morning.

Conference adjourned with benediction by F. A. Holland.

No Afternoon Session.

No Evening Session.

# FIFTH DAY—SUNDAY

# Morning

The ordination services were held at eleven o'clock. G. E. Brown read the scripture, Acts, first chapter, and J. F. Bryan offered prayer. J. C. McCaslin preached the ordination sermon from the text, Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

Following the sermon the Secretary called the names of the candidates and presented them to the President for ordination. The President assisted by J. L. Mills, J. M. Sheridan, A. H. Green, W. A. Melvin, and J. H. Straughn ordained them to the office of elder in the Church of Christ, as follows: J. W. Townsend, Raymond W. White, Karl H. Wareheim, E. Lester Ballard, J. R. McKewan, Guy Leister, J. Leas Green, J. W. Baxley, J. T. Moore, C. H. Dobson, J. H. Lynch and A. F. T. Raum.

# SIXTH DAY-MONDAY

# Morning

Devotional Services were conducted by P. W. Crosby. Theme: "The Great Commission." Scripture Reading: Matt. 28: 16-20.

At 10 o'clock the Secretary called the Conference to order. In the absence of the President, on motion F. T. Little took the chair.

The Minutes of Saturday were read and approved—the Journal Secretary being given the privilege of inserting in the record, the Services of yesterday.

Roll of absentees was called.

Rev. J. H. Hyatt, Agent of the Maryland Bible Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

The Report of the Committee on Church Home was read. It is noted that the condition of the Home is excellent, and the good health of the inmates is general. The death of Mrs. Josephine Baile is noted, first matron, in service for eleven years. She became an inmate Dec. 31st, 1905 and died October, 1918. Some expenses have been made necessary on account of improvements, same have been met by the inmates and friends through the efforts of Miss Stewart. Twenty-six churches have sent donations, a decrease of 13. It is suggested that the Lady Visitors interest themselves more generally, especially the observance of Annual Visitor's Day. The cost of maintenance is increased by the growing number of inmates. The present assessment is inadequate and the Home

has been operating at a loss; the deficit for this year is nearly \$2,000.00. We recommend, therefore, that the assessment for this year be \$5,000.00. Motion to adopt. E. C. Makosky, F. T. Tagg, G. W. Haddaway, delegate from Cumberland, N. C. Clough, L. W. Gordon, H. L. Elderdice, W. M. Strayer spoke to the motion. The Report was adopted. (Report O).

E. C. Makosky moved that a Committee be appointed in accordance with the suggestion of the Board of Managers, to cooperate with their Committee to work out the program and plans for the 25th Anniversary of the Home. Adopted.

Report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted. (Report P). Resolution offered by R. L. Shipley authorizing the President of the Conference and the Superintendent of Church Extension, to arrange for the exchange of appointments and properties with other denominations, when the exchange can be made equitably and for the good of the Kingdom; provided the consent of the local church is secured. Resolution adopted. (Resolution 2).

The paper from the First M. P. Church, Washington, was taken from the table and read—"At the last meeting of the Official Board of First Church, Washington, D. C., the delegate was unanimously instructed to invite the Maryland Annual Conference to hold its next session, 1920, at First Church." This invitation is signed by H. G. Watts, Secretary of the Board of Stewards. On motion the invitation was accepted and the matter of details of arrangement be left with the President and the Standing District Committee.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to print in the Manual among the Standing Committees as a Committee on Conference Arrangement, "The President and Standing District Committee."

Resolution was offered that the Conference print in the Minutes, the Conference Sermon preached by E. H. VanDyke. (Resolution 3).

The Report of the Committee on Superannuates was taken from the table and read—as follows: Item 1. We recommend that \$6,000.00 be assessed on the District. Item 2. We report that J. A. Weigand deceased during the year. Item 3. We report that at the request of P. L. Rice, his name has been transferred to the active list. Item 4. We recommend that W. N. Sherwood and Mrs. J. A. Weigand be granted superannuated relations. Item 5. We report that Mrs. J. H. S. Ewell makes no request for this year. Item 6. We report that the Fund paid 93.8% for the year. Item 7. We recommend the immediate collection of \$1,000.00 to cover this year's deficiency of \$590.00 and to meet an urgent need. Item 8. Recommends the list of appropriations. Report

called for by items and so adopted, and Report was then adopted as a whole. (Report H).

The Report of the Committee on Benevolent Agencies was called for and read: it notes—1. Commendable progress made during year. There are five Deaconesses, Misses May E. Ford, Sara E. Cullen, Myrtle Baus, Dot Emmert, Lillian N. DeMoss, all have proven themselves efficient and consecrated. 2. The Training School has not been established because of the demand for nursing and work in different churches. It is the opinion of the Committee that the school should be established in the Fall. 3. The gifts from the churches and individuals have been generous and we bespeak for the Home the increasing consideration of our people. 4. We endorse the splendid work of the Maryland General Hospital and record our appreciation of the valuable services which it renders our constituency.

Recommendations. 1. That the assessment for Deaconess Work for next year be increased from \$2,000.00 to \$2,500.00. 2. That the pastors cooperate with the Deaconess Board in the organization of Deaconess Circles in all our churches and that the new model Constitution and By-Laws for Deaconess Circles, which has recently been published by Rev. J. Franklin Bryan, be used in organizing these Circles. 3. We concur in hearty appreciation of the Board in recognition of the efforts of Rev. E. D. Stone in placing a piano in the Home. 4. We commend the work of Mr. Wm. Schmeiser, General Secretary of the Maryland Tract Society, and the Rev. J. H. Hyatt of the Maryland Bible Society.

F. T. Tagg, E. C. Makosky, W. A. Melvin, Louis Randall, and delegate from Taylor Memorial Church spoke. L. B. Smith offered this amendment to the Report as a Recommendation,—that we urge the Deaconess Board to establish as early as possible, a thorough school of instruction in the Bible and training in Christian work, and that we insist upon the assignment of the deaconesses to the church for more general Christian work, and less for nursing, except in cases of absolute necessity. J. F. Bryan and B. F. Ruley spoke against the amendment. F. T. Benson spoke in favor of same. G. W. Haddaway spoke against amendment, raising the point of order that it is not necessary as it is already covered in the report. Chair ruled the amendment out of order. H. S. Johnson spoke to the report. Previous question is called for and sustained. Report adopted. (Report L).

Vacancies on the Board were cited. The present incumbents were elected with these changes: E. T. Read in place of F. T. Tagg; A. R. Lewis, in place of A. J. Williar; these substitutes due to the resignations

of these members of the Board. The election was by motion and the Secretary cast the ballot.

On motion, Conference recessed with benediction by W. B. Judefind.

### Afternoon

Conference resumed at 2 o'clock with F. T. Little in the Chair.

T. O. Crouse reported for the Fraternal Messengers to the Baltimore Conference M. E. Church, and stated that they were cordially and enthusiastically received. G. J. Hill reported for Committee on visit to J. W. Norris, stating that they had visited the brother, who was glad to see them and sent his love to the Conference.

Collection for Church Extension dues reported \$104.00 and money has been paid to Conference Treasurer.

The report of the Conference Historical Society was read, and on motion the report was adopted with the item concerning an appropriation referred to the Board of Finance.

Report of the Agent of President's Parsonage read and referred to the Committee on Audit. (Report A).

The Report of the Committee on Missionary Cooperation was readit expresses appreciation for the large measure of cooperation given. Three meetings were held during the year and sent Key men and women throughout the district, 10,000 pages of carefully prepared printed matter, the expense being borne by the Board of Foreign Missions. charges showed increase from 50% to 100%, two charges with less than 50%, twenty-nine charges showed an increase of more than 100%. the W. F. M. S. report, fourteen charges showed an increase of less than 50%, two charges between 50% and 100%, twenty charges more than 100%. As to the regular assessments, twenty-five charges showed 100% increase; seven charges between 50% and 100%; ten charges with less than 50%. On Children's Day offerings, fourteen charges holding no services last year report \$320.00 this year. Thirty-five charges show an increase of less than 50%, fourteen charges show between 50% and 100%, forty-eight charges show an increase of 100% or more. An Honor Roll showing list of Charges doubling or more than doubling the total offerings for Foreign Missions for 1918 is appended; in which thirty-six charges are on-Grand total for Foreign Missions, 1918, \$12,151.00; for 1919, \$22,374.00.

Following recommendations are given: 1. That the Charges having reached this goal be urged to maintain, and if possible, advance this ratio of giving. 2. That the Charges not having reached the goal be urged to

press toward the mark until every charge shall have doubled, or more than doubled, the amount recorded to their credit in Minutes of 1918.

3. That as a general goal, the Conference aim to secure at least the average of \$1.00 per member for the entire Conference District, and that a similar committee be appointed pursuant to these objects. E. H. Van-Dyke spoke to the report. J. M. Sheridan moved to strike out recommendation 3. Motion adopted. Report as amended was adopted. (Report W).

T. H. Lewis moved that the \$1,000.00 needed on Superannuated deficiency be raised by collection at evening session. Adopted.

Report of Conference Steward was read. The Financial Summary showed total for General Interests to be \$29,217.00, an increase of \$16,064.00, total for Local Interests \$388,338.00 an increase of \$49,431. Total for all purposes \$465,197.00, an increase of \$74,435.00. Report adopted. (See Tables).

Report of Committee on Statistics was read. It shows a full membership of 33,435; Sunday School Scholars 35,167, Y. P. S. C. E. members 5,381. Churches to the number of 292½; value of church property \$2,823,000.00. Value of parsonage property \$418,150.00. Debt on both church and parsonage property \$202,173.00. The Report was adopted. (See Tables).

- T. H. Lewis moved that a vote of thanks be given the Committee on Statistics for the work performed. Motion adopted.
- T. O. Crouse moved that a vote of thanks be given the Conference Steward. Motion adopted.

W. M. Strayer offered a Resolution in recognition of the act of devotion of Mrs. Arthur John Pritchard in establishing a memorial to her parents, placing in hands of Conference Trustees, \$5,000.00 for the maintenance of Madison Methodist Protestant Church, Dorchester County, Md. Resolution adopted. (Resolution 4).

The report of the Committee on Audit was read, and adopted with privilege extended to Audit Conference Treasurer's report after Conference adjourned. (Report P).

Report of the Committee on Official Relations was read; it states that thirty-five charges have not elected Lady Visitors to the Church Home. Sixteen pastors report churches not incorporated. All pastors indebted to Board of Education have either made or will make substantial payments this year. The Official Character of all ministers and preachers are recommended to be passed. The Honor Roll of Charges is listed to the number of 114. Cordial thanks to the Pastor and members of Lowe

Memorial Church are given for their hospitable entertainment; to the Pastor and membership of South Baltimore Methodist Protestant Church for the use of their Church; to the Royal Typewriting Company and the Burroughs Adding Machine Co., and to all others to whom we are indebted for the pleasure and comfort of this session. The report was adopted by items, the last one being held for adoption till the evening session. (Report M).

Dr. Howard A. Kelly, Maryland's great surgeon and advocate of and an incessant worker for Sabbath Observance and improved moral conditions, was introduced and addressed the Conference. In a stirring speech he plead for UNITY not only in thought, but in work, to remedy existing conditions as they are today.

L. B. Smith spoke in reference to changed conditions in Seattle, Washington, during the past 18 months, and accorded to Dr. Kelly and his work in Baltimore the inspiration for his enthusiasm and work in that city.

The Collector for Sexton reported \$28.00; on motion it was ordered handed to the pastor of the church.

Report of Committee on Apportionment of Maryland Conference's Allottment was submitted, listing the Charges and amounts. Motion to adopt without reading. Substitute motion to receive the report and place same in hands of the Forward Movement Commission to be appointed. F. C. Klein spoke to substitute motion. E. H. VanDyke also spoke. Reading of report called for and Secretary read list of apportionments. After reading, E. H. VanDyke spoke and asked what was the basis of the apportionment. Chairman of the Committee answered that the basis was the President's salary, and other considerations. Delegate from Linthicum Heights spoke in favor of reducing the apportionment for that church. J. P. Dodge, member of the Commission, asked privilege of Conference to speak. Privilege granted. Mr. Dodge spoke strongly in favor of golng over the top in the Million Dollar Campaign. The Substitute Resolution was adopted. (Report AA).

Resolution directing the Secretary of the Conference be instructed to convey our thanks to the Secretary of the Interior, Hon. Franklin K. Lane, for the splendid address delivered on Friday night. Adopted. (Resolution 5).

On motion Conference recessed till 8 o'clock with benediction by L. B. Smith.

# Evening

Conference resumed at 7:50 o'clock with F. T. Little in chair. On motion Conference requested that the President have his secretary read a duplicate of his plan of appointments in the room below.

The report of the Conference Treasurer was read and referred to the Committee on Audit. (Report C).

The report of the Board of Finance was submitted; it states their work is completed, after having given every minister and delegate opportunity to appear before the Board and state the instructions of their respective Quarterly Conferences. The increase of \$4,000.00 by the Conference in its budget necessarily increases the assessment upon each charge. The Board recommends that each Charge be requested to send \$1.00 to the Historical Society of the Conference before June 1st, 1919, for the purpose of binding and indexing the volumes of the "Methodist Protestant," as per request referred to the Board. The list of assessments is herewith submitted. The report adopted. (Report E).

The Report of the Social Service Committee was read and adopted. It states that nothing has been referred to it, but desires to lay emphasis on a few things in the returning soldiers' life which needs emphasis. The work of the Young Womens' Christian Association in the Camp hospitals, where wounded soldiers are being nursed to health, especially at Fort McHenry, is commended. Attention is called to the serious task facing the Church in restoring to the millions of soldiers now coming back to our land the atmosphere of peace and of home, and of RELIGION. The stabilizer of the world is the Church of Jesus Christ and hers is the mighty task to bring out of the social hysteria of these times, the confidence that God is on His throne and "All's well with the world." The report was adopted. (Report R).

Motion offered that the work of the special Committee on Revision of Assessments be enlarged to include recommendations concerning a budget for the Conference and other related matters. Motion adopted.

J. M. Sheridan, Chairman of the Committee on Superannuates, was given the privilege of securing subscriptions for the Superannuated Deficiency. Subscriptions amounted to the sum of \$1130.00. The audience was thanked for their generosity. Motion by J. M. Sheridan that these subscriptions, payable in six months, be transmitted to C. P. Nowlin, Conference Treasurer.

The last recommendation in the Report of the Committee on Official Relations was adopted by a standing vote. In connection with this report now under consideration, L. A. Bennett asked that he be left without an appointment. Chairman of Committee asked that the Committee be permitted to insert in their report a recommendation that his request be granted. Privilege granted. Report as a whole was adopted. (Report M).

On motion the Secretary of Conference was instructed to pay the deficit of \$1.75 incurred in relation to the supper at the City Club. The Collector for Superannuated Fund Society dues reported \$112.00 collected and paid over to the Treasurer.

The Report of the Committee on Church Extension was read. Motion to adopt. Motion to amend by striking out from list of appropriation \$300.00 for Broadway and changing that of Payson St. from \$100.00 to \$200.00. The amendment was adopted. Report as amended, called for consideration by items, so moved and carried. The amended report was then read by items:

It is stated that all papers referred have been considered, and because of limited means, the Committee has not been able to grant all requests. Report of Church Extension Society for Baltimore City is noted, and pleasure is expressed at the growth of all the church enterprises under care of said society, also the gratifying condition as shown by report of the Society's Treasurer. Success at Trinity Church, Falls Road, deserves special attention. Sale of Broadway at a splendid price is splendid news, for it means the solution of the Broadway problem and gives promise for a hopeful future for that church. Pleasure is expressed at the organization of the Peninsula Church Extension Society under the leadership of some of our most prominent and efficient laymen. The organization of a similar society on the Western Shore of Maryland, outside of Baltimore and Washington, would mean for our work very much.

The delegate from Linthicum Heights Church voluntarily relinquishes the claim of that church for \$100.00. It is urged that the unpaid subscriptions on the War Work Fund subscribed at the last Conference, be paid at the earliest date.

It is recommended: 1. That the same amount be laid upon the Conference District for Church Extension. 2. That the Treasurer of the Conference be authorized to pay \$50.00 to Rev. P. M. R. Schauer, pastor of Kennedyville for special services rendered to Crumpton charge during the year. 3. That we appropriate \$100.00 through the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society towards the purchase price of Harmony Church, Caroline County, Md., provided the remaining \$150.00 be secured from other sources. 4. That J. M. Sheridan be reappointed Supt. of Church Extension.

By motion, these recommendations were taken up. Item 1 and 2 and 3 were adopted. On item 4, T. O. Crouse spoke against adoption. L. B. Smith, J. M. Gill, delegates from East Baltimore, and Linthicum Heights, and Chairman of the Committee, in favor of adoption. The item adopted. The recommendations as to Boundaries were read. Delegate from Marley moved that item 8 under Boundaries be struck out. Motion lost. List of appropriations then read. On appropriation to Dover, P. W. Crosby moved to change to read \$200.00 instead of \$100.00 and spoke to the The chairman of the Committee defended the appropriation. On vote to amend, the Chair ruled amendment lost. The ruling was doubted. Standing vote called for, and the motion to amend was adopt-On item appropriation to Fairview and Mapleside, delegate therefrom moved to amend by changing from \$50.00 to \$100.00. Item adopt-On appropriation to Selbyville Church, motion was made by J. A. Dudley to strike out. Delegate from Whaleyville spoke against motion. Chairman of the Committee called the attention of the Conference to the fact that Conference Resolution had already set the minimum salary for a married man at \$900.00; the appropriation only sought to abide by res-Mover of motion asked unanimous consent to withdraw motion. Granted. Item was adopted. Report as a whole being under consideration, J. M. Sheridan moved that item referring to appropriation to Greenbush and Tasley be reconsidered. Motion adopted. Item now under consideration—delegate from Greenbush and Tasley spoke on same and moved to amend by adding \$50.00 and striking out conditions. Item as amend-E. H. VanDyke spoke on item. Report of Committee as a ed, adopted. whole, adopted. (Report G).

Motion by C. P. Nowlin to appropriate to Church Extension Society for Broadway Church Pastor, the sum of \$300.00, was presented, and motion was made to lay on the table. Motion adopted.

Final report of Committee on Itinerancy and Orders was read: It is recommended: 1. That L. E. Haddaway and H. L. Murphy be ordained, they making the usual pledge in open Conference to continue the course of study and that the time and place of their ordination, and also that of George E. McDorman, be as shall be mutually agreeable to the President of the Conference, and to all the candidates. This item being considered, L. E. Haddaway and H. L. Murphy were called before the Conference and gave the usual pledge. The item was adopted. 2. That Frank K. McCorkle and R. C. Wood be admitted into the Conference on trial, they having relinquished all claim to the Superannuated Fund; and that they be given licenses to administer the ordinances. The item was adopted.

3. That Moses A. Titchenell, H. F. Butler, F. W. Siffrin, A. W. Betts, G. E. Turner, F. G. Holloway, T. C. Mulligan, Ottwell Langrall, H. E. Morris, C. M. Jenkins, H. H. Carroll, Alfred S. Scarborough, and W. C. Bowden, be placed in the hands of the President and that they be given license to administer the ordinances, provided they are given an appointment. The item was adopted. 4. That W. A. Sites be placed in the hands of the President. The item was adopted. The report as a whole was adopted. (Report F).

J. M. Sheridan offered the following resolution: That we give grateful acknowledgment to God for the most fruitful evangelistic labor of Rev. L. A. Bennett, who has been left "without appointment to engage in evangelistic work," and we give him the fullest endorsement of the Conference and recommend him as a master workman to all pastors and churches who need assistance in the evangelistic activities of their charges. Resolution adopted. (Resolution 6).

Conference sang, "My Faith Looks up to Thee."

G. I. Humphreys moved that the Conference Steward be requested to furnish the Secretary a list of the Charges which have raised monies on the Goals, for last year and this year, the amounts thereof, and the same to be published in the Minutes. Motion adopted.

The names of the appointees on the Forward Movement Commission were read: J. M. Gill, G. W. Haddaway, G. I. Humphreys, R. L. Shipley, F. T. Benson, T. H. Lewis, H. L. Elderdice, J. H. Straughn, F. P. Adkins, J. P. Dodge, E. G. Cover, George Mather, W. C. Scott, W. R. Gale, W. E. Cain, L. F. Warner, Chairman Ex-Officio.

The Minutes were read and approved at 11:45 o'clock.

List of Special Committees were read. The President took the Chair. F. K. McCorkle and R. C. Wood were duly received into the Conference.

The President stated that this had been a great Conference in many respects, and that before the Plan of Appointments was read, he desired a layman to say a few words. Accordingly, he introduced Mr. Daniel Baker. Mr. Baker bespoke the success of the Forward Movement Program and pledged the laymen of the Conference to the success of the Campaign.

The President began to read the Plan of Appointments at 12 o'clock, midnight and finished at 12:20.

The Conference stood and sang the Doxology. On motion Conference adjourned at 12:25, with benediction by E. C. Makosky.

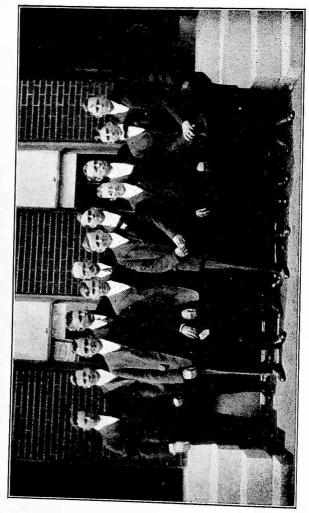
L. F. WARNER.

JAS. H. STRAUGHN,

President.

Secretary.





# ORDAINED AT CONFERENCE

Front Row, left to right: J. W. Townsend; E. L. Ballard; G. E. Leister; A. F. T. Raum; J. T. Moore; J. R. McKeawn.

Back row, left to right: K. H. Wareheim; J. L. Green; J. W. Baxley; R. W. White; C. H. Dobson; J. H. Lynch.

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# Report A

THE PRESIDENT.

TO THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Dear Brethren: --

We are gathered together in our annual sessinterview. We must look backward upon work.
We must look forward to work which is yet to the season and open hearts, so that together we may express an abiding interest in our Church and share in the loyalties and heroisms of the Kingdom.

In some respects it has been an unusual year. There have been many handicaps. War conditions multiplied problems and intensified problems. The thought of the people has largely been upon war revenue and war relief. The Church has been thrust into an environment for which it was not altogether prepared from the standpoint of tradition and training. The great world crisis has more or less embarrassed certain phases of administrative religious work, even as it has made some vital revision in individual viewpoints concerning expositions of religion and expressions of religion. And then during the year, sickness has been widely prevalent. Influenza closed the churches and at a time when programs were announced and forces were being rallied to the activities of the fall and winter. Some communities had a second outbreak of the epidemic, but notwithstanding numerous handicaps, a determined purpose faced the whole situation boldly and the financial and statistical reports of the charges will be quite satisfactory.

Handicaps may become handy CAPS with which to tell in an emphatic way the story of successful achievements. We grow not by yielding to difficulties, but by wielding difficulties into opportunities for larger service. The triumph of the year is the triumph of an unconquerable faith in the God of our fathers, who can stay the ravages of war and make even the weaknesses and sicknesses of men minister to the glory and praise of the Kingdom.

#### Our Beloved Dead.

As we come together to consider the evidences of growth and the elements of growth, we, first of all, think of the absent ones in the household of faith. Those who can no longer answer the roll-call of unselfish service in school or home or church, have shared in the progress of the Kingdom and the extent to which their lives have been hidden in the plan of God, will never be known until the books are open. Many of our laymen throughout the Conference district have laid down their tasks

a frequent contributor to the "Methodist Protestant" and his messages were full of the simplicity, joy and power of the Gospel. He was a man of faith and faithfulness and his memory is honored.

We must enter upon our Conference proceedings with the firm conviction that death is not the end of life and opportunity. Death is rather the enlargement of life and opportunity. Mortal vision may set up limits, but immortal vision pushes every boundary line toward infinity. The sweep of fraternity in its unhindered development is always the sweep of eternity. Our departed friends, tho absent in body, are present in spirit. We can believe in the communion of saints, even if we do not believe in the communication of saints.

"We feel upon our fevered brow Their gentle touch, their breath of balm; Their arms enfold us, and our hearts Grow comforted and calm.

And ever near us, though unseen, The dear, immortal spirits tread; For all the boundless universe Is life—there are no dead."

#### Unsupplied Charges and Changes.

Shortly after Conference the following assignment was made for the unsupplied charges.

Lawsonia, G. W. Sheridan, supply.
Crumpton, P. M. R. Schauer.
Indian River, J. W. Hudson, supply.
Lewes, J. M. Holmes.
Middleway, J. R. McKeawn, supply.
Patapsco, F. W. Siffrin, supply.
Salem, E. L. K. Tune, supply.
Dagsboro on Selbyville Charges, J. T. Bailey.
Tyreanna, George Hines.

At my request Rev. W. F. Wright, in connection with his work at South Baltimore, consented to act as pastor of Marley and has preached every Sunday afternoon at Glenburnie. He has had the assistance of Rev. K. H. Wareheim, of the Seminary, who has preached regularly at Marley Church. Bro. Wareheim has also taken care of Arundel Cove. According to action of Conference, West Wilmington was left without supply, but as the people were anxious for regular services until Conference plans concerning Wilmington could be worked out, I gave Rev. B. F. Jester special permission to act as supply, and then only after a satisfactory record had been made upon the minutes of the Quarterly Conference of the First Church, to meet the requirements of the law. Bro. Jester has made some necessary improvements to the property and God has blessed his ministry with a number of conversions.

No attempt has been made to supply Campbell, Greensboro nor Talbot. These unsupplied charges, together with the closed churches, by action of Conference, are in the hands of Dr. Sheridan, Supt. of Church Extension. Lawsonia has been without pastor since June. The return of Bro. McKeawn to the Seminary in the fall, left Middleway without a regular pastor for the latter half of the year.

On August 14th Rev. J. Peyton Adams resigned the pastorate of Mt. Tabor, to go to school at Adrian. On Sept. 9th Rev. E. T. Kirkley was released from Whaleyville and assigned to Mt. Tabor. On the same date Rev. E. L. K. Tune, in charge of the work at Salem, was transferred to Whaleyville. Since this time Salem church has been without a pastor. Quinton on Salem charge, much to the delight and profit of the people, has been taken care of by Rev. J. A. Dudley, pastor of Pocomoke City. On Dec. 2d Rev. G. L. Curry was released from Broadway and transfer given, so he could return to the North Carolina Conference. 18th Rev. F. T. Benson kindly consented to minister to the Broadway people for the remainder of the year as far as he could, in connection with his duties as editor of the "Methodist Protestant." I appreciate this willing and loyal sacrifice on the part of Dr. Benson to serve in time of need. Through the kind co-operation of the Deaconess Board, pastoral work at Broadway for the last three months, has largely been taken care of by Miss Lillian DeMoss, who has been unceasing and unsparing in her ministrations. Thus every emergency of the year has been met. And notwithstanding the shortage of ministers in these days of strain and stress, with a few exceptions, the entire work has been supplied, and there have been less of change and interruption in vital activities than usual.

#### Withdrawal.

On July 30th, Rev. L. H. Davis asked for a certificate of good standing in the denomination. In compliance with his request a formal letter of withdrawal was given.

#### Construction.

WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE.—First among the constructive forces of the Conference, we think of our schools. We cannot build up a worthy and working constituency without educational institutions. Educational equipment goes to the very root of vocational efficiency. Where there is no vision and no training for vision, the people perish. And we must build not only for future days, but for present days. The work of the school, like the work of the church, is a thing of growth. Western Maryland College, under sane and strong leadership, continues high standards in scholarship, in refined and moral surroundings, in business management. The College co-operates patriotically with the plans of the Government. Military training has become an interesting feature. The College was represented in the Students' Army Training Corps and now it is represented in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, with a Govern-

ment instructor in charge. We are all proud of the College for the prestige it gives the denomination as well as for its growing influence outside of the denomination.

But notwithstanding the widening scope of educational ideals, schools need students and friends. Our own Methodist Protestant homes should be interested. We should help the representatives of the College to find students and to hold students. Educated young men and young women will be the nation's greatest asset when the battle flags are finally furled and right prevails over might. Friends should also put money into endowment and scholarship funds, so that the College can minister more efficiently and on a more extended scale. I do not wish to anticipate the report of Dr. Lewis, but let us give to Western Maryland College a larger and more definite measure of co-operation.

WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. In ministerial equipment, the Seminary comes after the College. And the Seminary does its best work, when it follows in the footsteps of the College. In all the vocations of life, the times are calling for technically and thoroughly trained men. Ministerial students should seek the highest standards of scholarship and efficiency. The Seminary offers a comprehensive course of theoretical and practical training as good as other theological schools and the best for those who expect to serve Methodist Protestant Churches. The needs of the Seminary are many. The Scholarship fund, the Library fund, the Endowment fund, the Building fund present a strong appeal to laymen who want to put efficient preachers in the pulpit and have wise and aggressive leaders at the front.

The most conspicuous feature of the year, in so far as the Seminary is concerned, is the success of the \$50,000 campaign. The goal is in sight. Dr. H. L. Elderdice is deserving of great credit for having seen with prophetic eyes and for having led the church up to his vision. New buildings and new equipment are imperatively necessary. The Seminary does not need new theology or a new Bible, but it does need more attractive surroundings in which students can learn and translate old truths into terms of modern life. We rejoice that the dream of many years is soon to be realized. On account of war conditions the student roll is not quite as large as usual, but the vision of faith would plan for increasing numbers in the peace days. The Seminary this year will graduate a class of 15 and of these graduates, the largest number will join the Maryland Conference at any one time in its history.

SUMMER CONFERENCE. In classifying subjects, the Summer Conference is closely related to the College and Seminary. It has an educational impulse. Its fellowship grows around the most spiritual ideals. And very appropriately the Conference is held in the buildings of these two institutions. A strong program of Bible Study is always arranged and there is a discussion of subjects of vital interest to the Church by those who can speak with authority. We need the uplift of larger vision, the stimulus of new ideas and progressive thought. Last year the Conference was the best yet in attendance and I think the best yet also in the scope and standard of helpfulness. This particular gathering offers

delightful fellowship during the vacation season. We need to know one another better, but there is no large opportunity amid the press of Conference cares and duties for that deepening acquaintance which feeds and fosters the spirit of brotherhood. The ideal can be realized at the Summer Conference. And the door is open to laymen. Laymen are becoming more interested in the institutions of the church. Many enjoy the fellowship of ministers. Together we may think concerning the Word and the Work of God in good Methodist Protestant fashion. The Summer Conference has grown in interest and effectiveness. We shall miss the splendid leadership of Rev. A. N. Ward, but other leaders must now develop plans toward even higher standards. I hope every one will endeavor to attend this year and that the Conference will again provide the necessary funds to meet the expense of the program. An appropriation of \$300 was made available last year. I would like to see the same action taken this year.

METHODIST PROTESTANT.—The church paper is vitally related to church progress and even to church existence. No one factor is doing so much for our denominational life. It is the connecting link which binds together the various units of an intelligent constituency. Publication is the way to intensification and multiplication of interest. Denominational literature strengthens denominational loyalty. And the "Methodist Protestant" is a worthy medium of church news and church ideals. The paper is constantly reaching higher standards in its general make-up. F. T. Benson, D. D., is proving his ability as an editor and leader. gives every week what the church needs. He deals with timely subjects and he writes with grasp of vision and with forcefulness and felicity of Those who are associated with him in the various depart-Without doubt there is a ments also do their work wonderfully well. growing interest in the "Methodist Protestant." The subscription list. larger than at any tme in its history, is still climbing. The last record was 6400. The paper ought to be in every home. Every official member, in particular, should be a subscriber. He who will not be a reader of the "Methodist Protestant" paper can hardly be a leader in the Methodist Protestant Church. And special attention should be given to renewals. There is a loss of about 8% in subscriptions every year. This loss would be even smaller, if pastors were as much concerned in holding old friends as in winning new friends. I want to call attention especially to Methodist Protestant Day. This is the Third Sunday in October and has been put permanently into our Calendar of Special Days. New and old subscribers should be dealt with at any time, but the opportunity of a concerted effort should be capitalized for the largest and most enthusiastic results. Last year the influenza epidemic interfered, but we are hoping this year "Methodist Protestant" Day will be a Red-Letter Day and a momentum of interest will extend the subscription list far beyond the goals of the most optimistic.

BOOK CONCERN.—316 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md., is becoming a familiar address to all of our churches. The location is ideal for a religious book store. The Book Concern is growing in favor with our peo-

ple and is receiving a goodly share of patronage from the general public. Mr. Chas. Reiner, Jr., is the careful and conscientious Agent and he is always ready to make the Book Concern a ministry of courtesy and helpfulness to the whole church. I wish to renew the hope that the time may not be far distant when we can do our own printing. Economic conditions will soon return to a normal basis. For the sake of our beloved denomination, I believe willing investors can be found. Individuals and churches are using more printers' ink and a new phase of business could be developed with profit.

MISSIONS.—There is no more comprehensive subject than that of Missions. Missionary work does not represent simply one department of church activity which must struggle in competition with other departments of activity. We do not see the ideal of Jesus even when we are ready to give to Missions the first place in our thought. We must give to Missions the whole place of our love. Back of every phase of Christian work is the missionary idea. The fundamental purpose of the Church is to make Christ known to every individual, to develop Christian civilization in every community. This is Missions in the truest sense, and it matters little whether one's vision simply takes in the home field or reach-

es to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Dr. Klein, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, reports progress in his work. The Japan statistics for Jan. 1st, 1919 are as follows: 19 ordained men. 15 evangelists and helpers, 5 theological students, with 64 appointments, 1777 members, 396 probationers and 526 inquirers enrolled for religious instruction. - Including 541 male students enrolled in Nagoya College, the Board has over 1000 students under its care. work in India is likewise making progress. There have been numerous baptisms. The girls' school and orphanage have had additions and 16 boys have been gathered together as the nucleus of a boys' school. immediate need in India is for a missionary and a medical man. stretches out its hands across the seas and in the silent meditations, following the tumult of war, may be heard the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us." But how can we help without money? Money is the constant need. And the Board not only makes general appeals, but is endeavoring to interest churches in definite responsibilities, like support of native pastors, theological students, orphans, rent of chapels, etc. other pleasing feature to be noticed is the Annuity Fund started by the Board in 1913. It has now passed the \$10,000 mark. Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps have gone into the Fund. Here is a suggestion for those who want to convert good investments into better investments. Patriotism and Missions can well be linked together. The Board's income is in excess of last year, due, in large part, to the carrying out of the missionary program of this Conference. "To double missionary gifts" has been a popular slogan and the campaign has succeeded well. charges out of 147 report an increase of \$3,159.82 in Children's Day offering. If the same proportion continues among the charges which have not yet reported, the increase in this particular item will reach nearly \$4000. Add to this, the increase in the assessment and the special gifts and there will be a total which must please every lover of Missions in our Conference. The committee on Missionary Co-operation will make a complete report. I want to congratulate the committee for having given the church a larger vision. Apart from the financial gain, the moral effect of the emphasis will be felt in every phase of our work and for many years to come.

Home Missions, under the administration of Dr. Beck, is making steady advancement. The indebtedness of the Board has been reduced to \$29,000, while at the same time the work has been very much extended. The Board is emphasizing two distinct phases of activity-The City and the Frontier. Some of this city work has been done in our own Confer-This year the Board has helped Trinity in Baltimore and Immanuel in Philadelphia. A number of our churches from time to time have been given substantial assistance at critical points in their history. work is being done in the Fort-Smith-Oklahoma Conference in the employment of a Conference President as a Missionary Superintendent. is real pioneer work. Similar work is being done in Western Texas. is the time to lift up the standard for the Americanization and Christianization of America. The Home Missionary opportunity of the Methodist Protestant Church was never greater than now. I am glad the Board of Home Missions is interested in a re-construction program for the country There is need for more adequate building and equipment and leadership in rural community life. Country churches must learn to keep pace with city churches in modern efficiency. I want to call special attention to the Easter service and offering. The anniversary program is fine. Let us make Easter a great rallying occasion for Home Missions, just as we make Children's Day a great rallying occasion for Foreign Missions.

DEACONESS WORK .- It is very gratifying to know that this has been a very successful year in our Deaconess Work. It is work which is growing in public favor. Other Conferences have made application for our deaconesses, but the Board has not been able to supply the demand even in our own Conference. The deaconesses as nurses, as helpers to busy pastors, as visitors among the poor and unchurched, have been like ministering angels in time of need. They have been a benediction not only to weak churches, but to strong churches and in the Master's name, have unhesitatingly responded to the peculiar emergencies of the year. In this busy and complex age, the work of the deaconess is more and more becoming a work of necessity among far-seeing and progressive churches. Our strongest churches should have their own deaconess. five available for the whole Conference. More are needed .. Christian workers has been in contemplation at the home for sometime. The ministry of noble women, trained for a specific work, should prove to be a great asset to the whole church.

The home which was purchased near the close of the last Conference year, has been put in good repair and through the kindness of friends, has been well furnished. Through the initiative of Rev. E. D. Stone a splendid piano has been added to make things even more homelike. The

assessment for Deaconess Work should be larger. The fees received from special nursing have kept the Board from serious financial embarrassment. There is a mortgage of \$3000 upon the home. Some plan ought to be devised for its complete or partial liquidation. I hope you will give careful consideration to the report of the Board and I am sure our efficient and consecrated deaconesses will always have the fullest measure of courtesy and appreciation.

CHURCH HOME.—This is one of the noble ministries of the church. We must take care of the poor, even as Christ has commanded and those of the household of faith are entitled to special consideration. There are 17 inmates in the Home. The high cost of living has brought us face to face with serious problems. The expenses for the year have been \$4339. The income has been the Conference Assessment plus the donations. There is a large deficiency. The Home has been compelled to draw from the Invested Fund to meet current expenses. Under the present scale of resources, the deficiency must inevitably increase and it will not be long until a financial crisis is reached. The assessment should be increased to \$3000. This would help to that extent. People should be encouraged to send donations. As next year is the Twenty-fifth year of the founding of the Home, I have thought it would be well to make the Silver Anniversary an occasion for getting the friends of the Home together and putting the Institution upon a safe and permanent financial basis. hope you will give thoughtful consideration to the reports of the Board of Managers, of the Board of Lady Visitors and of the Treasurer.

CHILDREN'S HOME.—This institution at High Point, N. C. is not an Annual Conference enterprise, but we are glad to contribute to it and to give even more than the 1% of the General Conference Budget. It has an appeal for the whole church. Children need not remain poor nor denendent. It is the privilege of the church to develop self-reliant and self-respecting character.

#### Societies.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—This society has felt the stimulus of the missionary program and can give a good account of its stewardship. During the year many new societies have been organized, about 800 new members were secured and the total receipts were \$4303.57, an increase of \$1475.13 over last year.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—There are only five societies in the Maryland district, with a membership of 142. The receipts for the year were \$480. Larger plans are being projected. The Maryland Branch will get back of the support and work of Rev. T. R. Woodford, who has been called to the Superintendency of the Pine Ridge school in Kentucky.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.—No special Church Extension work has been done in the Nation's Capital this

year. I would like to see the Society re-organized. With available funds as a nucleus, a beginning could be made toward the development of some new field.

BALTIMORE CITY CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.—This society will meet all its outstanding obligations. On account of war conditions no new enterprise has been started during the year. The Society expects to get back of the Waverly situation in some practical way at an early date.

PENINSULA CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.—This society was organized on Oct. 7th at Salisbury. A campaign for members has recently been made. Reports indicate a membership of about 2500. The Society is planning to support a pastor in Wilmington during the coming year. One of the encouraging features of our work is the awakened interest of laymen in Church Extension for the Peninsula.

CONFERENCE CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.—The following churches have been under the care of the Society.—Chesaco Park, Jones Memorial, Trinity and Texas. All of these churches are doing well. Chesaco Park alone raised this year for all purposes \$635. Texas will pledge \$500 on salary, if supplied with resident pastor. The new Trinity Church, including ground, cost about \$8500. Trinity is asking to become a station and has fixed the salary of pastor for next year at \$1000. I think this is a great asset for Church Extension. I would like to see similar results and even larger results duplicated every year. The total receipts of the Society for the year, including subscriptions, will amount to more than \$7000. All of these Church Extension Societies will make a full report to Conference.

SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY.—This Society was organized, as its name suggests, to give financial aid to needy superannuates and their families. The Permanent Fund is approximately \$125,000, accumulated through the years by gifts and legacies. The annual income averages about \$6,700. Plans are under consideration for adding \$100,000 to the Invested Fund.

MUTUAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION.—This organization is an expression of sympathy and love when the dark shadows gather. The benefits mean more than the assessment of one dollar levied at the time of the death of a member. The beauty and tenderness of a real fraternity should appeal to every member of the Conference. This association has paid to beneficiaries since its organization more than \$10,000.

MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT SOCIETY. At the present time this Society extends financial aid toward the education of young men for the ministry. The Society holds certain endowment funds and disburses their income to the Board of Governors of Westminster Theological Seminary.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY.—I am mentioning this Society, lest we forget the value of ecclesiastical history. The names and deeds of honored heroes and leaders should be treasured by the church as a previous heritage. Anniversary services might well be arranged from time to time.

Tablets could be unveiled in memory of those who laid broad and deep

the foundations of a representative Methodism.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES.—St. John's Board of Beneficence and the Pipe Creek Benevolent Society have responded generously to numerous calls for help. I am sure the grateful appreciation of the Conference is extended to these two organizations for their liberal and constant interest in the work of our church.

PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE GUILD.—Mr. H. K. Muller, the genial and efficient Agent of the President's Parsonage, takes care of the expenses and repairs of the property. The Parsonage Guild is composed of interested women from the Baltimore churches. These devoted ladies take care of the furnishing of the home and endeavor to make it comfortable for the President and his family. They cannot do their work well without the cooperation of all the churches. The Ladies' Aid Societies of the respective charges are asked to contribute, at least, one dollar. The appeal of the Guild sometimes never reaches its final destiny. If pastors would call attention to the claims of the President's Parsonage, Ladies' Aid Societies would be interested and sufficient income would be provided.

#### Bequests.

Under the will of Mrs. G. D. Edmondston, New Market Church on Frederick Circuit, receives \$1500. Westminster Theological Seminary is also a beneficiary of the estate.

Miss Vinginia Winfree's benefactions are as thoughtful and generous in death as in life. She left the Lynchburg Church \$6000 and in addition thereto, the Seminary will receive \$1000; The Church Home at Westminster, \$1000; The Children's Home at High Point \$500. After the payment of certain other legacies, the Board of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will share in the residue of the estate.

Mrs. Eugenia Councell left \$800 to the Easton Church and \$300 each to the Church Home and the Superannuated Fund Society.

#### The Work of the Local Churches.

DEBTS.—In these days people have more money and they have more money for the church. It has been a good year in the liquidation of debts. The debt column is being cleared of some burdensome figures. According to 132 cards returned to the President, \$46,636 have been raised on debt by 55 different charges. The following charges have paid \$500 or more on debt. Accomac, Brooklyn, Calvary, Christ Churst, Eutaw, Lowe Memorial, Starr, St. John's, Violetville, Wilton Heights, Cambridge, Melvin Chapel, Delmar, Dover, Elizabeth, First Church, Newark; Georgetown, Del.; Kemptown, Laurel, Linthicum Heights, Milton, Parksley, Taylor Memorial, Emmanuel, Selbyville, Sharptown, First Church, Washington; North Carolina Ave., Rhode Island Ave.

DEDICATIONS.—The following charges, having liquidated their indebtedness in full, had formal dedicatory services during the year: Hunting Creek on Accomac, Calvary in Baltimore, Greenbush, Georgetown, Del., Linthicum Heights, Parksley.

PARSONAGES.—Four parsonages have been added to the list of our homes: Alexandria, Va., Harbeson, Del., Milford, Del., Mt. Tabor, Washington, D. C.

OTHER CHURCH ENTERPRISES.—The new church at Wattsville on New Church charge is about completed and will shortly be dedicated. Hebron church on Union charge has been extensively remodelled at a cost of more than \$3000. Lowe Memorial, our Conference host, has recently purchased the ground upon which the church rests for \$4000. A successful campaign is now under way toward its payment. Oak Grove church on Bivalve charge has been carried through a process of complete reno-Leemont on Accomac charge has also been greatly improved. vation. Stewartstown reports improvements of about \$1000. West Baltimore makes a similar report. Easton has remodelled parsonage until it is like a new house. Salisbury is accumulating a lot and new church fund. The amount added to same this year is \$4488. First Church, Wilmington, is in the midst of a drive for a new parsonage. About \$1200 have been pledged. Rhode Island Ave, is planning to buy a parsonage and will make first payment of \$2000 on May 1st. Linthicum Heights, in campaign for \$5000, goes over the top, having secured \$6500.

NEW ENTERPRISES .- A lot has been purchased on Falls Road and chapel built, costing altogether about \$8500. The new church bears the name of Trinity. On August 8th the First Reformed Methodist Church of West Philadelphia, at a congregational meeting, by an almost unanimous vote, adopted a resolution to make application for membership in the Maryland Annual Conference and become a Methodist Protestant Church. I met with the officials of this church a number of times. Subsequently I appointed a committee, consisting of J. M. Sheridan, Louis Randall and T. P. Fisher to confer with a like committee from said church and to work out some details of organization. The name of the new organization is Emmanuel. On Oct. 1 I appointed L. A. Bennett, pastor. Mr. Jackson Dunlap has been elected messenger from this church. Bennett reports 169 members, 300 in the Sunday School, including Cradle Roll and Home Departments. The Sunday School offerings average about \$15 weekly. The church has a good financial system. The envelopes and plate collections run from \$40 to \$45 every Sunday. The people expect to raise \$10,000 in the next 12 months for building operations. organization will need the fostering care of the Conference for its further development. At the request of the people Rev. L. E. Haddaway of Cecil conducted revival services in a community church at Barnsley, Pa. There was a large number of conversions. A new Methodist Protestant organization was effected, with 67 members. An effort is being made to buy the church building. The people have pledged \$200 on pastor's salary for next year. Barnsley can well become a part of Cecil charge. Harmony, supplied by the pastor of Federalsburg, is another new organization, with

35 members. The church pays \$300 on pastor's salary. Arrangements are now being made to secure a deed for the property from the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference. Bethany in Baltimore, co-operating with the Church Extension Society, has raised \$1600 in subscriptions, to be used in the development of our work in East Baltimore.

I cannot make a complete enumeration, but 87 charges have been engaged in some kind of improvements. These improvements will total about \$32,462. The following charges have expended \$500 or more in improvements: Accomac, East Baltimore, Hampden, Lowe Memorial, St. Paul's, West Baltimore, Bivalve, Delmar, Easton, First Church, Newark, Harbeson, Linthicum Heights, Milford, New Church, New Market, St. Luke's, Stewartstown, Union, Mt. Tabor, West Wilmington.

SPIRITUAL RESULTS.—It is almost impossible to estimate the spiritual results of the year. There have been many interruptions to evangelistic work. A few charges, however, have had extensive revival of religion. As I scan the reports I notice there have been large ingathering at Calvary, Christ Church, Hampden, Lowe Memorial, South Baltimore, St. Paul's, Federalsburg, Emmanuel, Union, North Carolina Ave., Cecil.

Out of 132 cards returned to me, pastors have reported 2425 conversions and 2376 accessions. But these figures do not tell the whole story. The larger missionary vision, the more generous spirit of giving, the deeper concern for efficiency in church administration are indicative of higher spiritual standards. And as much as these standards may mean now, they will mean more to us and more to the Kingdom, if we do our work under the inspiration of growing ideals. Spiritual results must be estimated not by the things we know, but by the things we grow.

#### Reconstruction.

The year has witnessed heroic battles and signal victories in political, social and religious endeavor. The greatest war in history has been fought with relentless vigor and with countless resources. Money, food, science, man power, ideals were put into the struggle, but under the protection of an armistice, hostilities have ceased. People are now cherishing a diviner hope. New vision has come to the diplomacy and statesmanship of the whole world. The Peace Conference at Paris is endeavoring to work out a peace program. The Church cannot look on with indifference. The problems of that Conference affect principles and ideals which constitute the very evangel of the Gospel. Public opinion must be mobilized in favor of reason and righteousness. There should be no halting nor faltering in sight of the very goal. We are hoping the League of Nations' Covenant will be another Magna Charta, a new Declaration of Interdependence for all people, so that the tragedy and desolation of war may never occur again, or at least the provocations and possibilities of war may be reduced to a minimum.'

We rejoice in the wonderful progress of Temperance Reform. Not only as a war measure, but  $as_ia$  peace ideal the saloon has been outlawed. War-time prohibition will begin July 1st and until demobilization is

complete. And 45 States having ratified the Federal Amendment, National Prohibition will become operative on Jan. 16th, 1920. This is a great gain for the Kingdom of our Lord. As awful as are the ravages of war, the ravages of intemperance are even more appalling. The drink evil seems to be associated with every evil. I doubt not that it had much to do with the making of the war and with many peculiar cruelties perpetrated in the name of war. But in closing the door of the legalized liquor traffic, sober people will find the best and most far-reaching opportunity with which to prevent another horror from sweeping over the world. The triumphs of prohibition are the triumphs of a quickened social and spiritual consciousness and may well mark the beginning of a new order and a new evolution in righteousness.

But with the progress of the Kingdom come the perils of the King-German militarism has been overthrown, but German theology and German philosophy which were largely responsible for the war, have not been overthrown. Anarchy and Bolshevism have followed in the wake of conflict, and before the world is awake to the menace, a widespread spirit of rebellion may be striking at the very sources of authority. There is much social unrest. Political upheavals and industrial disturbances are matters of constant occurrence. Things seem to be in a ferment as a sort of re-action from the strain of war. Moral standards have been lowered for the time being. The tendency is toward an open Sunday. war may not be altogether responsible, but war conditions have accentuated and accelerated political, economic and social revolutions. see current events in their proper perspective. There is need for wise and far-sighted leaders, to guide the transitional period immediately following the war, toward constructive ends. Self-government should not The doctrine of might lost in the war. mean selfish government. must now see that the doctrine of right wins in the struggles of men in times of peace.

Again the victories of prohibition have caused anti-prohibition leagues to be organized over the country. Opposition will likely be intense and The friends of temperance must be on their guard. and the States must pass concurrent legislation to make the Constitution effective and a strong and sustaining public sentiment must be developed for law enforcement. We should not be satisfied with a mere legal victory. We must make the victory real and permanent. The broader outlook of American enthusiasm is now including world-wide plans. countries will look to us to see how the experiment of national prohibition succeeds. If it fails because we are content with congratulations and shirk the responsibility which must follow war; if we make no provision to supplant the saloon with innocent and efficient substitutes, we may put back for the rest of the observant world, the progress of temperance and Great problems are before us. I want to issue a note of warning and call upon Christian people to be consistent and insistent lest we should lose something of what has been gained.

I rejoice in the good work of the Anti-Saloon League, resourceful and fearless in its vision and methods; of the Lord's Day Alliance, with

its pleas for a better Sabbath; of organizations which are more concerned for welfare than for warfare, but a peculiar responsibility rests upon the Church in its divinely-appointed mission and ministry. study the needs and problems of life collectively as well as individually. The weakness of Protestantism is not in its denominationalism, but in its slowness to develop a working interdenominationalism. The oneness of believers must be expressed not only in Christian fellowship, but in Christian co-operation among all churches in a larger service to human-The Federation of Churches in Baltimore City and elsewhere is an advanced step toward unity and efficiency. The activities and even the opportunities of the Kingdom must be conserved on the most practical basis. I heartily commend the movement. And churches can get a stronger grip upon leadership by working together. The State has the right to demand obedience, but not in spiritual matters. It is not the province of the State to tell the Church what it shall pray for or to applaud when its governmental affairs receive ecclesiastical endorsement. must have its own vision and program. There must be a co-ordination of activities on a basis of peculiar rights and reciprocities. Neither should any social organizations, no matter how good they may be, assume that the Church has no other function than to be their bulletin board; that they can seize upon and label a particular Sunday and tell all preachers what to preach about. Not that the Church should not support worthy causes, but that the Church should have its own prophetic message and dare to utter it. The need of the Church in these trying days is for a clearer vision, for a more compelling initiative, for a more comprehensive scheme of efficiency. In the present-day crisis, we are face to face with the challenge of a great opportunity. In the name of the Kingdom, let us endeavor to meet it thoughtfully, prayerfully, confidently.

There is a great responsibility for the Methodist Protestant Church in these days of re-construction. I do not mean that we are to do some things over, but that we are to do some things better, while conditions about us are going through a process of change. I cannot resist the conviction that the first thought for our church in a program of re-construction is

# More and Better Trained Men for the Ministry.

The need for workers is urgent. During the year in order to keep the charges supplied, I have employed 26 men not members of the Conference. Surely we need to pray to the Lord of the Harvest to send laborers into the field. A church-wide campaign for students for our schools will soon be made. I trust a prayerful search will find many whom God is calling to preach the "glad tidings of great joy." This is the opportune time to emphasize the claims of the ministry. The war is over and young men will now be turning their thought to the responsibilities of a continuous service rather than to the responsibilities of the immediate moment. But those whom God has called must be trained. Our pulpits must be intelligent and efficient. Men must work with their heads as

well as with their heels. We must have ministers who are fitted to lead and to lead in the right direction. I hope the time will come when those who join the Conference, will come from the Seminary and will have built their Seminary work upon a college training. If we cannot reach the ideal as yet, we can reach toward it. We must help young men in their work of preparation. While putting money into schools that they may be able to teach, we must put money and more money into young men that they may be able to learn. The best investment in the world is the investment of a human life. Young men thinking of the ministry should have the most sympathetic and generous consideration. It would help very materially if individuals and churches would provide scholarships for needy and worthy students. There should be a more hearty and general co-operation with the plans of Educational Day. I would like to have this particular paragraph referred to the Committee on Literature and Education, so that special consideration and emphasis can be given to one of our most vital needs.

#### Ministerial Support.

Men must not preach for money, but they must have money so they Ministerial supply, psychologically speaking, is closely related to ministerial support. Some ministers command recognition, because they have the ability. Others demand recognition, sometimes because they have not the ability. But the faithful preacher is entitled to adequate compensation and salaries in these days have not been altogether adequate. The expense of living has advanced, but for the minister the resources of living have not advanced in a corresponding ratio. Other vocations have increased compensation in a remarkable way. Even unskilled mechanics often receive more than the skilled workman of God, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. We have made some progress toward higher standards. Last year was a record year. The salary increase was \$9945 and this year the record will be even better. crease will amount to \$14,250.00. But ministerial support is not yet We, of course, cannot unionize our efforts. what it ought to be. can only sermonize our efforts. We can preach the doctrine of stew-We can insist upon the adoption of businesslike methods. The churches are able to do more and the churches owe it even to their self-respect to remove the stigma of a poorly paid ministry. As I travel through the district, stewards tell me as they raise the salary, they raise the money more easily. I would like to pass that bit of philosophy along to the churches that have done little or nothing for increased pastoral support. The usefulness of the church must not be impaired at a point and at a time when all things should be made ready for the most efficient action. The average salary in the Conference for the year ending April, 1918, was \$854. Last year 16 charges came up to the minimum salary limit. This year 22 charges have reached the limit. I think the time has come for a higher minimum standard. I therefore recommend that the manual be so changed, that the minimum salary limit for a married pastor be \$900 instead of \$800.

Ministerial support must advance with the growing opportunities of the church. We must make it attractive for the young man and we must make it attractive for the old man, when the burden is laid down. Our superannuates must not be forgotten. There is a deficit of about \$1200 in the distribution. Last year the assessment was increased \$1000. If more money cannot be secured from the district collections, more income must be obtained from the Invested Fund. A committee will report to this Conference concerning plans for a campaign of \$100,000 in behalf of the Permanent Investment of the Superannuated Fund Society. The need is urgent. I hope the campaign will take place at the earliest possible time. The constantly-recurring deficiency at the end of the year must be avoided and I trust the income of the Invested Fund will be increased to the extent, that the regulations of the Society can be changed, so that claimants can receive a larger proportion for each year of active service.

Concerning the present deficiency I recommend that instead of adding 10% of the assessment to the Invested Fund, the rule be suspended for this year, so that the entire amount of the collection can be used in the distribution. In view of the campaign to be inaugurated, I hope it will not be necessary to renew this recommendation. If the suspension of the rule does not provide sufficient money to meet the deficit, I hope Conference will make arrangement for other plans.

#### Financial Methods.

It would seem strange if Methodists did not insist upon method and even upon method in finance. John Wesley had a motto like this: "Justification, Sanctification and a penny a week." Justification and Sanctification are glorious doctrines, but a penny a week and even a penny a day will not do in these times, when the church has grown richer and dollars are needed for missions and education and for the development of our benevolent enterprises. The per capita of our gifts for all purposes last year was more than \$11, but even this standard is no opportunity for felicitation. It is rather an opportunity for solicitation. Our methods should be so efficient that we should never fail in ideals, because we have failed in the methods for reaching the ideals. phasis upon more businesslike methods of finance has been abundantly worth while. More churches are working under the budget. member canvass has been quite general. The envelope system is more widely used. Churches are showing more ability to raise money not only for themselves, but also for the activities of the Conference. Notwithstanding an increase of \$3400 in the assessments last year, more charges are on the Honor Roll than ever before and many have gone "over the top." The churches are gradually growing toward higher financial standards. I think the time has come when there should be a thorough revision of our table of assessments. No committee during the sessions of Conference can go very deep into the equities of assessments. charges have grown stronger. Some have become weaker. And then

there ought to be a more modern and businesslike way in the whole scheme of assessments. We have a General Conference budget and local church budgets. Why cannot we have an Annual Conference budget, with the various interests distributed on a per centage basis? If the whole situation could be studied during the year by a committee, thoroughly familiar with the district and well acquainted with the best business methods, I believe inequities would be reduced to a minimum and a more satisfactory scheme of assessments could be formulated. I therefore recommend that a committee of four ministers and four laymen be appointed to take the matter under consideration and report to the Conference of 1920.

#### Foreign Missions.

The new vision for the new day, I think, is the missionary vision. War conditions have put before the church a great challenge. learning to study world problems. We are getting away from religious narrowness, from denominational provincialism. The war has developed a new sense of brotherhood, a new spirit of service. Isms and schisms must be set aside in these days for the essential things of the Kingdom. There is a growing conviction that while earthly kings are stepping from their thrones, now is the opportune time to enthrone the Heavenly King in the deepest heart of the whole world. Every denomination is awakening on the subject of Foreign Missions and the Methodist Protestant Church must see the vision. I think it would be well if we could be affiliated in some way with the large and progressive missionary movements of the day. We must get inspiration from every angle. We must walk in the light of the best thought and keep step with the numerous armles of the King, in lifting up the Cross in every part of the world as a new insignia of loyalty and love. And then it must be remembered it is the missionary program which sets the standard and speed of every The more we do for the heathen away Forward Movement activity. from home, the more we will want to do for the heathen at home. owe it to ourselves to set the missionary standard higher. I am glad a beginning has been made. I rejoice that for this year an earnest effort was put forth to double missionary contributions. I hope that for the coming year the present high standard will be maintained and that the charges which did not quite measure up to the standard, will press on 231/2% of the Million Dollar more diligently until the goal is reached. Campaign Fund will go to Foreign Missions. This is a special appeal, but we must not depend altogether upon special gifts and campaigns. There should be a larger working basis in the very assessment. really believe what we say about Foreign Missions, deeds should back up words. I trust the time will not be far distant when there can be a decided advance in the assessment. In this connection I want to emphasize the need and value of Mission Study Classes. We must stress the educational as well as the financial phases of the work. Missionary quest is the secret of missionary conquest. A campaign of education will solve present financial problems and create still larger problems for an everincreasing expenditure of money.

#### Church Extension.

Church Extension must have a large place in the thought and plan of every Forward Movement. Only as we extend the church, can we ex-Church Extension gets under all of our tend the work of the church. interests and becomes the foundation and feeder of an ever-enlarging constituency and influence. We have been doing Church Extension work in war days with some degree of definiteness and results have fully justified the wisdom of the present mode of procedure. The war is now over and with the return of normal economic conditions, we should be encouraged to lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes for the greatest Church Extension movement in our history. Already our Church Extension societies are projecting larger plans and the work, of necessity, The Peninsula Church Extension must gather increasing momentum. Society will put its resources back of the Wilmington enterprise. manuel in West Philadelphia must have the fostering care of the Conference. And the time is ripe for some re-adjustments and extensions in Baltimore. And not only in the large cities, but at various points throughout the district, there are splendid Church Extension opportunities. would like to have the Committee on Church Extension to consider the feasibility of a Western Shore Society, to do for the Western Shore what the Peninsula Society will do for the Peninsula. Again I want to call attention to the value of local Church Extension work and urge progressive pastors to see and seize and serve the new fields which lie contiguous to their charges. The new day is calling for a new democracy, or rather for a new expression of democracy. Representative ideals must be magnified in ecclesiastical life as well as in political life. The Methodist Protestant Church with its democratic principles, in a peculiar way, fits into the spirit of the age and of the world. Let us believe in our cause and faith will develop optimism, enthusiasm and success.

#### Young People's Work.

Young people must get back of our programs, if they are to be pushed with any degree of vigor and efficiency. This is the Young People's age. Responsibilities are being placed upon young people in church work and there must be training for leadership. The Union of Young People is interested in the study of modern Sunday School methods and seeks also to give to the churches a vision of what real Christian Endeavor service means. At last in our conventions we are learning to combine the institutional with the inspirational and with a more discriminating sense. In these days the How is overshadowing the Why. Bring your interrogation point to the school of experts. Keep your exclamation point for home use.

The Young People's gathering at Westminster last summer was full of vision and profit. This summer gathering was made possible through the courtesy of Western Maryland College, whose buildings were thrown open for a new attempt in educational and spiritual endeavor. But in-

stitutes need not be linked up exclusively with our distinct conventions. They could be organized separately. And they could be held at stated periods in various accessible sections of the Conference district. The institute idea can be developed ad infinitum and made to serve with efficiency and helpfulness. I hope the Conference will be responsive to the calls of our leaders in Young People's Work and will give earnest consideration to the reports of those who have made a careful survey and study of specific needs and opportunities.

From our Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor societies have gone forth young men into the service of country. How many I do not know. Their names are written on honor rolls in local churches. It might be well if these lists could be put together, so that stars could shine in the firmament of the Young People Union's deepest appreciation. Some of the boys will never return. They lifted up a standard vicariously and victoriously. It would, indeed, be a beautiful tribute, if there could be a fitting memorial for these gallant sons who struggled and died and did not struggle and die in vain.

#### The Forward Movement.

The specific challenge of the new day for us is the Forward Move-The last General Conference said: "Our judgment is that we should now launch a great Forward Movement Campaign, covering four years, that shall challenge the entire membership of our church through all our organized agencies to move forward in one great advance along all lines of Evangelistic, Educational, Missionary, Financial and Social Service endeavor." The Methodist Protestant Church must not only have a message for the age, but a program for the age. And the program must be big enough to command the confidence and co-operation of our most thoughtful and influential members. We will never count for much in the great, big world, when we discount ourselves in our own little world. The particular phase of the Forward Movement to be considered at this Conference is the Campaign for a Million Dollars for our General Conference Boards and Institutions. Since our last Annual Conference, there has been some change of procedure. Instead of raising one million dollars in four years, the plan now is to raise one million dollars in one year. This change in method brought about a state of confusion in the minds of many brethren. Ministers and laymen in the interim of Conference hesitated to proceed, not because they were opposed to the campaign, but because there was an earnest desire to work together, if a reasonable degree of success was to be achieved. With a wide divergence of opinions and interpretations, it seemed that only the action of the Conference itself could clear up the situation and start machinery which would move all of our churches toward one great financial objective. The Maryland Conference cannot fail to be interested in this the biggest enterprise of the whole church. Already we are in the forefront with our gifts and under the stimulus of a Forward Movement vision, our contributions are constantly increasing. Not counting gifts to Western Maryland College Endowment and Westminster Theological Seminary Building Fund, we

gave to General Conference Boards and Institutions during the first year of the quadrennium \$19,894 and during the second year \$22,346 and our contributions for this year will not only be the largest in the quadrennium, but the largest for any one year in all the quadrenniums. A Conference which is able to grow in vision and in gifts of benevolence will hardly tolerate a backward step. It will rather covet the opportunity of more extended service. The Church must think faster and farther than the world and devote its energies intensively in bringing a world of thought up to its viewpoint. Give to the report of the Forward Movement Commission careful and generous consideration and then let us get back of the Campaign for a Million Dollars unitedly and heartily and in a way which will insure the largest measure of co-operation and secure the largest amount of money.

If the various activities of the church are to move in the direction of higher goals, the machinery of our denominational life must be connected with the great spiritual dynamo. Adding dollars to church funds should not overshadow the importance of adding members to church rolls. The close of the war has given the church its greatest opportunity for winning people to the fundamental ideals of the Gospel, but almost every church is following hard upon the heels of the Government and welfare organizations in a big drive for millions. The money is needed, but what is more needed is a strong and constant spiritual note to balance up the financial emphasis. The Church must not only be linked with the spirit of the age, but with the Spirit of Grace. There must be the benedictions of God as well as the benefactions of men. Let the work of evangelism be pre-eminent. Revivals of religion will bring revivals in prayer, in the study of the Word, in the observance of the Sabbath, in ministries of When the dominant thought of the Church is a vital unselfishness. spiritual experience, the sanctification of possessions will be recognized, for believers then will rejoice in the heritage of the greatest possession of all. Let us raise the money, but let us not forget to raise the Cross of Christ, so that its holy light may shine upon both gift and giver.

And now in conclusion I want to express my gratitude to God for His guidance and goodness during the year and to you, my brethren, my heart is full of love, for we are laborers together in the Master's name and all have been beneficiaries of His grace. Every charge in the Conference has been included in the itinerary of the year, but on account of the prevailing influenza, the doors of 3 or 4 churches were closed against me. Some churches have been visited two or three times when matters of administration needed special attention. The work has been hard, but in your sympathy and co-operation I have found cheer and strength. You have been exceedingly gracious and generous in your courtesies and I want to thank you as the heart of a friend speaketh to a friend.

Praying that the Great Head of the Church will give us a pleasant and profitable Conference session, blessing our fellowship and directing our plans for larger and more efficient service, I am

Very Sincerely,

Your brother in the Gospel, L. F. WARNER.

#### Of the Committee on The President's Report.

(See Journal, page 32.)

The President's report gives us a great vision not only of splendid achievements, which the church has accomplished, but great fields of opportunity which lie open before us; we hear the wheels of progress all about us, the optimistic note is being sounded from the walls of Zion. The challenge of the hour is clear and unmistakable and we gird ourselves to answer that challenge.

Certainly we are in the new day and in it we shall be strong and of good courage, that we may show ourselves men of God.

Our hearts go out to those who have passed down through the valley of shadows, their sorrows are our sorrows, for:

There is a blessed tie that binds Our hearts in christian love. We share our mutual woes; Our mutual burdens bear; And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.

We most heartily endorse the desire of the President, that Western Maryland College shall be given a larger and a more definite measure of cooperation, for it is a great truth that young men and young women will be the nation's greatest asset when the battle flags are finally furled.

We rejoice in the marked success of Dr. H. L. Elderdice in the drive for \$50,000, and we most earnestly hope that it shall indeed be the beginning of far greater things for the Seminary, and we most earnestly pray that God may stir up the church, that it may become deeply concerned about the vacant places in the ranks of the gospel ministry.

We heartily endorse the expressed hope of the President that "an appropriation up to \$300.00 shall be made available for the summer conference."

We note with deep satisfaction the marvelous growth of "The Methodist Protestant," and we determine to make the 3rd Sunday in October, a red letter day for the church paper.

It has been very truly said, "The light that shines the farthest from home, shines the brightest at home." Maryland has caught the vision, the light of missions is shining; may it grow brighter and brighter until the perfect day.

We are looking forward with a great hope, that the school for christian workers, in connection with our Deaconess work, may speedily be a reality, for we believe it would prove to be a great asset to the whole church.

We earnestly desire the reorganization of the Washington City Church Extension Society, and such funds may be given to it as may be available, for the beginning of some new development in that very important center.

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We note with gratitude the large amount of money invested in building and improvements, but especially do we rejoice that despite the unsettled times in which we live, the fire has not gone out on the altar; men are turning to God, may the coming year be a real pentecost.

We have a real joy as we contemplate the end of the liquor traffic, and we earnestly pray that the Conference may give every support to the complete defeat of every effort to resurrect it.

We heartily concur in the recommendation to increase the assessment for the Church Home.

We concur in the recommendation that the Manual be so changed, that the minimum salary limit for a married pastor be \$900.00 instead of \$800.00.

We concur in the recommendation, that instead of adding 10% of the assessment to the invested fund of the Superannuated Fund Society, the rule be suspended for this year so that the entire amount of the collection can be used in the distribution.

We believe the time is here when a thorough revision of our tables of assessments should be made. We endorse the recommendation that a committee of four ministers and four laymen be appointed to take the matter under consideration and report to the Conference in 1920.

We heartily endorse the call for the most intensive and extensive work in our great forward movement drive, that our beloved church "may be crowned with that hallowed light from the cross of Christ, that it may shine upon the gift and the giver."

We most gratefully render heartfelt praise to God for the preservation of the life and health of our beloved brother, The President of the Conference, and pray that during the strenuous days ahead, strength and wisdom may be given him for the great tasks which the Conference has committed to his care.

> J. M. GILL, E. D. STONE.

M. A. DAVIS.

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### (See Journal, page 42.)

#### Receipts.

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1918.	10 1210	
To Balance\$	2.03	
Apr. 12, To Rev. L. F. Warner, President	55.62	
Apr. 13, To Baker, Watts Company note	160.00	
Apr. 13, To Rev. L. F. Warner, President	17.29	
Aug. 13, To Rev. L. F. Warner, President	50.00	
Dec. 13, To Rev. L. F. Warner, President	50.00	•
Mar. 19, To Rev. L. F. Warner, President	150.00	\$484.94
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Disbursements.		
1918.		
Apr. 13, To Rev. L. F. Warner, for bills paid\$	17.29	
Apr. 13, To Baker-Watts Co. note	160.00	
Apr. 13, To Int. on note of \$160.00	3.25	
Apr. 13, Reginal Morrison (Fence)	16.00	
Apr. 20, Daniel Loden, Water Rent	11.50	•
June 28, W. C. Page, City Paving	4.48	
Aug. 13, Baker-Watts Co. on note \$160.00	50.00	
Aug. 13, Interest on note \$160.00	2.31	
Nov. 4, E. C. Epler, Repairs	3.90	
Nov. 4, Rev. L. F. Warner, repairs	1.00	
Dec. 14, Baker-Watts Co. on note \$160.00	60.00	
Dec. 14, Interest on note \$110.00	.78	
Jan. 28, E. C. Epler, repairs	2.55	
Mar. 19, Baker-Watts Co. Note	50.00	
Mar. 20, Daniel Loden, water	11.50	\$394.56
Balance		\$ 90.38

\$484.94

H. K. MULLER, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

H. S. JOHNSON, Chairman. G. A. OGG.

# PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

Charge Pastor	Yrs.	Charge Pastor Y	rs.
Accomac, VaJ. N. Linl	2	Chincoteague, Va.,	2
Alexandria, VaG. J. Hil		H. F. Butler (Supply)	4
Amelia, VaW. C. Mumford	1 7	Clayton, Del.,	
BALTIMORE-		E. C. Graham (Supply)	4
Alnutt Memorial. Louis Randal	1 1	Concord, Pa.,	1000
BethanyV. A. Mille	r 2	C. M. Jenkins (Supply)	2
Broadway K. K. Haddawa	y 1	Conquest, VaG. E. McDorman	1
BrooklynS. W. Co.	e 6	CRISFIELD—	_
Calvary H. S. Johnson	ı 7	Crisfield C. M. Elderdice	3
Chesaco Park,		Lawsonia,	102
H. A. Kester (Supply)		C. S. Larrimore (Supply)	1
Christ Church . E.L. Beaucham	p 3	Mariner'sC. M. Adams	3
East Baltimore G. A. Ogs	g 3	CrumptonTo be supplied	
EutawE. A. Sexsmitl	1 3	CUMBERLAND-	
EvergreenF. T. Little	e 1	First Church.J. W. Balderston	4
Hampden E. D. Stone	e 7	Mapleside & Fairview,	
Keen Memorial A. S. Bean	e 12	C. E. Bulen (Supply)	1
LauravilleG. H. Stocksdale		Melvin Chapel,	
Lowe MemorialW. A. Melvin	a 4	G. E. Turner (Supply)	1
N. BaltimoreW. H. Litsinge	r 5	Deer Creek W. A. Sites	2
Payson Street,		Deer ParkC. H. Dobson	2
E. Lester Ballare	1 2	Delmar, DelE. H. Jones	2
S. BaltimoreW. F. Wrigh	t 3		1
Starr G. W. Haddawa;	y 18	DentonT. O. Crouse	5
St. John's J. H. Straught	n 1		2
St. Paul'sF. D. Reynold	s 2	Dover & LeipsicP. W. Crosby	2
Trinity R. W. Whit	e 1	Easton	2
Violetville W. B. Judefine	d 3	Elizabeth, N. JF. A. Holland	3
Waverly To be supplied	d	Fairfax, VaS. C. Wood	2
W. BaltimoreJ. M. Gil	1 4	Fawn Grove, Pa. H. L. Schlincke	4
Wilton Heights.G. M. Clayto	n 3	FederalsburgJ. L. Nichols	1
Baltimore CircuitS. F. Casse	n 7	Felton, DelJ. T. Moore	2
Bedford, PaB. A. Brya	n 1	FinksburgN. C. Clough	3
BelairC. P. Nowli	n 1	1st Ch., Newark, N. J.,	
BivalveH. E. Norris (Supply	) 2	E. C. Makosky	7
BuckeystownJ. W. Kir	k 1	Franklin City, Va.,	
CambridgeR. Y. Nicholso	n 1	A. W. Betts (Supply)	2
Campbell, Va To be supplie	d	FrederickJ. W. Parris	1
Cannon, DelJ. W. Towsen	d 1	Georgetown, DelJ. T. Bailey	2
Caroline	p 3	Georgetown Circuit, Del.,	
CecilL. E. Haddawa	у 3	W. C. Bowden (Supply)	1
CentrevilleG. Q. Bacchu	s 2	Greenbush & Tasley, Va.,	
ChestertownJ. L. War	d 4	THE RESEARCH SECTION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE	1

Charge Pastor Yr	s.	Charge Pastor Y	rs.
GreensboroTo be supplied		Pipe CreekR. K. Lewis	3
Greenwood, Del.,	- 1	PittsvilleG. J. Hooker	1
H. W. D. Johnson	4	Pocomoke CityJ. A. Dudley	2
GroveAlfred Scarborough	2	Pocomoke CircuitC. R. Dutton	1
Harbeson, DelH. L. Murphy	2	PotomacC. K. McCaslin	4
Harmony, W. Va.,		PowellvilleJ. H. Lynch	4
W. S. Simms (Supply)	2	QuanticoT. E. F. Morton	1
Harper's Ferry, W. Va.,	- 1	Queen AnneTo be supplied	
G. S. Ross	1	RelianceF. M. Clift	1
Harrington, DelC. C. Day	3	Rowlandville,	
Howard Carroll Maddox	1	H. H. Carroll (Supply)	1
HurlockJ. L. Green	1	SalemJ. W. Baxley	1
Indian RiverTo be supplied		SalisburyR. L. Shipley	1
KemptownA. H. Green	3	Seaford, DelB. F. Ruley	2
KennedyvilleJ. F. Wooden	1	Selbyville, DelTo be supplied	
Kent IslandW. S. Hanks	3	SharptownE. W. Simms	1
Laurel, DelW. L. Hoffman	1	Snow Hill C. R. Strausburg	1
Laurel Circuit, Del. C. M. Cullum	5	Stewartstown, Pa.,	
Leeds A. B. Dupuy	3	G. R. Donaldson	2
Lewes, DelJ. R. McKeawn	1	St. James Avery Donovan	2
	-	St. MichaelsDorsey Blake	2
Lewistown, W. H. Hodges (Supply)	1	SusquehannaJ. McLain Brown	1
W. H. Houges (Supply)	2	TalbotTo be supplied	
Liberty W. F. Bauscher	-	Texas. F. D. Holloway (Supply)	1
Linthicum Heights, E. H. VanDyke	2	Trinity E. L. Bunce	6
	1	Tyreanna, VaTo be supplied	• /
LisbonF. S. Cain	4	UnionJ. A. Wright	2:
Lynchburg, VaGeorge Hines	3	Union BridgeK. H. Wareheim	1
MardelaI. S. Owens	1	Wallace Memorial. F. McCorkle	2
MarleyT. C. Mulligan (Supply)	-	WarwickJ. P. George	ī
Middleway, W. Va To be supplied	•	Transport of Company and Compa	-
Milford, DelC. E. Dryden	3		1
Milton, DelM. E. Hungerford	3		4
Mt. NeboP. M. R. Schauer	1		4
New Church, VaT. C. Jones	1		1
NewmarketC. N. Alexander	2	The second secon	3:
Nichols Memorial.B. W. Kindley	1		4.
Northumberland, Va.,		R. I. AveG. I. Humphreys	4
F. J. Phillips	2		•
Oak Grove & Prince George,		A. F. T. Raum	
Ziba Adams	1	Therefore a company and the second	6
OxfordJ. L. Elderdice	2		2
Parksley, Va H. B. Jester	2	The state of the s	
Patapsco.F. W. Siffrin (Supply)	1		
PHILADELPHIA-		New Work in Wilmington—Left	
St. Luke'sJ. W. Trout	16	in hands of Supt. Ch. Extension	X
Taylor MemorialH. O. Keen	1	w naleyville,	692
Emmanuel W. P. Roberts	1	C. P. Butler (Supply)	1

Charge	Pastor Y	rs.	Charge	Pastor	Yrs.
Wye	. L. W. Gordon	2	W. M. Strayer		. 14
	ppointments.		J. M. Holmes		. 3
Pres. W. M. C	T. H. Lewis	34	F. H. Mullineaux		
Prof. W. M. C		13	F. T. Tagg		
Pres. W. Th. Sem		23	J. S. Bowers		
Editor "M. P.".		3	J. G. Sullivan		
	.Mis.F. C. Klein	11	W. R. Graham		
Supt. Ch. Ex		2	A. A. Harryman		
Super our			G. F. Farring		
L	oaned.		C. E. McCulloh		
Bd. Home Missi	onL. B. Smith	3			
Kansas City Uni	vA. N. Ward	1	Left Without Appoint	ment At	Own
W. H. M. Soc	.T. R. Woodford	1	Request.	, * , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
Super	annuates.		G. A. Morris		2
J. W. Gray		8	P. L. Rice		1
A. W. Mather		5	L. A. Bennett (to enga	ge in Eva	n-
J. W. Norris		5	gelistic work)		2
W. D. Litsinger		16	J. R. Wright, Assigne	d work	as .
J. L. Mills		6	Army Chaplain		2

### Report B

#### THE SECRETARY.

(Journal, page 24.)

To the Maryland Annual Conference,

Dear Brethren:

As Committee on Credentials I report, that credentials have not been received from the following charges: Lawsonia, Greensboro, Indian River, Middleway, Nichols Memorial, Queen Anne, Tyreanna, Union Bridge.

That the delegates elected by all other charges have been seated though the form of the certificate in some instances is defective. The Secretary hopes to be able to correct the tendency to irregular elections through a changed form with the next Conference session.

As Committee on Publication and Distribution of Minutes,

- 1. That the contract price for next year will remain unchanged.
- 2. That the number of copies each charge shall receive be changed from four for each dollar to two for each dollar paid on the Conference assessment. It has been necessary to vary from the rule ever since the expense of entertaining the Conference was added to the assessment. The assessment now is twice the original amount; \$1000. instead of \$500. which will give to the charges on the one-half basis the same number they have received hitherto.
- 3. That the supply of report blanks are exhausted with this Conference and as a new supply is generally printed for five years it would be

well for the Conference, in order to save the expense of an additional new supply, to determine what changes, if any, shall be made. I refer specifically to the proposed budget of assessments and generally to whatever suggestions the members of the Conference may want to make.

In the financial statement herewith submitted I wish to call the attention of the Conference to the necessity of borrowing \$750. in order to meet the obligations of the office. The demands on the Conference funds have been growing for several years; such as the additional size and cost of the Minutes; compensations to the Secretary, Treasurer and Steward; committee meetings, and particularly this year with the Forward Movement Commission, The Summer Conference and The Historical Record. If the loan is paid back this Conference year it will be necessary to borrow again for the coming year's expense but the assessment as it now stands at \$1000. ought in several years to liquidate the obligation.

The financial statement follows:

#### Financial Statement.

#### Receipts.

Balance in hand last Conference	166.32	
From C. P. Nowlin, Treas., 1918\$665.00	491.00	
Reported last Conference as adv. assess 174.00	491.00	
From sale of Minutes	7.65	
From sale of Manuals	1.00	
From sale of Historical Record	4.53	
From C. P. Nowlin, Treas., loan	750.00	
From E. A. Sexsmith, Treas., Summer Conf.		
refund	50.00	
Total receipts for the year	1470.50	\$1470.50

#### Expenditures.

376.69

Publication and Distribution of Minutes,

#### J. W. Stowell account:

2000 copies, contract price 150 pp\$225.00
57 additional pages, at \$1.50 per p. 85.50
200 extra copies 20.00
f inserts 10.00
Mailing minutes to pastors 23.69
250 clasp envelopes 3.25
Conference programs 1918 9.25
Total\$376.69

To C. P. Nowlin, Treas.,		
Conference entertainment 1917\$132.50		
Compensation 50.00		
Expense 5.67		
The state of the s	100 15	
Total\$188.17	188.17	
To Methodist Protestant Book Concern for Bibles, cre-		
dentials, etc	\$ 22.24	34
1918.		1
April 9, J. A. Dudley, Steward, Compensation	25.00	
April 11, Ruth L. Smith, Conf. Stenographer	15.00	
April 15, J. H. Straughn, Secretary, Compensation	50.00	
April 17, R. L. Shipley, Sec., For. Move. Com	100.00	
April 20, J. H. Straughn, Sec., Conf. Inc. Exp	8.15	
May 31, E. P. Ellis, postmaster, postage	3.35	
May 31, Meth. Prot. Bk. Con., Engravings	13.11	
May 31, J. M. Sheridan, Conf. entertain. Superan's	16.85	
May 31, J. M. Sheridan, Committee expenses	4.00	
May 31, Fidel. & Depos. Co., bonding Treasurer	12.50	80
July 30, E. A. Sexsmith, Treas. Summer Conf	300.00	
Sept. 23, R. L. Shipley, Sec. For. Move Com., Adv	50.00	
Oct. 31, Times Printing Co., Westminster, Md., 500		
copies Historical Record	240.00	
Mailing Historical Record	10.27	
1919.		
Jan. 30, Postage for reports, etc	6.08	
March 10, E. C. Makosky, Ch. Ext. Com., expense	2.65	
March 26. Secretary, program expense	7.50	
march 20, Secretary, program expense		
Total expense	\$1451.56	\$1451.56
Balance in hand		\$ 18.94

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. H. STRAUGHN, Secretary.

Audited and found correct.

H. S. JOHNSON, W. W. SMITH, G. A. OGG.

# Report C

#### THE TREASURER.

(Journal, page 45.)

# President's Salary.

April 3, Amount from District\$3118.00	
April 7, To Vouchers from and Cash to Rev. L. F. War-	
ner, President	\$3118.00

# Conference Expense.

April 3, Amount from District\$ 932.	00
April 7, To Rev. J. H. Straughn	\$ 932.00

### Seminary.

April 3, Amount from District\$1893.00	
April 7, To Rev. H. L. Elderdice, President	\$1893.00

### College.

April	3,	An	ount	fre	om	District	:\$1703.00	
April	7,	To	Rev.	T.	H.	Lewis,	President	\$1703.00

### Church Home.

April 3, Amount from District\$22	87.00
April 7, To James Pearre Wantz, Treasurer	\$2287.00

#### Deaconess.

April 3, Amount from District\$1922.00	
April 7, To H. K. Muller, Treasurer	\$1922.00

#### General Interests.

Apr. 5, Amount from District:	
For Ministerial Education\$	785.00
For Home Missions	2,504.00
For Foreign Missions	3,207.00
For Budget	2,642.00
For Young People's Work	530.00
For Children's Day	7,907.00
For Special Foreign Missions	2,620.00
For Special Home Missions	644.00

	\$20,839.00
Apr. 7, To Vouchers from C. H. Beck, Treas., and	
others\$11,729.90	
Check to C. H. Beck, Treasurer 9,109.10	

\$20,839.00

\$7128.86

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Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	
Apr. 3, To Amount reported to Conference\$5539.00 Apr. 7, Accounted Vouchers\$5539.00	0
Anti-Saloon League.	
Apr. 3, To Amount reported\$4191.00 Apr. 7, Accepted Vouchers\$4191.0	0
Miscellaneous.	
Apr. 3, To Amounts reported\$22216.00 Apr. 7, Accepted Vouchers\$22216.0	0
Church Extension Fund.	
Receipts.	
1918.	
April 12, To Balance	
July 15, To Loan from 1st Nat. Bk., Havre-de-Grace 500.00	
1919. April 3, To Cash from District	
April 7, To Annual Dues	
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Disbursements.	
May 1, 1918 to April 1, 1919:	grander.
By Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe Claim\$ 240.00	
Balto. Ch. Ex. Society, \$300; Bethany, \$200; Cal-	
vary, \$250; Cannon, \$50; Cambridge, \$100; Cen-	
treville, \$100; Cherrydale, \$100; Conf. Ch. Ex.	
Society, \$1000; Deer Creek, \$100; Dover, \$150;	
Evergreen, \$200; Fairfax, \$50; First Church, Wash., D. C., \$125; Greenbush & Tasley, \$100;	
Harmony, \$100; Kent Island, \$50; Lowe Mem'l,	
\$250; Mapleside & Fairview, \$97; N. C. Ave.,	2
\$250; Payson Street, \$200; Quantico, \$200; St.	
Michaels, \$100; Sharptown, \$125; Violetville,	
\$100; Wilton Heights, \$100; Conquest, \$100 4997.00	
1918.	
July 15, By Discount and Stamps on loan	
Nov. 15, By Reduction of loan	
Nov. 15, By Discount and Stamps on loan 3.80	
1919. Feb. 14, By Payment of Loan 1st Nat. Bank 250.00	
Apr. 7, By Crumpton, special action of Conference 50.00	
Balance 1827.96	

# Superannuated Fund.

Receipts.		9.018
1918		Beelin I
May 1 to Apr. 7, 1919, To Sundry Contributions to		
Deficit\$	664.00	
Apr. 20, To St. John's Board of Beneficence	125.00	
Apr. 15, To Loan from 1st Nat. Bk., Havre-de-Grace	700.00	
July 6, To St. John's Board of Beneficence	125.00	* 200
July 25, To Check from T. A. Murray, Treas	1400.00	
Oct. 31, To Check from T. A. Murray, Treas	2100.00	
Jan. 25, To Check from T. A. Murray, Treas	1350.00	
April 2, To Check from T. A. Murray, Treas	1850.98	
April 2, To Check from Rev. L. B. Smith	50.00	
April 2, To Check from Rev. T. R. Woodford	25.00	
April 3, To Collections from District	5789.00	
April 7, To Annual Dues	112.00	
April 7, To Deficit	518.55	
		\$14,809.53
Disbursements.		
1918.	4.	
April 15, By Deficit\$	938.72	
April 15. By Discount and Stamps on Loan	10.64	-
July 11. By Loan from 1st Nat. Bk., Havre-de-Grace	700.00	
July 25, By 1st Distribution	1375.00	
Oct. 21, By 2nd Distribution	2071.00	
1919.		
Jan. 25, By 3rd Distribution	1334.00	
Apr. 7, By 4th Distribution	8265.00	
Apr. 7, By Expense of Cor. Sec	3.17	
Apr. 7, By Invested Fund, Annual Dues	112.00	
1 2 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		\$14,809.53
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#### Respectfully submitted,

C. P. NOWLIN, Conf. Treas.

# Report D

# TRUSTEES OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

(Journal, page 28.)

The Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference respectfully submit the following report for the year:

First:—The members of the board as now constituted are, A. W. Mather, E. C. Makosky, T. W. Donoho and C. A. Benjamin, whose terms expire in 1921; J. L. Mills, J. M. Sheridan, Rowland Watts and T. A.

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Murray, whose terms expire in 1920; F. T. Little, G. W. Haddaway, J. H. Roberts and F. K. Herr, whose terms expire in 1919 and whose successors are to be elected at this session of the Conference.

Second:—The legacy of Mrs. A. S. Eversole of \$1000.00 has been continued as invested and the income therefrom has been used for Church

Extension purposes in harmony with the terms of the bequest.

Third:—We submit herewith the annual report of the Treasurer of the Board showing the receipts and expenditures of the Drinkhouse Trust Estate, and now subject to disposition by the Board of Trustees as Trustee under the will of Dr. Drinkhouse in accordance with the terms created by the said will.

Fourth:—We report that the books, accounts and securities of the Board have been examined and audited and found correct in every particular by the Standing Committee of Audit as required by the by-laws of our board.

F. T. LITTLE, President.

150.00

11.71 \$1232.71

\$1648.64

#### ROWLAND WATTS, Secretary.

#### Treasurer's Report for Year April, 1918-1919.

THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treasurer, in account with Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference.

#### GENERAL FUND.

LO	Balance as per last report		Þ	536.27
To	Commissions from Drinkhouse Trust Estate\$	61.64		
То	Interest on deposits	10.93		72.57
			\$	608.84
	CR.			
Ву	amt. paid Drinkhouse Trust Estate, (balance from rent of McQueen property after repayment in full			
Rv	of advances made for same)\$ amt. advanced to pay State Tax on Legacy from	85.50		
D,	Mrs. Mary A. Pearre, to be repaid from Income	44.00		
Ву	expenses of management	27.54		
Ву	Balance on deposit to credit of Trustees	451.80	\$	608.84
	DRINKHOUSE TRUST ESTATE.			
	Balance as per last Report		\$	415.93
10	amt. Income received during year, From Investments\$:	1071.00		

From McQueen rents .....

From Interest on Deposits ......

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By Rent Safe Deposit Box\$ 5	.00
By Commissions from Drinkhouse Trust Estate, credit-	
ed to General Account above	.64
By appropriations of Income by Board, and paid as fol-	
lows:	factor and the
Baltimore Book Directory, for use of "The Meth-	
odist Protestant" 1000	.00
Maryland Educational Endowment Society, for	8
Ministerial Education 500	.00
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\$1566	6.64
By Balance on deposit to credit of Trustees 82	2.00 \$1648.64

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treasurer.

### Report E

#### OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE.

(Journal, pages 36, 45.)

WHEREAS: The action of the Conference in laying aside every other campaign for funds during the year, gives the right of way to the Million Dollar campaign, and

WHEREAS: The Conference has authorized the appointment of a special Committee to arrange and recommend to the Session of 1920 an equitable basis of assessment;

The Board of Finance to which the communication of Rev. C. H. Beck, D. D., General Conference Treasurer, relative to the Increased budget was referred, begs leave to report that it deems it inadvisable at this time to comply with the General Conference Budget of \$22,000.00, and recommends that the assessments remain unchanged except in such cases as the Conference may order otherwise.

The Board of Finance has completed its work, after having given to every minister and delegate an opportunity to appear before the Board and state the instructions of their respective Quarterly Conferences. The action of the Conference in increasing the budget of assessments \$4,000., has necessarily increased the assessments upon each charge.

The Board recommends that each charge be requested to send \$1.00 to the Historical Society of the Maryland Annual Conference before June 1st, 1919, for the purpose of binding and indexing the volumes of the "Methodist Protestant" as per request referred to this Board.

We herewith submit the list of assessments for the coming year.

LOUIS RANDALL, Chairman.
W. P. ROBERTS, Secretary.
ERNEST E. WOODEN.
FRED P. ADKINS.
GEO. E. BROWN.
J. WATERS RUSSELL.

# Report F

### ITINERANCY AND ORDERS

(Journal, pages 36, 47, 48.)

Your Committee on Itinerancy and Orders submits as a partial report the following:

We recommend:

(1) That, Geo. E. McDorman, J. W. Townsend, R. W. White, Karl Howard Wareheim, E. Lester Ballard, J. R. McKeawn, Guy Leister, J. Leas Green, J. W. Baxley, be received into the Conference.

(2) That, R. W. Sutcliffe be received into the Conference with the understanding that he relinquishes all claim upon the Superannuated

(3) That, Geo. E. McDorman, J. W. Townsend, R. W. White, Karl Howard Wareheim, E. Lester Ballard, J. R. McKeawn, Guy Leister, J. Leas Green and J. W. Baxley, be ordained, they being graduates of Westminster Theological Seminary.

(4) That, J. T. Moore, C. H. Dobson, J. H. Lynch and A. F. T. Raum, be ordained, provided they give the usual pledge concerning the studies of the Conference Course, they having preached three years under the

Stationing authority of the Conference.

We report that I. S. Owens is passed through the course, W. L. Jump is continued in third year's class in Divine Credentials. C. N. Alexander, J. T. Moore, P. M. R. Schauer, A. F. T. Raum, J. P. George and Frank K. McCorkle of the second year's class are passed to the third year's class. L. E. Haddaway is passed to the third year's class, except that he is continued in Smith's Historical Geography and Fisher's Church History of the second year's studies. C. N. Alexander, J. T. Moore, P. M. R. Schauer, A. F. T. Raum, J. P. George, Frank K. McCorkle, received 100 each in Smith's Historical Geography, Drinkhouse's History of the Methodist Protestant Church.

A. F. T. Raum received 100 in Fisher's Church History, L. E. Haddaway, H. L. Murphy and J. H. Lynch received 100 each in Broadus. J. H. Lynch and H. L. Murphy are passed into the Second Year's Class.

We recommend:

First, That L. E. Haddaway and H. L. Murphy be ordained, they making the usual pledge in open Conference to continue the course of study and that the time and place of their ordination and also of George E. McDorman, be as shall be mutually agreeable to the President of the Conference and to all the candidates.

Second, That Frank K. McCorkle and S. C. Wood be admitted into the Conference on trial, they having relinquished all claim on the Superannuated Fund, and be given license to administer the ordinances.

Third, That Moses Almond Titchenell, H. F. Butler, W. W. Siffrin, A. W. Betts, G. E. Turner, F. G. Holloway, T. C. Mulligan, Ottwell Langrall, H. E. Norris, C. M. Jenkins, H. H. Carroll, Alfred S. Scarborough, W. C. Bowden be placed in the hands of the President and that they be given license to administer the ordinances, provided they are given an appointment.

Fourth, That W. A. Sites be placed in the hands of the President.

J. L. MILLS, Chairman.

J. W. KIRK, Secretary.

### Report G

#### CHURCH EXTENSION.

#### Of the Committee.

(Journal, pages 25, 27, 46, 47.)

We have considered the paper referred to us by Conference from Taylor Memorial Charge, Philadelphia, presenting the recommendation of that Quarterly Conference for the reception of Emmanuel Methodist Protestant Church into our Conference. We recommend that said church be received and be placed upon our list of charges as Emmanuel Church, Philadelphia. Also that Mr. Jackson Dunlap, messenger from said church, be seated as delegate from said charge.

We have carefully considered all papers referred to us, and while we find the need for the financial help desired by the various charges, because of limited funds, the Committee has not been able to grant all requests.

The report of the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society referred to this Committee has been read with interest.

We note with pleasure the splendid growth of all the church enterprises placed under the care of said society and also the gratifying financial condition as shown by the report of the Treasurer of the Society.

The success of Trinity Church, Falls Road, deserves special mention. We rejoice in the splendid news of the sale of Broadway Church at a very satisfactory price. This means the solution of the Broadway Church problem and promises for that church a very hopeful future.

We hail with pleasure the organization of the Peninsula Church Extension Society under the leadership of some of our most prominent and efficient laymen. This assures increased interest in our Church Extension work in that territory. The organization of a similar society for the Western Shore, outside of Baltimore and Washington cities, would mean much to our work in Western Maryland.

We have read the report of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society referred to us and we urge that this Society endeavor to solve the problem of the Waverly Church this year.

The delegate from Linthicum Heights appeared before your Committee and reported that in view of the remarkable success of the financial campaign on that charge they would gladly relinquish their claim to the \$100.00 appropriated to that charge at last Conference session.

The Report of the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society referred to your Committee shows a deficit in the War Work Fund sub-

scribed at last Conference due to the fact that a number of charges and individuals have not paid their subscriptions in full. We urge that these subscriptions be paid at the earliest possible date.

We recommend:

(1) That the same amount as last year be laid upon the Conference district for Church Extension.

(2) That the Treasurer of the Conference be authorized to pay fifty dollars to Rev. P. Schauer, pastor of Kennedyville, for special services

rendered to Crumpton Charge during the year.

(3) That we appropriate \$100.00 through the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society towards the purchase price of Harmony Church, Caroline Co., Md., provided the remaining \$150.00 be secured from other sources.

(4) That Rev. J. M. Sheridan be reappointed Superintendent of

Church Extension.

#### BOUNDARIES.

We recommend:

- (1) That Dagsboro Church on Selbyville charge be put under the care of the Pastor of Georgetown (Del.) Station.
- (2) That Selbyville Church on Selbyville charge be placed under the care of the pastor of Whaleyville charge.

(3) That Harmony Church be attached to Federalsburg charge.

- (4) That Texas Church, Baltimore Co., be placed under the care of the Board of Managers of the Conference Church Extension Society; and that Trinity Church constitute a separate charge to be known as Trinity, Baltimore, and be placed under Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society.
- (5) That Holly Run church be detached from Nichols Memorial charge, and attached to Linthicum Heights.
- (6) That Severn Church and the work at Clark's Station be attached to Nichol's Memorial Charge.
  - (7) That Arundel Cove be attached to Marley charge.
- (8) That Glen Burnie Church be detached from Marley Charge and be attached to Nichol's Memorial charge.
  - (9) That Barnsley be attached to Cecil Charge.

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

Baltimore City Church Extension Society for Chesaco Pa supplied with a regular pastor \$100.00, and to Waver	
the same condition, \$200.00	-
Bethany on pastor's salary, if supplied with married man.	200.00
Cannons' on pastor's salary	50.00
Centreville on salary	150.00
Cherrydale, provided they raise \$300.00 on debt	100.00
Conference Church Extension Society on account of salar	y for
Sup't. of Church Extension, \$1000.00; and for the pur	chase
of a site in Baltimore City, \$500.00	

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	100.00
Crumpton on pastor's salary	50.00
Deer Creek on pastor's salary	100.00
Dover on interest	200.00
Emmanuel Church, Philadelphia, Pa., \$1000.00 in four annual	
installments on purchase of lot if the same be purchased and	
paid for this Conference year (to be paid through Board	
of Managers, Church Extension Society)	250.00
Evergreen on pastor's salary if supplied with married man	350.00
First Church, Washington, D. C., last installment on debt	125.00
Georgetown, Del., final payment on debt	50.00
Greenbush & Tasley on salary	100.00
Harmony Church for purchase of ground	100.00
Harmony, W. Va., on pastor's salary if supplied with married man	100.00
Kent Island on pastor's salary provided they pay \$800.00	50.00
Lawsonia on pastor's salary if supplied with married man	200.00
For Mrs. Thomas Lowe's annuity	240.00
Mapleside & Fairview, Cumberland, if supplied with regular pastor	100.00
Payson Street, if supplied with regular pastor	200.00
Quantico on pastor's salary if supplied with married man	100.00
Selbyville Church if supplied with married man	200.00
St. Michaels' on debt on Fannie Lowe Memorial Church	100.00
St. Paul's, Baltimore, through the Board of Managers of the Con-	
ference Church Extension Society for building enterprise,	
provided they build this year, \$1000.00 in four annual in-	
stallments	250.00
Sharptown, fourth installment on \$500.00 appropriated	125.00
Trinity on pastor's salary, if supplied with married man, to be	
paid through Board of Managers, Church Extension Society	300.00
Violettville on pastor's salary	100.00
Wilton Heights, fourth installment on \$500.00 appropriated	100.00

G. W. HADDAWAY, Chairman.

EUGENE C. MAKOSKY, Secretary.

#### Report of J. M. Sheridan on Closed Churches.

#### (Journal, page 35.)

According to the action of the last Conference, I have given attention to the closed churches and have made a report to the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society.

The entire report would be too voluminous to be presented here. The first church visited was Selbyville and an effort was made to open it, which I believe would have been successful had not the health of Brother E. T. Kirkley failed. There is an indebtedness on this church of \$2200. Some steps should be taken to meet this and to open the church. I have presented the results of my investigation to the Committee on Church Extension.

Broad Neck Church in Kent County was opened in June. Mr. F. G. Usilton of Chestertown offered a guarantee of \$100 to meet necessary

expenses. Rev. A. F. T. Raum at my request took charge and has had a very successful year. He has had good congregations, a splendid Sunday School, and C. E. Society. Received 20 members. They have paid \$100 in salary and raised \$73.50 for other purposes. The Windy Hill Church in Talbot County has been sold for \$200. A lot located in Worcester County on which a church once stood was sold for \$25. Bambury Church in Talbot County is still closed.

I have been in conference with Rev. N. O. Gibson and Mr. Geo. W. Dexter. We have not yet reached a conclusion as to the best disposition to make of it. Epworth Church on Crumpton Charge has not been supplied for several years. Another denomination has been holding services.

there. I have a copy of the deed; we hold the property.

I have communicated with Mr. Clinton B. Jarman in regard to Greensboro. He thinks there is no opportunity of opening the church at the present time, but expresses the hope that we can do so in the near future. I think this church should be attached either to Denton or Caroline Circuit, and recommend that the Committee on Church Extension give the matter some consideration. Irving Chapel is a small chapel near Greensboro. I have not been able to take this up.

I have been in communication with Rev. F. J. Phillips, pastor of Northumberland Circuit in regard to Liberty Church, but nothing has yet been done toward disposing of the property.

Rev. Geo. Hines of Lynchburg has been looking after Penuel Church on Campbell Circuit, and hopes to dispose of it in the near future. The

deed for this property is valid.

I have made inquiry about the two churches formerly on Middleway Charge. Rev. A. W. Ewell has kindly assisted me. We have not yet found the deeds. One of the churches is in such condition that nothing can be done. I am informed that the United Brethren have been preaching in the other.

Bethel and Shiloh are two small churches in Frederick County. The deed of the former has the reversion clause. Shiloh is still closed and is so far from other churches that it is difficult to supply it. Bethel church near Laurel has been closed for a number of years. I have done nothing with this property for the reason that I thought it possible that when the Peninsula Church Extension is well established we may be able to use the building elsewhere.

Porter's Grove has been closed most of the last year. The deed herehas the reversion clause. I trust the pastor of Rowlandville the coming year will be able to open this church.

Severn Church in Anne Arundel County has been closed for morethan a year. Dr. VanDyke and I have made an earnest effort to move it to Clark's Station but have not yet succeeded.

Jones' Church on Williamsport Circuit has no deed. I am in communication with the owner of the adjoining farm. He has promised to execute a deed for the property. It will be attended to shortly after Conference. Walkerville Church in Frederick County has been closed for several years. I visited this church recently in company with Revs. R. L. Shipley and W. L. Bauscher. The property is held by three trustees appointed by the Quarterly Conference of Liberty Circuit. Six persons still claim their membership there. It is thought the property would readily sell were it not for the grave yard. While the Holly Run Church is closed, it is under the care of the new Linthicum Heights Church. Its future will be looked after.

Elvaton Church in Anne Arundel County is closed. We have plans to look after this church immediately after Conference.

My suggestion is that some definite arrangement be continued to look after these churches. In the most instances their future can not be decided upon at once. I have visited most of them during the year, and will be glad to continue to look after them.

J. M. SHERIDAN.

#### Of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society.

The Baltimore City Church Extension Society submits the following report:

We regret to state that this has not been a year of large results in the work of the Society. War conditions and the "Flu" have seriously affected our plans.

At the last session of this Conference, Texas, Chesaco Park and Jones Memorial were placed under the supervision of the Board of Managers of the Conference Church Extension Society. They had been under our care for several years and have made commendable progress. The deed for Chesaco Park is still held by this Society.

This left us Waverly. This church has not made much progress and we do not believe it will until there is a change of location with different environments. The services during the year have been regularly held and the Sunday School has been fair. The pastor's salary was increased \$200, and paid.

In the early part of the Conference year, a Committee was appointed with the view of inaugurating plans to change the location of this church, but circumstances have prevented anything definite being done. The Committee has been continued and we hope that another year will bring better results.

There is another committee, the work of which is to secure a large number of new members for the Society in our Baltimore churches.

The Treasurer's report shows receipts amounting to \$540.99, with a total expenditure of \$417.50, leaving a balance of \$123.49. There is a note in the New Freedom Bank of \$100 which will be paid when due. This will leave the Society out of debt with a small balance in the Treasury. This is the first time for a number of years that the Society has been entirely free from debt. We request that a pastor be assigned to Waverly under the supervision of this Society with any Church Extension. Appropriation which may be necessary.

J. M. SHERIDAN, President.

# Of the Peninsula Church Extension Society.

To the Maryland Annual Conference-Dear Brethren:

The Peninsula Church Extension Society of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church was formally organized in our church at Salisbury, Maryland, October 8, 1918, with the following Board of Managers: Fred P. Adkins, President; Fred G. Usilton, Russell Smith, J. H. Elliott; E. G. Cover, Treasurer; Francis M. Wilson, T. Pliny Fisher, Counsel; Wm. R. Covington; J. H. Straughn, Secretary; N. O. Gibson, W. L. Hoffman and W. P. Roberts.

The organization had its origin in a recommendation of the President of the Conference at our session last year and its inspiration in the efforts of the Church Evtension Superintendent to project a campaign for funds to place a church in Wilmington. A constitution and by-laws have been adopted, a printed copy of which is attached hereto. Article III, Territory, states "The territory comprised within the scope of this organization shall be the nine counties of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, the state of Delaware and the two counties of the Eastern Shore of Virginia." Article XI, Relation, says: This Society acknowledges the authority of the Maryland Annual Conference \* \* \* over all its affairs and considers itself an integral part of said Conference's church extension activities. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to report to each session of the Conference the condition of the Society and detail the work it has undertaken together with an audited report of the Treasurer.

In conformity with the above article the Society places itself and its resources at the disposition of the Conference. We feel that there is large usefulness ahead of us not only in the establishment and strengthening of churches but in the possibilities of the enlarged sympathy and acquaintance among our churches and laymen on the Peninsula. We have an organization which can be rallied for many concerted movements and the general furtherance of the Methodist Protestant idea.

At the meeting of the Board of Managers held in Easton February 13 a campaign for 3000 members with dues at \$1. per annum was put on. Working through the county vice-presidents as units and the generous use of literature we are able to announce that a review of the campaign reveals approximately 2500 members secured. We feel this to be gratifying, the campaign coming as it did at the most unpropitious time of the year.

The following recommendation as to Wilmington was adopted at the Easton meeting and re-affirmed at the Board meeting in Salisbury March 24: That we commit this Society to a new church enterprise for the city of Wilmington and to prefer a request to the Annual Conference for the assignment of an experienced man to that field, whose support we shall guarantee and which enterprise shall have the moral and financial support of this organization. The president of the Society has been delegated a committee with plenary powers to adjust the practical details with the Conference and to fix the amount the Society will pay.

The Peninsula Church Extension Society,

F. P. ADKINS, President. JAS. H. STRAUGHN, Secretary.

### Report H

#### SUPERANNUATES.

#### Of the Committee.

(Journal, pages 38, 40.)

Your Committee respectfully reports as follows:

- (1) We recommend that \$6,000.00 be assessed on the District.
- (2) We report that J. A. Weigand deceased during the year.
- (3) We report that at the request of P. L. Rice, his name has been transferred to the active list.
- (4) We recommend that W. N. Sherwood and Mrs. J. A. Weigand be granted superannuated relations.
- (5) We report that Mrs. J. H. S. Ewell makes no request for this year.
  - (6) We report that the fund paid 93.8 per cent. for the year.
- (7) We recommend the immediate collection of \$1,000.00 to cover this year's deficiency of \$590.00 and to meet an urgent need.

(8) We recommend the following appropriations:

I	nvested		
	Fund C	ollections	Total
J. W. Gray	480.00	\$ 20.00	\$500.00
W. D. Litsinger		90.00	500.00
A. W. Mather	490.00	10.00	500.00
J. L. Mills	510.00		510.00
J. W. Norris	300.00	60.00	360.00
W. M. Strayer	480.00	20.00	500.00
J. G. Sullivan	290.00		290.00
W. R. Graham	430.00	70.00	500.00
J. M. Holmes	520.00		520.00
F. H. Mullineaux	440.00		440.00
F. T. Tagg	470.00	30.00	500.00
J. S. Bowers	360.00		360,00
A. A. Harryman	470.00	30.00	500.00
G. F. Farring	300.00		300.00
C. E. McCullough	290.00		290.00
W. N. Sherwood	190.00	210.00	400.00
Mrs. D. Bowers	60.00	15.00	75.00
Mrs. C. T. Cochell	95.00		95.00
Mrs. H. C. Cushing	65.00	135.00	200.00
Mrs. J. M. Elderdice	45.00	180.00	225.00
Mrs. S. G. Ferguson	100.00	50.00	150.00
Mrs. D. M. Gilbert	15.00	110.00	125.00
Mrs. S. A. Hoblitzell	210.00	40.00	250.00
Mrs. J. B. Jones	115.00	35.00	150.00
Mrs. J. L. Kilgore	90.00	35.00	125.00
Mrs. R. L. Lewis	115.00	85.00	200.00

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	Fund	Collections	-	Total
Mrs. J. E. Litsinger	35.00	215.00		250.00
Mrs. W. J. D. Lucas	55.00	195.00		250.00
Mrs. A. D. Melvin	145.00	105.00		250.00
Mrs. C. B. Middleton	35.00	140.00		175.00
Mrs. H. E. Miskimon	60.00	40.00		100.00
Mrs. W. J. Neepier	155.00	*		155.00
Mrs. W. S. Phillips	115.00	285.00		400.00
Mrs. R. S. Rowe	personal series in	45.00		250.00
Mrs. G. J. Smith		45.00		150.00
Mrs. S. J. Smith	10.00	90.00		100.00
Mrs. S. J. Valliant	15.00	110.00		125.00
Mrs. A. J. Walter	75.00	125.00		200.00
Mrs. R. S. Williamson	The second second	100.00		135.00
Mrs. H. F. Wright	1000000 0000000	185.00		250.00
Mrs. J. M. Yingling	15.00	35.00		50.00
		205.00		300.00
Mrs. F. L. Stevens	45.00	105.00		150.00
Mrs. R. T. Tyson		100.00		290.00
Mrs. S. B. Treadway		100.00		130.00
Mrs. D. L. Greenfield	10000000000000000000000000000000000000	30.00		225.00
Mrs. E. O. Ewing				
Mrs. G. R. Hodge		165.00		300.00
Mrs. J. A. Weigand	70.00	105.00		175.00
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J. M. SHERIDAN, Chairman.

# Report I

#### LITERATURE AND EDUCATION.

Of the Committee.

(Journal, pages 30, 31, 34.)

#### WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE.

It is very gratifying to know that in the face of unusual difficulties caused by the war, the student enrollment at Western Maryland College this year, is the largest in its history. This we feel is a une commendation upon this excellent institution.

We are also pleased to note the steady growth of the endowment and join them in the hope it may reach the minimum amount in the near future. The report concludes with these most encouraging words, "The

S. W. COE, Secretary.

F. A. HOLLAND.

L. H. LeCATES.

DR. J. B. JONES.

College was never in a more prosperous condition nor more hopeful of the future. If the results of the million dollar campaign are as successful as we have a right to expect, they will introduce the College to a new era in our educational program."

# WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The report of the Board of Governors of the Westminster Theological Seminary shows a gratifying degree of prosperity. Notwithstanding the War Draft which has been heavy, the enrollment is only five less than last year.

The graduating class is the largest for five years, having among its number a member of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, also a member of the United Brethren Church. Nine of the graduates will unite with the Maryland Conference and the remainder will be divided between the Ohio, North Carolina, and North Illinois Conferences.

We rejoice in the splendid success that has been obtained in raising the \$50,000.00 Building Fund, and look forward with joyful anticipation to a more adequate Seminary Building.

We gratefully acknowledge the bequest of Miss Virginia Winfree of Lynchburg, Va., Mrs. G. B. Edmonston of Frederick County and Dr. J. B. Watson of St. Mary's, W. Va.—aggregating \$5,500.00.

We concur in the following recommendations:

(1) That Dr. H. L. Elderdice be assigned as President of the Seminary for the ensuing year.

(2) In so far as possible, that all candidates for admission into the Maryland Conference first study the course of study in the College and then the Seminary Course.

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION.

We acknowledge the receipt of a communication from the Board of Ministerial Education and rejoice to know that the Board has an invested fund of \$40,250.00. The interest of which is being used to educate young men for the ministry, and we join them in the hope that this fund may soon reach the sum of \$100,000.00 or more. It is a pleasure to note the splendid condition of our Institutions and we are pleased to know the debt on West Lafayette College Building is being rapidly paid.

We offer the following recommendations in connection with this com-

(1) That the amounts apportioned to the charges of the Conference in 1917 for debt on West Lafayette College be continued upon all Charges which have not paid in full.

(2) That a day in November, preferable the Sunday nearest Thanksgiving, be known as Educational Day.

(3) That the fourth Sunday in May shall be known as "Go to College Day" and be observed in our churches.

The communication is accompanied with a list of the beneficiaries, which we have carefully considered and respectfully call their attention to the importance of making proper settlements.

#### BOOK CONCERN.

We have carefully considered the report of the Book Concern and are pleased to note the excellent showing made during the year. While there is a small deficiency in the publication of the "Methodist Protestant" the report shows this is more than met from other sources and that there is a net gain of \$1,121.37 for the year.

We rejoice in the steadily increasing subscription list of the "Methodist Protestant" and are pleased to note that a net gain of between fifteen and sixteen hundred subscribers has been made during the year.

We congratulate the efficient Editor, Dr. F. T. Benson, on the high standard he is maintaining for the paper and pledge him our most hearty support in his effort to place it in every Methodist Protestant home in the Conference and to this end we recommend that the third Sunday in October, 1919, be known as "The Methodist Protestant" Day.

F. T. LITTLE,
J. L. ELDERDICE,
E. A. SEXSMITH,
T. PLINY FISHER;
GEO. K. MATHER,
WALTER MONROE,

Committee.

#### Of the Baltimore Book Directory.

Dear Brethren: -

We hand you herewith reports of the operations, and financial condition of the Baltimore Book Directory of the Methodist Protestant Church for the fiscal year ending February 28, 1919.

Respectfully submitted.

By Order of the Board,

NATHANIEL T. MEGINNISS, President.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the Methodist Protestant Book Concern as of February 28, 1919.

#### ASSETS.

#### Current Assets:

Cash\$	1275.57
Suspense Account Methodist Protestant	122.53
Advertisers Methodist Protestant	100.68
Trustees Maryland Annual Conference	241.14
Baltimore Post Office (Deposit)	27.00
Accounts Receivable	6299.45
Interest Accrued on U. S. Liberty Bonds	76.14

Total Current Assets .....

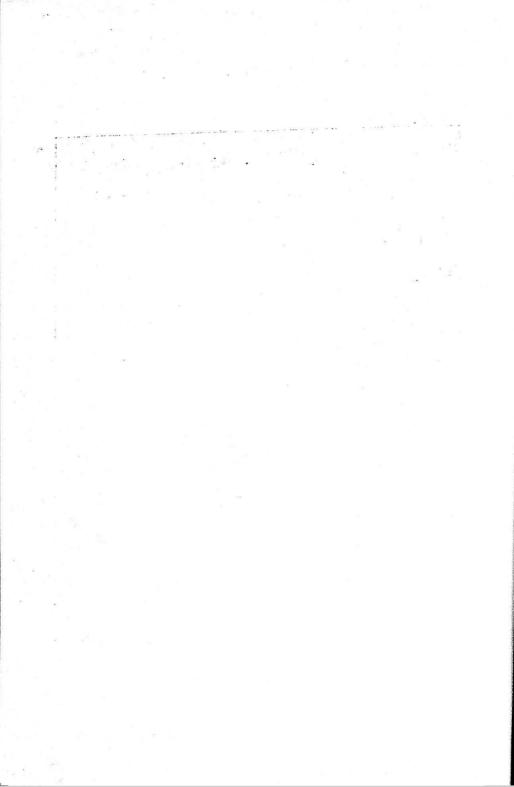
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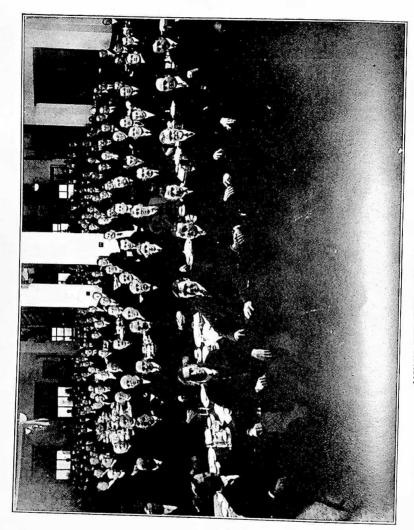
Reserve Fund:	
Baker, Watts & Co. (Deposit)       \$ 2096.84         U. S. Liberty Bonds 4½%       5000.00	
Total Reserve Fund	\$ 7096.84
Working and Trading Assets:	
Paper, Methodist Protestant       \$ 624.45         Sunday School Periodicals       176.96         Merchandise       15674.74	
Total Working and Trading Assets	\$16476.15
Fixed Assets:	
Furniture and Fixtures	\$ 100.00
Deferred Charges to Expense:	
Merchandise Expense         \$ 229.59           General Expense         274.74           Property Improvement and Expense         596.41	
Total Deferred Charges to Expense	\$ 1100.74
TOTAL ASSETS	\$32817.24
LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable       \$ 1698.79         Methodist Protestant Subscribers       1958.37         S. S. Periodical Subscribers       809.99         Donations for Methodist Protestant       5.90         Reserve for bad Accounts       125.98         General Conference       224.27	
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 4823.30
Surplus:	
Emergency Fund	\$ 7993.94
Capital	20000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES & CAPITAL	\$32817.24 Agent.

# General Income and Expenditure Statement for the Year Ending February 28, 1919.

### INCOME.

Methodist Protestant:	
Sales\$ 8346.25	
Suspense Account (over) 164.26	
Advertising 418.87	
Income from Drinkhouse Legacy 1000.00	
Commission and Discount 125.07	
Total Income from Methodist Protestant	\$10054.45
Sunday School Periodicals:	N 30
	\$16458.50
Sales	\$10400.00
Merchandise:	
Sales\$35382.77	
Discounts	
Total Income from Merchandise	\$35551.59
Income from Other Sources:	
Interest	\$ 306.03
Interest	<del></del>
TOTAL INCOME	\$62370.57
EXPENDITURES.	
Methodist Protestant:	
Paper\$ 2991.81	
Postage 451.26	
Expense 552.56	
Printing 4663.13	W 1
M. P. & Meth. Rec. Combined Allowances 4.75	
Salaries	
General Expenses	
Total Expenditures Methodist Protestant	\$11956.85
Sunday School Periodicals:	
Purchases\$11248.15	
Salaries 2243.54	
Total Expenditures S. S. Periodicals	\$14857.78





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Purchases\$	24780.26	
Salaries	3739.26	
Expense	2197.16	
General Expenses	486.60	
Postage, Express and Freight	420.21	
Total Expenditures Merchandise		\$31623.49
General Expenditures:		
Expenses on Property\$	1790.20	
Forward Movement	847.89	
General Conference Expense	41.55	
Profit and Loss Items	131.44	
Total Expenses other than operation		\$ 2811.08
		\$61249.20
Net Profits:		
20% General Conference\$	224.27	
Emergency Fund	897.10	\$ 1121.37

CHAS. REINER, JR., Agent.

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### Of the President of Western Maryland College.

To the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church:

TOTAL EXPENDITURES ...

Dear Brethren:—I have the honor of submitting the thirty-third annual report of my connection with Western Maryland College as President.

In my last report I said that "it is altogether likely that the enrollment for the coming year will be reduced." In fact I did not express my whole fear, for at that time it appeared uncertain whether we would have any students at all, or at least that enough of an enrollment would be possible to justify carrying on. The fact is far beyond our expectations. The enrollment for the present year is the largest in our history, I believe. 274 students. Of course this is partly due to the Students Army Training Corps, but we registered 27 more girls than last year. And after the demobilization of the student soldiers we still had a much larger enrollment of boys than last year.

We have had numerous problems to solve during the year, some of them very new, and which we hope will never have to be met again. The influenza epidemic visited us with nearly one hundred cases. We had great difficulty in keeping our Faculty up to the number required for efficiency. But after all the year has not been an unsuccessful one and

we have great cause for thankfulness.

After the demobilization of the S. A. T. C. the Government established a unit of the Reserve Officers Training Corps at the College, and this promises to be an excellent adjunct to us in the matter of physical training as well as other features of attractiveness. Captain L. H. Richmond, who went from our department of Physics to France, remaining there until last February, has been assigned to command this corps, and the students welcomed him as an old friend.

There has been nothing done in the way of extending our equipment during the year as a matter of course, but we hope it will be possible to

make some additions in the course of the next summer.

We are still carefully nursing our endowment fund and looking forward to the time when we can announce that we have reached the minimum amount. The subscriptions still unpaid will materially aid us in this expectation, and we hope to receive these during the ensuing three months.

Finally I may conclude this report with the gratifying and carefully considered statement that the College was never in a more prosperor condition nor more hopeful of the future. If the results of the million dollar campaign are as successful as we have the right to expect they will introduce us to a new era in our educational program.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. LEWIS, President.

Of the Board of Governors of the Westminster Theological Seminary.

The Board of Governors of The Westminster Theological Seminary respectfully submits to the Maryland Conference the following report.

#### ENROLLMENT.

The War Draft has been a heavy handicap. Some students who were enrolled one year ago were forced to give up their studies to answer the call of patriotism. Prospective students were also caught by the Draft. Several College graduates who were booked to matriculate last October turned aside to report for military duty. Since the armistice, however, one by one these absentees have been returning, and we close the year with an enrollment of 33, only five less than last year.

#### THE GRADUATING CLASS.

It is with keen pleasure and pardonable pride that we report that the Graduating Class is the largest since 1913. It numbers 15. As an indication that our Seminary stands well with sister denominations, we point to the fact that one of the graduates is a member of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and another is a member of the United Brethren Church, serving a charge in Baltimore. Two of the graduates will enter the Ohio Conference, one will enter the North

Carolina Conference and one will enter the North Illinois Conference. And we are highly gratified to report that the remaining nine will all enter the Maryland Conference. Their names are: E. Lester Ballard, J. W. Baxley, J. Leas Green, Guy E. Leister, J. W. Townsend, G. E. McDorman, J. R. McKeawn, K. H. Wareheim, and R. W. White. The Maryland Conference has never before received so large a class of Seminary graduates.

#### BEQUESTS.

Miss Virginia Winfree, Lynchburg, Va. left a legacy of \$1000 to the New Building Fund; Mrs. G. D. Edmonston, of Frederick County, Md., widow of Rev. G. D. Edmonston of the Maryland Conference, left \$2500, and Dr. J. B. Watson, St. Mary's, W. Va., \$2000—both legacies for the Scholarship Fund.

#### THE \$50,000 BUILDING FUND.

In harmony with the action of the last session of the Maryland Conference, about 60 of the Maryland ministers, on the first and second Sundays of last May, made a concerted "drive" in the Maryland District to aid in the raising of \$50,000 for the New Building. So intelligent and enthusiastic their work, and so generous the response of the churches, that the result was about \$12,000. The President of the Seminary and Dr. Forlines visited some of the churches which had not been reached in the May "drive" and secured about \$20,000, making a total of about \$30,000 or three-fifths of the entire amount. The balance of the required amount has been nearly raised by Conferences outside Maryland. few charges which have not been visited in the Maryland District will have an opportunity at their convenience to make their contribution. When these and a few members of the Conference shall have reported, we will be "over the top," for already the goal is in sight. In view of the fact that last year The Western Maryland College secured \$50,000 for Endowment, and in view of the additional fact that there has been one War Drive after another during the year we regard this \$50,000 for New Seminary Buildings as a remarkable token of the team-work of the Maryland ministers and the generosity of the Maryland churches. cannot, however, begin immediately the erection of the new buildings for two reasons:

First, most of the subscriptions are on the four year payment plan and therefore we have in cash only about \$20,000; and second, the cost of construction is so abnormally high that it seems wise to wait awhile.

We recommend that H. L. Elderdice be assigned as President of the Seminary for the ensuing year.

We also recommend that, so far as possible, all candidates for admission into the Maryland Conference first take the Course of Study in The Western Maryland College and then the Seminary Course.

Respectfully,

J. L. MILLS, President of The Board of Governors.

### Report J

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

#### Of the Committee.

(Journal, pages 33-36.)

Your Committee on Young People's Work respectfully submits the

following report.

The only paper referred to this Committee has been the report of the President of the Conference Union of Young People's Work, and we

express our keen delight at the magnificent work accomplished during the year.

The Young People of our Church will take no backward step. They have had a new and clearer vision of both the King and the Immediate Needs of the Kingdom, and will take great joy in doing their part in the great reconstruction work of the Church.

On account of the war, the year has been full of sorrows to many. Some of our best young men have counted not their lives dear unto themselves and they sleep in foreign soil. Others have been severely wounded and many others still wear the uniform of their country.

We concur in the suggestion of the President of the Conference that a careful canvass be made in the District with a view of finding how many of our boys have laid down their lives, that "Freedom should not perish from the earth" and a corresponding number of Gold Stars placed in the service flag of the Union.

The Convention held at Western Maryland College last summer, in conjunction with the Denominational Union was a great success. It was a great gain to have the whole group together.

Our next Convention will be held in August on College Hill. It is planned to cover an entire week, providing a program which shall best meet the needs of the church.

We rejoice in the fact that the Union raised last year, the largest amount in its history toward the support of our Union Missionary.

We were delighted to have before us the Consecrated Secretary of the Denominational Board, Rev. A. G. Dixon, D. D., whose splendid talents and clear vision of the needs of the church and the possibilities of the young people will bring them to the realization of their highest ideals.

We also commend the wise leadership and consecrated zeal of the President of the Union, Rev. J. H. Straughn, D. D., who in a large measure has made possible the successes of the past.

We record our sincere pleasure in having Rev. G. W. Haddaway, D. D., of this Conference, President of the Denominational Board of Young People's Work. We recommend the following:

(1) Inasmuch as September 28th is the close of the International Sunday School year, that, that day be recognized as Rally Day, that the program provided by our Board be used and especial offering be taken in every Sunday School in the District for the purpose of the Young People's work.

- (2) The organization of Teacher Training Classes in every school as one of the best means of providing trained and efficient leaders to meet the needs of the future.
- (3) We wish to lay emphasis on the value of Christian Endeavor as a training school of the Church and ask that a Society be organized in every church in the District and wherever possible a Junior Society also.
- (4) We again call attention to the coming Convention and ask that at least two delegates be sent from every Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Society in the Conference.
- (5) We ask that each Pastor preach a sermon sometime during the year, calling attention to the need for life work recruits, urging the young people of his charge to a definite decision for some specific form of church work.

Your Committee has carefully considered the item referred to it and recommend:

That the action of the Executive Committee in fixing time for the Convention in August of this year at College Hill, be confirmed by this Conference.

We also deem it inadvisable to change to a Fall Convention for this year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. COMPHER,

E. L. BUNCE,

R. Y. NICHOLSON,

W. W. FONTAINE.

Of the President of the Union of Young People's Work.

The Maryland Annual Conference,

Dear Brethren:

It is with pleasure that I bring to you the greetings of this Union and the young people's organizations which it represents. It has been a very decided pleasure to be associated with such a company and to be entrusted with the privileges of the office committed to me. I feel I can say without exaggeration that it would be difficult to find a more intelligent and loyal group of young people than that which characterizes the rank and file of our own. Years of devotion to the cause of young people and their spiritual needs have brought their fruitage; we find an atmosphere and an attitude that justifies the prayers and sacrifice of those who years ago fought the fight and vindicates their confidence in youth. There is a revival of spiritual values among us whereby we are able properly to assess money, time, work, service, yea, life itself. Such ideas may sometimes go about under a new nomenclature but I have personally the profoundest confidence in their sincerity and genuineness. It is not so much the spirituality of emotionalism as of activity and we shall do well reverently to regard this burning bush.

The year's activities have brought little that is new. It is worth while however to report the largest amount ever raised towards the

support of our Union missionary. We should have secured the entire amount save for the difficulty of the selection of a missionary. We thought the matter settled with our last convention but events since that time have upset our plans. We are still hoping however to have an early adjustment of the difficulty.

Our convention last year was held at Western Maryland College immediately succeeding the Summer Conference, and in conjunction with the Denominational Union. The time and place were unusual but it was the best accommodation of a difficult situation. The attendance was good and the program helpful. It was a great gain to have our whole group together for all the services and further to know that those who were there had come for the convention alone. We were glad also for the opportunity of trying out in a modified way what has been in our minds for several years; that we ought to provide some larger opportunity for the study of young people's problems, those of the Sunday School and Christian Endeavor with their related matters of missions, citizenship and the like, than is afforded by our two day conventions. We do not minimize the enthusiasm of crowds for we need it but it is with the thought of supplementing an extensive contact by an intensive culture, the still small voice of a new idea, method, information, born in prayer and meditation, which will in the end establish us and make for our enlargement in the King's service.

So at the meeting of the Executive Committee held in Baltimore last November we determined to conduct a conference or convention for our · young people on College Hill this year and to extend the time to cover practically a week; to provide a program which in our judgment would best meet the needs of our churches and to secure as large an attendance Next year it may be advisable to hold a Fall convention, but now to devote all our energies to this gathering in August, on College Hill, immediately succeeding the Summer Conference. We have presented the matter to the College authorities who have expressed a willingness to co-operate in the use of the College buildings. But before projecting the matter definitely it has seemed best to bring it to this Annual Conference. We realize of course that we are the servants of this Conference and that our only excuse for being is to meet and interpret its will. We shall appreciate therefore a candid review of the proposition. our plan as soon after Conference as possible to circulate literature and information concerning the gathering. Judging from the attendance last August and remembering the short period we had in which to develop our plans it would seem that a support of this Summer's plan is guaranteed.

We hold ourselves at the command of this Conference and whatever may be done or undone for the good of the work will meet with the hearty response of this Union.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. H. STRAUGHN, President.

# Report K

#### MORAL REFORM.

Of the Committee. (Journal, page 37.)

With grateful hearts we rejoice that through the guidance of Almighty God our country has outlawed the liquor traffic. This triumph over its greatest enemy the Church has achieved through faith, prayer and consecrated effort. Great is the victory it is to be remembered that this traffic has no regard for law—either regulative or prohibitive.

Its methods encourage the worst form of anarchism. misrepresentations of venal and subsidized press attempts to make it appear that our soldiers returning from the trenches, are saying that they went away to fight the enemies of Liberty, only to find that their liberty had been destroyed at home by clever fanatics; that those who are engaged in suppressing the Liquor Traffic and its lawless methods are pursuing a brutal and inexcusable course in the discovery and arrest of those who are engaging it: that the French Nation is in sore distress over the enactment of this prohibitory law because it will so destroy the sale of French wines in America as to impoverish that nation; that the States are demanding a referendum to give the people the right and the chance to rectify the mistakes of their law makers. Such diabolical lies are daily peddled out by the press, it seems to be utterly oblivious to all fairness and truthfulness in their representation of this prohibition conflict. It is a fee that is now to be fought, a fee composed of those who are utterly heartless and hopelessly lawless as the most dangerous anarchist of the European world.

At this day of unrest one of the great needs of the Nation is a profound respect for law that our country may escape the lawlessness and riot existing in other lands. We pledge ourselves to use all honorable means to support and uphold the law of our State and Nation. Since the Eighteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution provides that the State and Nation shall have concurrent power to enact laws for its enforcement, we earnestly urge our people throughout the Conference to interest themselves to the extent that men, who will carry out this provision, may be elected to the next session of our Legislature.

We further earnestly urge our Congressmen and United States Senators to enact Federal Laws in keeping with the spirit of the policy of our Government as it concerns the liquor traffic.

We realize fully that between law and anarchy the Church and every member of it should stand boldly against anarchy.

We approve of the movement now being launched for prohibition of the liquor traffic throughout the entire world. We welcome to our land representatives of other lands who are soon to visit this country to study the effect of prohibition in sections of our own country where it is now in operation.

We pledge our support and cooperation to the Anti-Saloon League,

the W. C. T. U. and all other kindred organizations in their efforts to bring about the complete prohibition of the entire liquor traffic, not only in America but in every Nation of the earth.

We call upon the ministers and members of our churches everywhere to awaken to the subtle influences that are now engaged in the work of breaking our Sabbath laws. In the face of an unanimous decision by the Court of Appeals of the State of Maryland, Baltimore City, which makes an imperious demand for self government, passes an action through its City Council which is also endorsed by the candidates of the various parties to open wide the doors to all forms of games and secular amusements on the Sabbath Day. The time has come when we must choose between an open Sabbath and a Christian Sabbath, if the churches stand is either weak or wavering, our cause is lost. We cordially endorse the work of the Lord's Day Alliance and heartily pledge ourselves to its moral and financial support.

The Social and Political unrest in the world following the great war, the dangerous movements that aim to abolish and overthrow all social order, and all safe and constituted authority of government, creates a problem of such proportions as to challenge the most far reaching and generous activities and resources of the church to preserve our civil and political institutions. We believe that a united church must take a firm and final stand for the world's peace on the highest principles of justice and righteousness, that it should support to its utmost influence and power, the movement for a league of peace, to render war impossible in any future of the world's history, and that we pledge our faith and cooperation with President Wilson in his herculean efforts to accomplish it.

We furthermore declare it as our firm and fixed belief that this world cannot be made safe for Democracy or for world's peace in any other way than by the immediate and universal application of the principles of the Prince of Peace.

F. T. TAGG,
H. O. KEEN,
C. M. ELDERDICE,
A. H. MASON,
N. J. WIMBROW,
W. H. WOMERSLEY.

# Report L

#### BENEVOLENT AGENCIES.

Of the Committee.

(Journal, page 41.)

We have examined the very encouraging report of the Board of Deaconess Work and note the following:

1-The Board has made very commendable progress during the past year. We are now occupying our new home and find that we have not

only selected an eligible location but find that the home is well adapted to the purpose for which it was secured. Our five deaconesses, Misses Mary E. Ford, Sara E. Cullen, Myrtle Baus, Dot. Emmert, Lillian N. De-Moss, have all proven themselves efficient and consecrated.

- 2—The Board has not yet been able to establish the Deaconess Training School because of the demand upon the Deaconesses for nursing and work in the Churches in the different parts of the Conference. Should the school be established in the Fall and the Deaconesses complete their training, it will be necessary to secure even more money than the proposed assessment, and it will be necessary to curtail the extent and scope of the work until the course of instruction has been completed; nevertheless, we are of the opinion that the course should be given and that the work should start in the early Fall.
- 3—We appreciate the many useful and generous gifts from the Churches and individuals to the Home during the year and we bespeak for the Home the increasing consideration of our churches and individuals for it in this respect.
- 4—We do further endorse the splendid work of the Maryland General Hospital and here record our appreciation of the valuable services which it is rendering to our constituency.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

- 1. We recommend that the assessment for Deaconess Work for next year be increased from \$2,000 to \$2,500.
- 2. We recommend that the pastors cooperate with the Deaconess Board in the organization of Deaconess Circles in all our churches and that the new model constitution and by-laws for Deaconess Circles which has recently been published by Rev. J. Franklin Bryan be used in organizing these Circles.
- 3. We concur in the hearty appreciation of the Deaconess Board in its recognition of the efforts of Rev. E. D. Stone in placing in the Home a handsome and high grade Stieff plane.
- 4. The work of Mr. William Schmeiser, Gen. Sec. of the Maryland Tract Society, and the Rev. J. H. Hyatt of the Md. Bible Society, is most gratifying and we heartily commend their work to the Conference.
  - J. FRANKLIN BRYAN, Chairman,
  - J. L. WARD, Secretary,
  - B. F. RULEY,
  - M. A. DAVIS,
  - F. R. KEYSER,
  - J. H. WOLFE.

#### Of the Board of Deaconess Work.

It is very gratifying to the Board to be able to report success in the Deaconess Work for the past year. Our report to the last Annual Conference announced the purchase of a splendid Home for our deaconesses.

This Conference, we can report an efficiently organized deaconess work, with a comfortable and well-furnished Home for its headquarters.

The churches and individuals have made many useful and generous gifts, which contributed greatly to the comfort and upkeep of the Home, and thus supplemented the inadequate sum appropriated for the maintenance of the work. This item should receive the thoughtful consideration of the Annual Conference.

The report of the Committee on Deaconess Services to the Board shows that the Deaconesses have done a wide and varied work, and that the work has been fruitful to a degree that is very gratifying to the Board.

The Committee on Deaconess Services, which has in hand the appointing of the deaconesses to their fields of work, has had a trying year in that it has been found impossible to meet even nearly all the demands from the churches and individuals needing the services of these consecrated young women. The many appeals for nurses, especially during the epidemic of Spanish Influenza, has called for many times the number of deaconesses as were under our supervision. When hundreds of our young people were dying, and thousands were sick, with wholly inadequate attention and care, we felt compelled to recall several of the deaconesses from their regular church work that they might help in those trying hours of human need. Our judgment has been that nursing the sick is one of the chief duties of deaconesses. When people are sick, the nurse's work begins, and the deaconess must do her work then, if at all, for Christ and those who are suffering disease.

There could be mentioned many definite examples of real heart-felt religious work done by our deaconesses when they were nursing those who were ill.

Should The Methodist Protestant Church undertake to eliminate, or even to curtail, nursing as a definite task for our deaconesses, then our deaconess work will be, to that extent, different from that of all other denominations which have deaconesses. This matter has been carefully gone into by the board.

The Deaconess Board has also given attention to the question of salary for our deaconesses. We are not opposed to an increase just as soon as that is possible; but investigation has proven that we already are paying more than any other denomination in the land. The deaconesses enter upon their duties as a life-work, and they will be cared for in sickness, and supplied with a home when no longer able to work. Their deaconess outfits are provided them, and they are satisfied.

The board has the following financial situation to face, on a very limited appropriation: Salaries of each deaconess, \$144.00 a year, or \$720.00 a year for the five deaconesses; besides it seems necessary to constantly be on the out-look for more young women of consecration and talent to enter this much needed work.

We must also supply food, coal, telephone, and clothing for the deaconesses; and, also, besides to take care of the interest on money borrowed, which amounts to \$180.00 a year. All this must be done on an appropriation of \$2000.00 a year. This being true, it can easily be seen how it taxes not only our resources to the limit, but our minds and hearts as well, to meet all of our financial obligations.

Not only have we had many more calls for deaconesses than we could respond to from the Maryland Annual Conference, but we have had calls from three other Conferences. But, as we have not been able to supply our own needs in this respect, we have not attempted to supply the needs of others. However, we have expressed our willingness to enter into some mutual arrangement with other Conferences that their young womenmight receive their training in our school.

We desire to state, that we are willing to respond to calls of the pastors and churches from any part of our Annual Conference, and feel sure that these young women can do good work in the rural districts and in the towns as in the large cities.

The secretary of the board has published five-hundred copies of A Model Constitution and By-laws for our Deaconess Circles, which he will gladly furnish on application.

It is the desire of the Board that the mortgage of \$3000.00 on the Home should be paid off at an early date, and thus lessen the amount of cost for running expenses of \$180.00 a year, which is paid out for interest.

The board desires to express its most grateful appreciation to the churches and individuals for their gifts during the year. This includes the furnishing of the home, and the many kinds of edibles as well as the contributions of much-needed money.

The board desires to express also, its hearty appreciation of the efforts of Rev. E. D. Stone in placing in the home a handsome and high grade Stieff piano. This was one of the most needed and useful things that could possibly have been placed in the home. Those who responded to Brother Stone's appeal for money to help purchase this piano receive our thanks and appreciation.

The board thinks it would be very helpful to the work, if pastors and the lay people would visit the home from time to time and acquaint themselves thoroughly with the work, so that questions from the outside could be promptly answered in an intelligent manner concerning the deaconess work.

The board has done its best with the facilities placed in its hands, and trusts that the Conference may continue its support to this young, but growing child of the church.

The board has the highest praise to give to all of our noble, consecrated Deaconesses. They have all done splendid work, and deserve the commendation of this Conference. The board is proud of them.

The terms of Rev. F. T. Tagg, D. D., Mr. H. K. Muller, Dr. A. W. Totten, Mrs. William C. Shriver, and Mrs. Fred. Donoho expire at this Conference, and their successors must be elected.

F. T. TAGG, President. J. FRANKLIN BRYAN, Secretary.

# Of the Treasurer of the Deaconess Home.

April 9, 1918, To Balance		\$ 760.67
Receipts.	*	
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May	337.56	
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August	3.00	
September	509.00	
October	169.00	
November	75.00	
December	93.50	
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January	69.33	
February	260.49	
March	288.50	
March 31	1334.93	
March 31	188.00	\$4259.51
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Disbursements.		
1918		=
April	667.55	
May	411.39	
June	702.05	
July	15.95	
August	64.84	
September	361.35	
October	216.46	
November	148.94	
December	149.18	
1919.		
January	141.77	
February	129.84	
March	249.08	\$3258.40
Balance		\$1761.78
FURNITURE ACCOUNT.		
1918.		
April 6, Balance on hand	• • • • • • •	\$ 414.87
Receipts.		-
April 8, Calvary M. P. Church	\$ 1.00	
April 8, Rev. N. O. Gibson	5.00	
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April 8, Rev. Mr. Miller	5.00	
April 8, Hampden M. P. Church	125.50	
May 15, Laurel M. P. Church	8.00	
May 19, Newark M. P. Church	25.00	10
May 21, Mills Memorial Room	106.00	
May 28, Waverly Bible Class	1.50	
June 4, Wye M. P. Church	3.00	
June 12, Buckeystown M. P. Church	24.00	
June 12, Interest on Deposit	.33	\$ 304.33
	14	\$ 719.20
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#### Disbursements.

April 10, Pd. Henry Gleitzman (furniture)\$	292.53		
May 1, Pd. Thos. Gwilliam (painter)	59.00		
May 9, Pd. Hochschild Kohn & Co	51.20		
May 9, Pd. William Mitchell (plumber)	49.88	19	
June 1, Pd. H. K. Muller, Treas. (current expenses)	75.00		
June 10, Pd. H. K. Muller, Treas. (current expenses).	100.00		
July 1, Pd. H. K. Muller, Treas. (current expenses)	91.59	\$ 719.20	

Respectfully submitted,

H. K. MULLER, Treasurer.

# Report M

### OFFICIAL RELATIONS.

#### Of the Committee.

(Journal, pages 43, 45.)

We have examined the official reports of the ministers and preachers and find them as a rule, carefully made. Thirty-five report not having had elected a lady visitor to the Church Home. Sixteen report churches not incorporated.

A list of those indebted to the Board of Ministerial Education was submitted to us, and a canvass of these brethren reveals the fact that each of them either has made, or will make, a substantial payment on the obligation this year.

We recommend that the request of P. L. Rice, to be left without an appointment for one year, be granted; that Clayborne Phillips be placed on the unstationed list; that G. A. Morris be left without an appointment at his own request; that A. N. Ward be loaned the Kansas City University; that L. B. Smith be loaned to the Board of Home Missions, and that T. R. Woodford be loaned to the Womens' Board of Home Missions.

In view of the fact that L. A. Bennett, left without appointment last year, has served by appointment of the President for six months of the year, we recommend that he be left without appointment for this year to engage in evangelistic work.

We recommend the passage of the official character of all the ministers and preachers of the Conference.

The following named charges having paid all assessments in full,

form the Honor Roll for this year:

Accomac, Alexandria, Amelia, Alnutt Memorial, Bethany, Broadway, Brooklyn, Calvary, Chesaco Park, Christ Church, East Baltimore, Eutaw, Evergreen, Hampden Keen Memorial, Lauraville, Lowe Memorial, North Baltimore, South Baltimore, Starr, St. John's, St. Paul's, Payson St., Trinity and Texas, Violetville, West Baltimore, Wilton Heights, Baltimore Circuit, Belair, Buckeystown, Cambridge, Cannon, Caroline, Cecil, Centreville, Chestertown, Chincoteague, Conquest, Crisfield, Mariners, First Church Cumberland, Mapleside and Fairview, Melvin Chapel, Deer Creek, Delmar, Delta, Denton, Dorchester, Dover, Easton, Elizabeth, Fairfax, Fawn Grove, Greenbush and Tasley, Federalsburg, Finksburg, First Church Newark, Georgetown, Del., Harbeson, Harmony, Harper's Ferry, Harrington, Howard, Hurlock, Indian River, Kemptown, Kennedyville, Laurel, Leeds, Leipsic, Liberty, Linthicum Heights, Lynchburg, Marley, Milford, Milton, New Church, New Market, Nichol's Memorial, Northumberland, Oxford, Parksley, Patapsco, St. Lukes, Taylor Memorial, Pipe Creek, Pittsville, Pocomoke City, Potomac, Powellville, Prince George, Queen Anne, Reliance, Salisbury, Seaford, Sharptown, Snow Hill, Stewartstown, St. James, St. Michaels, Susquehanna, Trinity, Union Bridge, Union, Wallace Memorial, Mt. Tabor, Cherrydale, First Church Washington, Georgetown, D. C., North Carolina Ave., Rhode Island Ave., Wesley Chapel of Kent, Westminster, First Church Wilmington, Whaleyville.

The Conference hereby expresses its cordial thanks to the astor and members of Lowe Memorial Church for the hospitable entertainment it has enjoyed during this session, to the Royal Typewriting Company, the Burroughs Adding Machine Co., the South Baltimore Church, and to all others to whom we are indebted, for the pleasure and comfort of our

session.

W. H. LITSINGER, C. E. DRYDEN, W. L. HOFFMAN, VALLIE HAWKINS. E. W. TULL.

# Report N

#### MISSIONS.

### Of the Committee.

(Journal, pages 31, 32.)

With profound gratitude to God for the place he has given us in the kingdom and the privilege to contribute our part to the propagation of the gospel among men, your Committee on Missions submits the following for your consideration: The Board of Fcreign Missions reports steady growth in the work in Japan and India. The gratifying situation, statistical and financial set forth in the President's report is, therefore, omitted here. Conditions in India have been peculiarly trying, as the epidemic took off a number of our people and famine followed with attendant suffering.

The appeals made in the "Methodist Protestant" for relief funds have realized nearly \$900.00, other amounts have come through the "Recorder"

and "Herald."

The Children's Day Service is, in music and other features, the best yet produced by the Board and in view of increased demands for funds by reason of high prices, loss in exchange etc., there is special need that each Sunday School hold the service and maintain the standard of last year in the offering for the support of the work.

We rejoice in the fact that the Boards' Annuity Fund has passed the \$10,000.00 mark and suggest that our friends guarantee the future of the work abroad by donations of Liberty Bonds and money to this fund.

We record with great appreciation the fact that Miss Virginia Winfree of Lynchburg, Va. made the Board of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society legatees under her will, which will be of great help to the Board.

We are pleased to report that the Maryland Branch of the W. F. M. S. increased its membership and its income considerably, organized seven new auxiliaries during the year; and we earnestly urge our pastors to cooperate with this splendid band of women until every church in the District has an Auxiliary Society.

The work of the Board of Home Missions is divided into two sections; That of the growing cities and towns contiguous to our organized work, and that in the frontier sections of our land. Churches are being established and assisted to selfsupport in eleven of our Conferences, including valuable aid rendered in our own Conference territory, particularly the new church in Philadelphia.

In the Frontier work, special attention is being given to the Southwest, where the Board has an opportunity for doing a great work for the denomination and the Kingdom. The supreme need of the hour is for funds to enter open doors. Your committee, therefore, urges a more general use of the splendid Easter service prepared by the Board and hearty cooperation with all the Boards' plans.

We reiterate our recommendation of last year that the Secretary of the Conference make provision in his report blanks for the report of the Womens' Home Missionary Society.

We commend the work of the Committee on Missionary Cooperation, which will make its report, showing gratifying results.

E. H. VANDYKE, Chairman,
A. S. BEANE, Secretary,
J. McLAIN BROWN,
W. J. POTTER,
THEO. A. RICHARDS,
J. A. SYDNOR.

Of the Maryland Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

The Maryland Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society sends greetings to the Maryland Annual Conference in session in Baltimore, Md., and respectfully presents its report for the year ending March 1, 1919.

We feel that the past year has been "the best yet"; our work has been more systematic; our membership has increased by 575, giving us a membership of 1326; seven (7) new auxiliaries organized, but there are yet many churches where there should be an auxiliary, as there is much work the women of the church can and should do. We are still striving for an auxiliary in every church, or at least on every charge in the Conference.

Miss Annie L. Forrest spent several months working in the Branch and the results of her efforts were most gratifying and encouraging. The information she brought was truly helpful.

Scholarships, Bible Readers, and Native Teachers are being supported in connection with the other phases of work.

Our receipts for the year were \$4303.57.

MRS. W. E. KINDLEY, Corresponding Secretary.

# Report O

#### OUR CHURCH HOME.

#### Of the Committee.

(Journal, page 39.)

Your committee on Church Home submits the following report:
We note with gratitude from the report of the Board of Lady Visitors, the excellent condition of the Home and the general good health of the inmates.

The much dreaded Influenza did not visit the Home, which was indeed a great blessing.

We are grieved to report the death of Mrs. Josephine Baile, the first matron, who served in that capacity for eleven years and conducted so efficiently the affairs of the Home. She entered as an inmate, December 31st, 1905, and passed to her Heavenly Home in October, 1918.

Some necessary improvements have been made to the Home during the year and the expenses for same have been voluntarily met by the inmates and their friends through the efforts of Miss Stewart.

Twenty-six churches have sent donations during the year, which shows a deplorable decrease of thirteen over last year. We most cordially commend the donation practice to all our churches and respectfully suggest that the Lady Visitors interest themselves more generally in this

particular. We heartily urge upon the Lady Visitors, the importance of observing Annual Visitor's Day.

The growing number of inmates of the Home increases the cost of its maintenance. The present assessment is inadequate, the Home has been operating at a loss. The deficit of this year is nearly \$2,000.00.

Your committee, therefore, recommends that the assessment for this year be \$5,000.00.

# Respectfully submitted,

G. M. CLAYTON, Chairman, N. C. CLOUGH, Secretary, H. L. SCHLINCKE, C. H. GRUMBINE, EDW. B. FENBY, M. A. ZOLLICKOFFER.

# Of the Board of Lady Visitors.

The Ladies' Board is happy to have this opportunity to report the affairs of The Home to the many friends interested in its welfare.

The general good health of the old folks is really surprising, considering the advanced age of many of them. The dreaded Influenza did not visit The Home, which was indeed a great blessing. Of course, they had the usual colds and rheumatism; but under the Matron's watchful care, nothing serious developed.

It grieves us to report that Miss Murray and her assistant, Miss Stewart, are not very well, and we fear it may not be very long before they will have to give up their work. Miss Stewart is just now recovering from a serious illness, and, in her anxiety to do her work, she really overdoes her strength each day.

It is with great regret that we have to report the death of Mrs. Josephine Baile in October. She entered The Home as an Inmate, Dec. 31, 1905; after having served as matron since its opening in 1896. She had been a great sufferer from rheumatism and partial blindness for some time, and was a great care. The Matron was assisted by the ladies of The Home in taking care of her up until the last, when a nurse was required to help with the night nursing.

The size of our family is the same as last year. Mrs. Annie R. Penn entered The Home on December 2nd, making the number of inmates 17 With the addition of the Matron, her assistant and colored boy, we have 20 in our household.

We have made only the necessary repairs; but, as in a private home, there is always something out of order needing attention. Through the efforts of Miss Stewart, sufficient money was contributed by the Inmates and their friends for a new window in the dining room. This room was very dark, having only one window, and the addition is quite an improvement. Another much needed improvement was made to the living room.

An electric light fixture was purchased with funds kindly donated by friends of The Home.

The Christmas season was one of great happiness for our old folks. Generous friends sent gifts to be used for Christmas cheer; and could they have witnessed the pleasure they gave to others, their hearts would have been overjoyed. They had their treat of candies, oranges, apples, and a dollar bill; besides the good things of the season added to the usual menus.

We desire to express our appreciation of the splendid donations sent The Home by generous individuals and Churches of the Conference. While not so many Churches remembered us as last year, there was no falling off in the quality or quantity of donations sent. 39 Churches were on the honor roll last year—26 this year. Let the Lady Visitor of each Church get busy next year, and we will have such a long list that Mr. Benson will refuse to publish it.

The donations include jarred fruit and vegetables, canned vegetables, groceries, flour, sugar, candy, fresh fruit and vegetables, cakes, hams, poultry, eggs, money, books, oysters, beef, lard, etc.

The following Churches sent donations:—Lynchburg, Accomac, Hampden, Chestertown, Greenbackville, St. James, Oxford, New Church, Woodensburg, Finksburg, Johnsville, Harrington, St. Johns', Leipsic, Milton, Union Bridge, Mt. Lebanon, Georgetown, D. C.; St. Pauls', Nichols' Memorial. Wilton Heights, West Baltimore.

On account of war conditions, the Annual Visitors' Day was not held his year. In the near future we expect to send out invitations for a isitors' Day and hope to have all friends of The Home and the Church ay us a visit. The old folks love company, and look forward to the day tith the greatest pleasure. They are already planning and making artiles to sell on their fancy table. What a boost The Home would receive if the Lady Visitors from all the Churches would pay us a visit. The life of the Ladies' Board is not a bed of roses.

We have many unpleasant duties to perform and many vexatious problems to solve; not that we are complaining; but, we do feel that things could be made easier for us, if we had the sympathy, interest, and co-operation of all the Lady Visitors throughout the Conference.

This year has been an unusually hard one on account of war conditions and the increased cost of food-stuffs; and, in fact, of everything pertaining to the upkeep of a home. We feel it our duty again to call your attention to the impossibility of meeting the running expenses of our family of 20 people with the present income. We are right here on the job, week in and week out; and realize the conditions better than anyone else. We consider it inadvisable to admit any more applicants unless the entrance fee is raised to \$500.00. We cannot, in fact, take care of those already in The Home unless the appropriation from the Conference is increased. This is the situation as seen from the house-

keeper's point of view; and, unless something is done to remedy it, the finances of The Home will be in a very unsatisfactory condition.

### Respectfully,

The Board of Lady Visitors,
MRS. CHAS. BILLINGSLEA, President.
MRS. DENTON S. GEHR, Vice-President.
MRS. CARROLL ALBAUGH, Recording Secy.
MRS. T. H. LEWIS, Corresponding Secy.
MRS. GEO. K. MATHER.
MRS. J. PEARRE WANTZ.
MRS. H. L. ELDERDICE.

## Of the Treasurer.

To Officers and Members, Board of Managers.

Westminster, Maryland.

# Sirs:

I herewith submit my annual report of the receipts and disbursements of the Home for the Aged.

We have received from all sources during the year \$4350.93 and have paid out for expenses \$4339.30, leaving a balance after all the expenses are paid of \$11.63.

I also submit a report of the investment fund from which you will see that it was necessary to use \$2000.00 of this fund to meet the necessary expenses.

I made a long statement to the Annual Conference last year in which I tried to show them the necessity of additional funds to keep the Home running, but they only raised the amount of the assessment \$500.00 and paid no other attention to my other recommendations, and on these items this year I will have nothing to say, except, that we are running each year at a loss, and unless the Conference will give us enough money to meet the increasing bills, we will in the very near future be face to face with no funds, for this year our outgo over our income was nearly \$2000.00.

## Respectfully submitted,

J. PEARRE WANTZ,

Treasurer.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

### Receipts.

1918.	
Mar. 13, Balance as shown by last report to Conference\$	12.31
Mar. 14, Cash received from S. F. Cassen	12.00
Apr. 1, Cash received from C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer	160.00
Apr. 1. Cash received from I. S. Owens	3.00

	*	1.5
Kate M	urray for Salaries	384.00
Kate M	urray for Help	202.00
Kate M	urray for Cash	122.40
Lumber	, Coal & Supply Co. for Coal	254.27
Annie :	Beaver for Interest	22.42
	ump for Interest	24.96
Geo. R	Grumbine for Meats	308.41
Geo. R.	Grumbine for Groceries	312.94
D. S. G	ehr for Hardware	119.16
	N. Hunter for Groceries and Meat	403.09
	inster Laundry for Laundry	144.31
Morris	Mitten for Bread	177.73
	Corbin for Groceries	272.10
Utilitie	s Company for Water	82.60
Utilitie	s Company for Gas	4.50
	s Company for Electricity	66.34
Utilitie	s Company for Supplies	3,92
Charle	B. Hunter for Labor	135.41
Howar	d E. Koontz for Milk	107.40
Charle	s Harman for Labor	5.00
Jabez	Powell for Labor	22.80
John J	. Rose for Drugs	9.58
Charle	s Essom, Agent, for Insurance	3.60
Sharre	r & Gorsuch for Clothes	2.25
Farme	rs Supply Company for Garden	3.50
Ameri	can Express Company for Express	6.44
J. D. 0	Crown for Ice Cream	42.25
Charle	s W. Moore for Drugs	27.40
John 1	H. Young for Eggs	11.10
O. D.	Gilbert for Eggs	12.00
D. S. (	Gehr for Eggs	11.20
Smith	& Reifsnider for Coal	255.90
E.O.	Grimes for Hauling	1.25
Emma	Zepp for Potatoes	47.50
J. A.	Phillips for Potatoes	18.75
F. A.	Sharrer & Son for Funeral	85.00
Marvl	and Casualty Co. for Treasurer's Bond	12.50
Matth	ews & Myers for Papering	4.95
Josep	h B. Boyle for Drugs	38.00
W F	Myers & Sons for Hogs	186.34
CR	A Fogle for Chickens	5.18
Carro	Il County Ins. Co. for Insurance	4.50
John	Manning for Labor	3.00
Amer	ican Sentinel Co. for Help Wanted	. 25
Demo	cratic Advocate Co. for Help Wanted	, 20
alance of	n hand at close of year	11.63

1918.

# STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

### Receipts.

Mar. 12, Balance as shown by last report to Conference\$	1837.58
Mar. 26, Cash received from Mary A. Jump	496.53
June 1, Interest on Bond Elk Horn Coal Corporation	30.00
Aug. 1, Interest on Bonds Consolidated Coal Co	120.00
Nov. 21, Cash received from Annie Penn inmate	300.00
Dec. 2, 4% interest on deposit in Union National Bank	46.18
Dec. 26, Interest on Bond Elk Horn Coal Corporation	30.00
Jan. 29, 1919, Interest on Bonds Consolidated Coal Company	120.00
Total receipts for investment account for year\$	2980.29
Dighursements	
Disbursements. 1918.	
	236.00
1918.	236.00
1918. Mar. 16, Return Fee of Mrs. Sarah V. Beggs to S. W. Coe\$	
1918.  Mar. 16, Return Fee of Mrs. Sarah V. Beggs to S. W. Coe\$  Mar. 16, Fee of Dr. Chas. R. Foutz and Lewis K. Woodward	20.00

\$2980.29

500.00

724.29

The investments we hold remain the same as my last report, consisting of  $$4000.00\ 6\%$  Consolidation Coal Co. Bonds and  $$1000.00\ 6\%$  Elk Horn Coal Corporation Bond.

Jan. 2, 1919, Amount to General Account ......

Balance cash in my hands in Investment Account at close of year.

# Respectfully submitted.

J. PEARRE WANTZ.

Treasurer.

# Westminster, Maryland,

March 31, 1919.

We, the undersigned auditing committee appointed by the President to examine the accounts of Jas. Pearre Wantz, Treasurer of the Home for the Aged, beg to advise that we have carefully examined all the accounts of said Treasurer and have found them correct in every respect and supported by the proper vouchers.

# Respectfully,

T. W. MATHER, F. K. HERR, EDGAR T. READ.

# Report P

### AUDIT.

# Of the Committee.

(Journal, pages 40, 43.)

At the last session of the Annual Conference your committee examined as far as it could the Cash and Disbursement accounts in the Conference Treasurer's Report, and found same to be correct.

On June 4th, 1918, when the books of the Treasurer were closed for the year, a more careful examination was made and all items were found to be correct in every particular. All money has been duly accounted for and properly disbursed.

On the above date the balance in hand in the First National Bank of Havre de Grace, Maryland, was \$2775.70 with checks outstanding to the amount of \$2475.00, leaving a balance of \$300.70 to the credit of the Conference Treasurer.

W. A. MELVIN, W. F. WRIGHT.

#### Of Committee for Session 1919.

Your Committee has carefully examined the reports of the Treasurer of the Forward Movement Commission, the Conference Secretary and Agent of President's Parsonage, and find all these reports correct.

The Treasurer of the Conference has not been able to submit his report as yet, but as soon as he does, a complete audit will be made and a report made to the next session of Conference.

The vouchers of the Treasurer of the Church Extension Society have not been placed in our hands. We beg the privilege of auditing this account after adjournment of Conference.

H. S. JOHNSON, Chairman, G. A. OGG, Secretary.

# Report Q

# THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

(Journal, page 23.)

To the Maryland Annual Conference,

#### Dear Brethren:

The Program Committee submits the results of its work in the printed program now ready for distribution. The decision to shorten the session by one day has made necessary several changes which conflict with the rules of the Manual.

It is necessary to have a conference session Friday afternoon, here-tofore left open for committee work.

The roll call for pastors' reports is changed from Thursday morning to Wednesday afternoon four o'clock.

Experience has proved nine o'clock to be too early for the opening of the daily sessions so that the program of this year follows that of several previous years, fixing the hour at 9:30.

In all of the above cases the committee recommends the suspension

of the rule for this session.

Attention is called to the meetings of Friday night in particular. A meeting for women will be held in the Conference church and a men's dinner and consultation will take place at the City Club at 6:30. Tickets for this dinner are \$1. and due notice will be given the Conference.

The committee urgently requests all standing and special committees to report at their scheduled time. We shall probably be embarrassed

for time unless this is done.

JAMES H. STRAUGHN, Secretary for the Committee.

# Report R

# SOCIAL SERVICE.

Of the Committee.

(Journal, page 45.)

Your committee on Social Service has had nothing referred to it, but desires to lay emphasis on a few things in the returning soldier's life, which needs an emphasis.

We desire to commend the work of the Young Women's Christian Association in the Camps and hospitals where our wounded soldiers are being nursed back to health, especially the work at Fort McHenry in Baltimore. Many of our own women are engaged in this good work. It is a lonely thing to return to one's country where home is and where the streets and places of gathering are resounding with the praise of valor, and to be interned in a hospital far from war's rude alarms and to suffer while others are made jubilant with a nation's applause. Into such places our good women are going, and they are carrying with them the good things of life with the cheer and good courage of home which only women can give. We desire to commend this service as really and blessedly constructive.

The Church has also a very serious task in restoring to the millions of soldiers who have spent months or years in army camps, and under the hard conditions of war in this land and across the seas, the atmosphere of peace, and of home and of religion. These men have seen things, heard things, felt things, which have rudely disturbed the early conceptions of life and duty. To bring them back into contentment in the home and in the church, and into the channels of trade is no easy task. We plead for them a sober and careful service of the church to

wisely make the transition to the humdrum as easy and as early as possible. The secret, perhaps, by which we may the more efficiently meet this condition, is to speed up the activities of the church, so that the sense of deadly inertia may not repel men, who have been living in the whirl of constant and exhilarating activity. The stabilizing of the world is the church of Jesus Christ and hers is the mighty task to bring out of the social hysteria of these times, the confidence that God is on His throne and "all's well with the world."

FRANK T. BENSON, EDGAR T. READ, W. H. LITSINGER, E. L. KAYSER, A. R. LEWIS, W. O. ATWOOD.

# Report S

# COMMITTEE TO SELECT PLACE OF MEETING FOF CONFERENCE.

(Journal, page 26.)

Your committee reports that after due consideration, and satisfactory conferences with Rev. W. A. Melvin, pastor of Lowe Memorial Church, Baltimore, Md., that church was tendered to the committee for the meeting place of the present session of the Conference. The tender was promptly and kindly accepted by the committee and notification thereof made to the Secretary of the Conference by the first day of January, 1919, in accordance with the requirements of Resolution 9, of the Conference of 1917.

Rev. J. M. Sheridan is named as the special committee to carry out the provision of the said resolution relating to the entertainment of the superannuated members of the Conference, the general agents of the Church and other guests.

The committee would respectfully urge upon the attention of our ministers and members that paid entertainment was never meant to confine the meeting-places of our annual sessions to any one section or location of the Conference territory. The committee will give earnest and just consideration to the tender of any place for a Conference meeting, and our people will pay their way wherever they may go.

L. F. WARNER, President.

F. T. LITTLE,

for Standing District Committee.

# Report T

# THE MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT SOCIETY.

(Journal, page 26.)

The Maryland Educational Endowment Society of the Methodist Protestant Church in Baltimore City submits its report for the year ending April 1st, 1919.

The personnel of the Board of Directors has remained unchanged during the year, and our relation to Western Maryland College and the Westminster Theological Seminary has remained the same.

The income from the Henrietta Gibson legacy has been promptly paid over to the Board of Governors of the Seminary for the education of

young men for our ministry.

The sum of five hundred dollars placed at our disposal by the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference as the Trustees of the Drinkhouse Estate, has also been expended by our society in the training of young men for our ministry in the Seminary at Westminster, in accordance with the terms imposed upon such beneficiaries by the will of Dr. Drinkhouse.

F. T. LITTLE, President.

J. W. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

# Report U

#### THE FORWARD MOVEMENT COMMISSION.

Of the Committee.

(Journal, pages 24, 27.)

The Forward Movement Commission appointed by this Conference has addressed itself to its duty as it has interpreted the instruction and information received from this Annual Conference and the Executive Committee of the General Conference.

Very soon after the close of the last session of the Annual Conference your Commission met and prepared an appeal which was sent to all pastors urging them to make special effort to secure 100% on the regular assessments. The circular sent out made a concise statement of the benevolences of the church and asked that the matter be presented to every church on a Sunday in the month of June.

A comprehensive campaign was planned to assist every charge in reaching the "Goals" by raising larger contributions for the General Conference Assessments. The Conference was divided in zones and chairmen appointed to provide speakers to present the matter in the churches. The 2nd and 3rd Sundays in November were selected for this work and letters were addressed to the pastors asking them to keep these dates open. The epidemic of influenza was raging at the time designated and it was altogether impossible to carry out the plan.

At a later meeting the Commission requested the President of the Conference to write a letter to all pastors asking them to take a special offering in each church for the General Conference Assessments. This was done and advance information leads us to believe that the result has been a very gratifying increase of these offerings over the amount received last year.

The Commission has held eight meetings and arranged for several group conferences of ministers. It has sent out many letters and carried on quite an extensive correspondence with the office of the General Conference Forward Movement Commission and members of this Conference. The Secretary of the Conference has furnished funds to finance the expenses of the Commission which have been expended by the Secretary of the Commission upon orders. A financial report is appended which should be audited in the usual way. The meetings in the latter half of this year were held definitely in the interest of the Million Dollar Campaign and the expenses of these meetings will be paid by the Central Campaign Committee.

#### THE MILLION DOLLAR CAMPAIGN.

Certain great world events familiar to us all, which have effected every church and every individual, every plan and program, brought to the Executive Committee of the General Conference the conviction that radical modifications of the Forward Movement Program were necessary and they organized the Million Dollar Campaign for the Boards and Institutions of the Methodist Protestant Church. The Forward Movement Commission of this Conference has been informed of these changes and felt it its duty to cooperate in the great endeavor. It has taken the liberty of increasing the membership of the Commission and much time and thought has been given recently to plans for the furtherance of the The present scheme embraces a comprehensive campaign of organization, education, inspiration and intercession, which is now in progress, and is to culminate in a drive for a million dollars beginning May The plan silences us at first sight by its magnitude but after much thought on all phases of the situation your commission endorses the plan of the Central Campaign Committee as an attempt that was made inevitable and advisable by conditions of the times and the state of the church. Heavy drafts upon local churches for war work diminished the income through the budget for the work of the general church to a point below the needs for its regular activity at the heavy expense cost of the present time and the church found some special source of income an absolute necessity. The demands of this new day for better equipment in all our institutions and for advance steps in a time of unparalleled missionary opportunity placed us in a dilemma between a great forward step or a humiliating failure in a day of decision. nificent enterprises in our sister denomination gave us the alternative of offering our members a chance of keeping step with the marching hosts of the Kingdom of God or lagging back in ignoble indolence. The leaders of our church sensed the situation and challenged the denomination with a stupendous task. We appreciate their courage, their wisdom, their far-sighted vision of worthy goals, their practical planning of every detail along the lines of modern methods of propaganda and group finance. We recognize the greatness and difficulty of the work set before us but affirm our faith that it is not beyond our reach. We pledge ourselves to respond to their labor of planning and projecting the campaign by utilizing the means and methods they have prepared and by cooperating to our utmost in a unified effort to triumph in this splendid venture for the growth of our church and the glory of our Lord and Christ.

We submit the following recommendations:

- 1. In harmony with the action of all other Conferences of our denomination, we recommend that the Maryland Conference hereby expresses its purpose to heartily cooperate with the Central Campaign Committee of the Forward Movement Commission to raise in May next, for our Boards and Institutions, \$1,000,000.00.
- 2. We recommend that the Maryland Annual Conference postpone all special financial efforts for one year in order that this campaign may be given right of way.
- 3. We recommend that a Commission be appointed to further this movement, with the President of the Conference as Chairman ex-officio.
- 4. We recommend that the Conference accept its allotment of \$250,000.00 and a committee be appointed by the Conference to apportion that amount to the various charges.
- 5. We recommend that the Maryland Conference say to the charges which have made contributions to the "Goals" that the amounts raised may be counted on their apportionments in the Million Dollar Campaign.
- 6. We recommend that all pastors be directed to use the programs prepared for the "Four Great Sundays" beginning April 13th.
- 7. We recommend that the Forward Movement Commission send "Flying Squadrons" into the nineteen districts of the Maryland Conference to present the Million Dollar Campaign to meetings of the Official Boards, or meetings called by the Official Boards, and we request full Conference authority to urge service on the part of the members of this Conference in the labor of the squadrons and in the promotion of the meetings.
- 8. We recommend that every pastor give a hospitable welcome at any service to the "Minute Man" who may be sent to present this campaign to his congregation.
- 9. That the President of the Conference be relieved from all other duties until the completion of this campaign—and that he have authority to require of any members of the Conference such help as he may desire.

J. M. GILL,
G. W. HADDAWAY,
FRANK T. BENSON,
G. I. HUMPHREYS,
H. L. ELDERDICE,
FRED P. ADKINS,
T. H. LEWIS.

R. L. SHIPLEY, Secretary.

# Financial Statement of Forward Movement Commission.

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R. L. SHIPLEY, Secretary.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above and found it correct.

G. A. OGG, Secretary Audit Committee.

# Report V

### THE SUMMER CONFERENCE.

(Journal, page 35.)

The Summer Conference of Ministers of the Methodist Protestant Church desires to express its thanks to the Annual Conference for the generous appropriation of \$300.00 to pay the expenses of the program for our last session.

The attendance last year was the largest in the history of the Conference and we are sure that the lessened expense to each attendant was a contributing cause to this increase of the number of men who received the inspiration of the gathering.

The Convention of Young People of the Methodist Protestant Church followed the Summer Conference and we are sure these two gatherings coming close to one another increased the interest and attendance of both.

As we plan for the future of the Summer Conference, we are deeply concerned because our former leader, Rev. A. Norman Ward, is unable to continue in the presidency on account of his work as Chancellor of the Kansas City University. While many men have been loyal and active in the work of this Conference, it is still true that they looked to A. N. Ward for guidance, as his vision, his faith in the possibility of great programs, his catholicity in ministering to all types of mind, his tirelessnes in attention to many details and his genial personality at all the meetings seemed the most essential factor to all its success of the past. He has resigned the Presidency and his resignation has been accepted with regret by the Executive Committee.

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee, a Program Committee was appointed; who were instructed to proceed in the making of a program. It is too far ahead to give a full outline of what we will have at our next session, but with great pleasure we announce that we have

promises of Dr. Robert E. Speer giving two devotional addresses, Dr. Arthur Judson Brown giving two Missionary Addresses, Dr. William J. Thompson will lecture twice on Religious Psychology and in Bible Study we will be led by Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Marquiss, Dean of the Bible Teachers College. We have sent an invitation to Dr. Frederick Lynch, requesting him to address the Conference on Reconstruction problems and hope for favorable reply upon his return from Europe. We are also planning to utilize many men of our Conference expecting to have one of the best programs the Conference has ever enjoyed.

We request the Conference to make an appropriation of \$300.00 to defray the expenses of the program for this year. We give an account of our stewardship of funds in the report of the Treasurer which is at-

tached.

JAS. H. STRAUGHN, Vice President. R. L. SHIPLEY, Secretary. E. A. SEXSMITH, Treasurer.

E. A. SEASMIII, II casarer.	85.00
Of the Treasurer.	
Receipts.	
Aug. 4, 1917, Balance on hand\$41.40	
Aug. 10, 1917, Rev. W. S. Hanks, back dues 2.00	
July 30, 1918, Rev. J. H. Straughn, appropriation from	750
Maryland Conference300.00	
Total receipts for the year	\$343.40
Disbursements,	
Dec. 7, 1917, Rev. J. H. Straughn, expenses to commit-	
tee meeting\$ 2.50	
Dec. 7, 1917, Rev. Louis Randall, expenses to commit-	
tee meeting 2.60	
Mar. 26, 1918, Rev. A. N. Ward, expenses 11.75	
June 15, 1918, Rev. H. W. D. Johnson, expenses 2.50	
July 19, 1918, Rev. A. N. Ward, expenses 13.15	
July 30, 1918, Rev. Forrest E. Dager, D. D., for lectures 50.00	
Aug. 1, 1918, Rev. Ismar J. Peritz, D. D., for lectures 60.00	
Aug. 1, 1918, Rev. John C. Page, for lectures 75.00	
Aug. 1, 1918, Rev. H. J. LaFlamme, traveling expenses. 10.00	
Aug. 1, 1918, Rev. A. N. Ward, exp. of program, etc 16.80	
Aug. 1, 1918, Rev. J. H. Straughn, refund to Maryland	
Conference of the appropriation 50.00	
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Total disbursements for the year	\$294.30
Balance on hand Aug. 2, 1918	\$ 49.10
Respectfully submitted	

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. SEXSMITH, Treasurer.

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# Report W

# THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY COOPERATION.

(Journal, page 42.)

Your Committee on Missionary Cooperation, first of all expresses its gratitude to all concerned for the very large and hearty measure of cooperation it has received in its work from the members and constituency of this Conference, and our grateful acknowledgment of the blessing of God's Holy Spirit in brooding over the waters of our thought and creating new and larger desires to promote His Kingdom.

The Committee has held three meetings during the year, and sent to Key men and women throughout the District, some 10,000 pages of carefully prepared printed matter; the entire expense of which was cheerfully borne by the Board of Foreign Missions.

Some of the results have been tabulated as follows:

# (1) SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

(a) Charges showing an increase of less than 50%	2
(b) Charges showing an increase of 50% or more, but less than 100%	5
(c) Charges showing an increase of 100%, or more	29
(2) WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.	
(a) Charges showing an increase of less than 50%	14
(b) Charges showing an increase of 50% or more, but less than 100%	2
(c) Charges showing an increase of 100%, or more	20
(3) ASSESSMENTS.	
(a) Charges showing an increase of less than 50%	10
(b) Charges showing 50% increase, or more, but less than 100%	7
(c) Charges showing an increase of 100% or more	25
of these, Union shows an increase of more than 200%, and Linthic	um
Heights an increase of over 300%.	
(4) CHILDRENS' DAY OFFERING.	
(a) Fourteen charges reporting no offering for 1918 report this year	
a total of \$320.00, four of them contributing respectively \$35.00,	
\$50.00, \$60.00 and \$65.00. None of these charges are listed	
below.	
(b) Charges showing an increase of less than 50%	35

of these charges, East Baltimore, Lowe Memorial, and South Baltimore, show an increase of 200% or more.

Accomac, Deer Park, Finksburg and Mardela show an increase of

(c) Charges showing an increase of 50%, or more, but less than 100%

(d) Charges showing an increase of 100% or more ......

300% or more.

Hampden shows over 500% increase; Bedford and Linthicum Heights show over 900% increase.

## THE HONOR ROLL.

A list of those charges doubling or more than doubling the total offering for Foreign Missions for 1918, are by action of last Conference, entitled to be placed on a special Honor Roll as follows: Accomac, Bethany, Brooklyn, Calvary, East Baltimore, Evergreen, Hampden, Lowe Memorial, Payson St., South Baltimore, St. Johns, (a general increase of over 200%), St. Pauls, Trinity and Texas, Waverly, Baltimore Circuit, Bedford, Bivalve, Conquest, Melvin Chapel, Deer Park, Delmar, Greenbush and Tasley, Grove, Harbeson, Howard, Kemptown, Linthicum Heights (a general increase of over 800%), Northumberland, Taylor Memorial, Pittsville, Potomac, Salisbury, (a general increase of over 200%), Snow Hill, Union, Wallace Memorial, and Mt. Tabor. (36).

The grand total for Foreign Missions in 1918 was \$12,151.00. The grand total for Foreign Missions in 1919 is \$22,374.00—which is a net

gain during the last year of \$10,223.00.

The Committee at its last meeting further instructed its Acting Chairmand to report recommending:

1-That the charges having reached the goal be urged to maintain,

and if possible advance, this ratio of giving.

2—That the charges not yet having reached the goal be urged to press toward the mark until every charge shall have doubled, or more than doubled, the amount recorded to their credit in the Minutes of 1918.

Respectfully submitted, E. H. VAN DYKE, Acting Chairman.

# Report X

# \$100,000 ADDITION TO PERMANENT FUND OF SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY.

Of the Committee. (Journal, page 28.)

Your Committee appointed at the last Session of the Conference to submit at this Session a plan for raising \$100,000 to be added to the Permanent or Invested Fund of the Superannuated Fund Society begs leave to submit the following recommendation:

That the Conference authorize the raising of this sum, and that it be divided into units or shares of \$100 each, in individual or collective subscriptions, payable in two years in quarterly installments, and that a suitable Certificate be given for each share of \$100 subscribed and paid; the campaign for the raising of this sum to be begun in our Churches and among our membership at such time as this Conference may designate; and that the further working out of this plan be left to a Committee to be named by the Conference at this session.

G. W. HADDAWAY, Chairman.

# Report Y

# ODENTON CHURCH AND WAR WORK.

#### Of the Committee,

(Journal, pages 29, 34.)

The committee to whom, with the President, was referred the work at Nichols Memorial, Odenton, and that in the behalf of the soldiers and sailors from our Conference district, reports as follows:

As soon as possible after Conference last year, Rev. R. Y. Nicholson, who was appointed to these responsibilities, wrote to each member of the Conference for the names and addresses of all those who had gone into the army or navy from his church. He wrote a personal letter to each of the five hundred persons whose names were sent him, and received about one hundred replies. To some he was able to write several times, but changing addresses made this impossible in the case of many. We have reason to believe this was a very helpful ministry.

During the first part of the year Bro. Nicholson spoke at Camp Meade Sunday morning and afternoon and Tuesday evening. Sunday morning and Tuesday his service was in a Y. M. C. A. Hut, and Sunday afternoon he addressed the patients in several wards of the base hospital. Tuesdays were devoted to correspondence, and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of each week to religious work under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. at Camp Holabird, near Baltimore. Since the fall he has devoted all his time, save Sunday afternoons spent in the Church at Odenton, to the work of a "Y" secretary of religious work at Camp Meade.

He has averaged four services every Sunday during the year, two to three week days, and one to two Bible Classes a week. The size of his audiences has ranged from twenty-five in the hospital wards to five hundred in the "Y" Hut. For several months he was the only Protestant religious worker in an area containing over two thousand men. In the public services it was the rule to invite men to Christ, and rarely did the service close without some acceptances. It is safe to say that scores of men have been led to decision through his work during the year.

The work at Odenton is showing the effect of the labors of Brother Nicholson and his good wife. The Sunday School has more than doubled, and the evening congregation has increased from twenty-five to eighty-five. During the latter part of the year services have been held in the afternoon on Sunday as well as at night. We believe it is important to foster the new interest in this Church.

We cordially commend the efficient and devoted work of Bro. Nicholson. He is spoken of highly by his associates, and this committee knows that he was not only welcome but sought after as a speaker in the camps. In a personal letter to the chairman, Mr. H. P. Voorhees, Camp General Secretary at Camp Meade, says, "It is with pleasure that I speak most enthusiastically of the very splendid service rendered by Mr. Nicholson. He was liked by the boys as a man, as a speaker and as a teacher."

The parsonage at Odenton has been renovated and refurnished, and the church building is in good condition. It is our hope that a pastor may be assigned to this work, and we recommend that any balance there may be from the War Work Fund be held for the benefit of Odenton and

camp work.

Soon after Conference it appeared that a contribution might be made to the military situation through our Church at Glenburnie. Accordingly, with the consent of South Baltimore, the President appointed Rev. W. F. Wright to this duty. Bro. Wright has preached at Glenburnie every Sunday afternoon to the delight and profit of the regular congregation and the soldiers who attended. He has worked also in Saunders' Rifle Range, located near that place, where large numbers of men were quartered. A gracious revival in the fall proved a blessing to the Church and community.

W. H. LITSINGER, E. A. SEXSMITH, A. R. LEWIS.

# Report Z

### TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE.

Of the Committee.

(Journal, page 28.)

Your Committee to Co-operate with the Lord's Day Alliance respectfully reports that it has not been called upon as a committee to co-operate with the Alliance in any way or at any time during the year; therefore, there have been no meetings of the committee and we have nothing to report. Individual members of the committee have been called upon as pastors or laymen for service and have responded favorably whenever possible. But the committee as such has had no work to do. We beg to affirm our loyalty to the purposes of the Lord's Day Alliance and assure the Conference of our willingness to have responded to any reasonable call for co-operation,

F. T. LITTLE, J. M. GILL, R. L. SHIPLEY, DANIEL BAKER, F. G. USILTON.

# Report AA

# APPORTIONMENTS FOR THE MILLION DOLLAR CAMPAIGN.

(Journal, page 44.)

Accomac	\$2500	Mariners	1500
Alexandria	800	Crumpton	400
Amelia	800	Cumberland	2000
Bethany	800	Mapleside	500
Allnutt Memorial	5000	Melvin Chapel	400
Broadway	1000	Deer Creek	1000
Brooklyn	2000	Deer Park	1500
Calvary	1500	Delmar	1500
Chesaco Park	100	Delta	1600
Christ Church	3000	Denton	2000
East Baltimore	1800	Dorchester	1800
Eutaw	2000	Dover	800
Evergreen	1000	Easton	3000
Hampden	4000	Elizabeth	1500
Keen Memorial	1800	Fairfax	800
Lauraville	800	Fawn Grove	2000
Lowe Memorial	3000	Federalsburg	1200
North Baltimore	5000	Felton	800
Payson Street	350	Finksburg	2500
South Baltimore	2000	First Church, Newark	6000
Starr	5000	Franklin City	1600
St. Johns	5000	Frederick	1800
St. Pauls	1800	Georgetown, Del.	1500
Violetville	500	Georgetown Circuit	500
Waverly	100		1000
West Baltimore	4000	Greenwood	1500
Wilton Heights	2000	Grove	1000
Baltimore Circuit	1800	Harbeson	600
Bedford	2000	Harmony	600
Belair	2000	Harpers Ferry	1300
Bivalve	1500	Harrington	2000
Buckeystown	5000	Howard	2000
Cambridge	2000	Hurlock	1600
Cannon	800	Indian River	500
Caroline	1800	Kemptown	2500
Cecil	1500		1200
Centreville	1000	Kent Island	1500
Chestertown	5000	Laurel	4000
Chincoteague	1000	Laurel Circuit	1500
Clayton	1800		1500
Concord	1800	Leipsic	800
Conquest	800	Lewes	400
Crisfield	4000	Lewistown	500
Lawsonia	300	Liberty	1200

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Linthicum Heights	1500	Salisbury	5000
Lisbon	2500	Seaford	2500
Lynchburg	1500	Selbyville, Dagsboro	300
Mardela	1500	Sharptown	1800
Marley	200	Snow Hill	2000
Middleway	100	Stewartstown	2200
Milford	2500	St. James	2500
Milton	1400	St. Michaels	1500
Mt. Nebo	1400	Susquehanna	2200
New Church	2000	Texas	200
New Market	2400	Trinity	2200
Nichols Mem. & Glenburnie	1000	Trinity, Baltimore	500
Northumberland	1800	Tyreanna	100
Oak Grove	800	Union	1800
Oxford	1800	Union Bridge	1000
Parksley	2000	Wallace Memorial	1000
Patapsco	200	Warwick	1200
Philadelphia, Emmanuel	500	Cherrydale	1200
St. Lukes	2500	First Church, Washington	1800
Taylor Memorial	2000	Georgetown, D. C.	2500
Pipe Creek	2000	Mt. Tabor	1200
Pittsville	2000	North Carolina Avenue	2200
Pocomoke Circuit	1000	Rhode Island Avenue	5000
Pocomoke City	3000	Wesley Chapel	1200
Potomac .	1800	Westminster	4000
Powellville	1400	Wilmington	500
Prince George	500	West Wilmington	300
Quantico	400	Whaleyville	1200
Queen Anne	1000	Wye .	1000
Reliance	1600		
Rowlandville	500	Grand Total	\$253,350
Salem	800	L	

J. M. GILL, G. W. HADDAWAY, F. T. BENSON,

Committee.

# PAYMENTS ON FORWARD MOVEMENT GOALS.

	1918	1919
Broadway		40
Brooklyn		80
Calvary	10	
Chesaco Park		8
Christ Church		120
East Baltimore		25
Eutaw		45
Evergreen		48
Lauraville		40

	1918	1919
Lowe Memorial	7	
Payson Street		10
Starr	44	260
St. Johns		60
West Baltimore	50	78
Buckeystown	. 100	109
Centreville		72
Cannon	40	
Conquest	15	
1st Church, Cumberland		100
Mapleside & Fairview	22	32
Melvin Chapel	32	32
Deer Creek		40
Denton		58
Dover		40
Elizabeth	2 7	95
First Church, Newark	260	260
Greenbush & Tasley	- \$42 <b>.</b>	10
Harrington		88
Howard		88
Kemptown	20	90
Laurel	25	
Leipsic		40
Liberty		46
Linthicum Heights		16
Lynchburg		10
Milford	138	120
Parksley	72	72
Patapseo	3	
Taylor Memorial		80
Salisbury	160	
Seaford		112
Sharptown		12
Snow Hill	25	
St. Michaels	,	40
Texas	2.50	12
Mt. Tabor		12
Rhode Island Avenue		100
Wallace Memorial	40	250(25) (20
Westminster	25	
First Church, Wilmington		40
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# RESOLUTIONS

## RESOLUTION 1.

# Increase of President's Salary Assessment.

(Journal, page 33.)

RESOLVED, That Regulation III, Section 2 of the Manual be changed to read \$4,000 instead of \$3,000, and the Board of Finance be directed to apportion the increased amount of the assessments.

FRED P. ADKINS,
W. O. ATWOOD,
JOHN H. ELLIOTT,
WALTER G. MONROE,
SETH H. LINTHICUM.

#### RESOLUTION 2.

## On Exchange of Churches.

(Journal, page 40.)

WHEREAS, The gravest problems and greatest difficulties in rural church work arise from the overchurching of certain communities by the overlapping of churches of different denominations ministering to the same localities, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the President of the Conference and the Superintendent of Church Extension be authorized to arrange for the exchange of appointments and properties with other denominations, when the exchange can be made equitably and for the good of the Kingdom, and the consent of the local churches.

R. L. SHIPLEY, C. P. NOWLIN, E. H. VAN DYKE.

### RESOLUTION 3.

# Printing the Conference Sermon.

(Journal, page 40.)

RESOLVED, That Rev. Dr. E. H. VanDyke be requested to furnish his manuscript of the Conference Sermon and the Secretary be instructed to have the sermon printed in the Conference Minutes.

EUGENE C. MAKOSKY, H. L. ELDERDICE.

#### RESOLUTION 4.

# Of Gratitude to Mrs. Arthur John Pritchard.

(Journal, page 43.)

WHEREAS, Mrs. Arthur John Pritchard has placed in the hands of the Trustees of the Conference, \$5,000.00, as a memorial to her parents, Samuel and Susan Harrington, to be invested, the income to be applied after her death to the maintenance of the Madison Methodist Protestant Church to insure its perpetuity in the town of Madison in Dorchester County, Maryland; Therefore,

RESOLVED, That we recognize this act of devotion with gratitude and think it worthy of imitation on the part of others who would honor the Church of the Fathers.

> W. M. STRAYER, WILLIAM L. HOFFMAN.

## RESOLUTION 5.

# Of Gratitude to Secretary Lane.

(Journal, page 44.)

RESOLVED. That the Secretary of the Conference be instructed to convey the thanks of the Conference to Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Franklin K. Lane, for the splendid address delivered on Friday night.

> J. FRANKLIN BRYAN, E. D. STONE.

### RESOLUTION 6.

# In Appreciation of L. A. Bennett's Work.

(Journal, page 48.)

RESOLVED. That we give grateful acknowledgement to God for the most fruitful evangelistic labor of Rev. L. A. Bennett who has been left "without appointment to engage in evangelistic work" and we give him the fullest endorsement of the Conference and recommend him as a master workman to all pastors and churches who need assistance in the evangelistic activities of their charges.

J. M. SHERIDAN, R. L. SHIPLEY,

F. T. BENSON.

# CONFERENCE SOCIETIES

# Superannuated Fund Society

Meeting was opened with First Vice-President J. L. Mills in the chair. Report was made by T. A. Murray, Treasurer. Attached to Treasurer's report was the report of the Auditing Committee which found the Treasurer's report correct. G. W. Haddaway moved that the report be adopted.

T. A. Murray spoke concerning benefactions and urged that more bequests be made. E. C. Makosky and G. W. Haddaway spoke in praise of the Treasurer's faithful and efficient work. The report was adopted by

a rising vote.

The following Officers and Board of Managers were elected:

### Officers:

First Vice President, J. L. Mills.
Second Vice President, F. T. Benson.
Third Vice President, C. M. Compher.
Corresponding Secretary, A. W. Mather.
Recording Secretary, C. C. Day.
Treasurer, T. A. Murray.

# Board of Managers:

Ministers: J. W. Kirk, G. W. Haddaway, J. M. Sheridan, and W. B. Judefind.

Laymen: T. A. Murray, Daniel MacLea, Dr. E. B. Fenby and J. B. Mills.

C. C. DAY, Secretary.

# Treasurer's Report for Year 1918-1919.

THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treasurer, in Account with Superannuated Fund Society.

#### PERMANENT FUND.

		NACOTO DA	
To	Balance as per last report	\$1713.84	Ł
	amts. rec'd. in redemption of Ground-		
	Rents:		
· .	Nos. 1510 & 1512 Covington St \$	1566.67	
	No. 2402 E. Lafayette Ave	816.67	E
	No. 1748 E. Jackson St		

To amt. rec'd, in Release of Ency Mortgage	200.00	
To amt. rec'd. from Conf. Treas. (Annual Dues)	106.50	
To amt. of Legacy from Mrs. Eugenia A. Councell	300.00	\$3806.51

#### CR.

By amt. of re-investments per Order of Board\$4170.28	
By balance on deposit in name of Society 1350.07	\$5520.35
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INCOME ACCOUNT.	
To amt. of Income from Investments\$6993.71	
To Interest on Deposits 41.45	\$7035.16
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CR.	
By Premium on Treasurer's Bond (1918 & 1919)\$, 25.00	
By Rent Safe Deposit Box 5.00	
By 1919 Taxes on Securities	
By expenses of collections &c 250.00	
By amts. remitted to Conf. Treasurer:	
July 23, 1918, Check #24\$1400.00	
Oct. 18, 1918, Check #28 2100.00	
Jan. 23, 1919, Check #29 1350.00	
Check herewith for balance 1850.98 \$6700.98	\$7035.16

# Respectfully submitted, THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treasurer,

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct as per above Report, and all Income fully accounted for; and that we have examined the Securities of the Society and find them properly deposited in the Safe Deposit Box of the Society.

W. B. JUDEFIND,
J. BIBB MILLS,
Auditing Committee.

#### SUPERANNUATED FUND REGULATIONS.

- 1. The Committee on Superannuated Claimants shall report to Conference all those names which, in its judgment, properly belong to the superannuated list.
- 2. From the receipts from the invested fund, each superannuated minister be entitled to \$10 for each year of his active service as a member of this Conference, and each widow of a minister of this Conference who is granted a superannuate relation, be entitled to \$5.00 for each year of her active service.
- 3. The amount received from the collections in the District during the year to be applied to the necessities of the claimants, considering:

1. The time of service in the Conference; 2. The size of family; 3. Peculiarities of condition; 4. Ability to contribute to self support by business

capacity or by private income.

4. That when the Committee on Superannuates has information from claimants to the effect that they do not need the amount required by virtue of their years of service, that the Committee be governed by the information thus given. (For items 2, 3, 4, see report H. Superannuates, 1914 Minutes).

- 5. The Conference Treasurer shall disburse all moneys coming from the Superannuated Fund Society, and shall make a quarterly distribution of the funds provided the Treasurer of said Society can make a payment in the interim of Conference.
- 6. When the Committee shall have completed its report it shall be read to the Conference twenty-four hours before action thereon, during which time objections to the report must be filed before the committee.
- 7. The Corresponding Secretary of the Superannuated Fund Society shall furnish Superannuated Claimants with blanks containing the following questions, a neglect to answer which shall deprive the claimants of any portion in the distribution of the emergency fund for the year.
  - What is your present place of residence? Post office address?
  - 2. Do you desire a superannuate relation the ensuing year?
- 3. What is the number of your family? Age of your children, respectively?
  - 4. Do you attend our church? If not, why not?
  - 5. Do your children attend Sabbath School? If not, why not?
  - 6. What is the amount of your private income?

# Church Extension Society

The Church Extension Society convened on Friday afternoon. T. H. Lewis presided over the meeting. R. L. Shipley was appointed Secretary pro tem.

The report of the President of the Board of Managers was read and referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

The report of the Treasurer was read by the Secretary and was referred to the Standing Committee on Audit.

The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the re-election of the following officers: President, J. L. Mills; First Vice Pres., E. C. Makosky; Second Vice Pres., J. F. Wooden; Secretary, C. R. Strausburg; Treasurer, W. C. Scott.

Board of Managers—Ministers: G. W. Haddaway, W. H. Litsinger, S. F. Cassen, G. E. Brown; Laymen: W. C. Scott, T. A. Myers, E. B. Fenby and J. H. Roberts.

R. L. SHIPLEY, Secretary pro tem.

# Report of the Board of Managers.

This Board has had a year of unusual activity and success.

Notwithstanding War conditions, it was deemed imperative to erect a building on the Falls Road lot to house the growing congregation of what is known as Trinity Church. Accordingly, a frame structure was erected, which, with the ground, has cost about \$8,500. There is a debt of \$1,000 on the ground and a few minor obligations against the building. The church was formally opened in the fall, at which time \$2,400 was raised, a large part of which was contributed by members of the local congregation. This church asks to be made a station and assigned a pastor. These results are due chiefly to the sane and efficient management of our Superintendent, Dr. Sheridan, and the devotion of the young pastor, Rev. R. E. Brooks. We recommend that Trinity be detached from Texas, and an appropriation for pastor's salary be made to the former. We recommend that pastors be assigned to each of these churches.

Chesaco Park Charge, composed of the two churches—Chesaco Park and Jones Memorial, has had a successful year. \$1,100 has been raised, and there is a promise of increase in pastor's salary for next year. There have been twenty conversions and seventeen accessions, making a total, to date, of seventy-eight members on the roll of both churches, and one hundred and sixteen in the two Sunday Schools. We cordially commend the young pastor, Rev. G. E. McDorman, for his devoted and efficient work on this charge during the year. We recommend that these churches remain together, and that an appropriation of \$100 be made to pastoral support.

The sale of the Park Road Church, Washington, D. C., was consummated early in the year, the property fully paid for and the deed transferred. It was necessary to renew the Chestertown note of \$2,900 to carry forward the building project of the year. Said note has recently been reduced to \$1800,00. Subscriptions and cash in hand are nearly sufficient to cover this note. The Board is mindful of the action of last Conference relative to the net proceeds of the Park Road sale, and is holding that amount sacred to the purpose named.

Dr. Sheridan has turned over to the Board Treasury \$1,339.98 received from subscriptions to the War Work Fund. Of this amount \$800 has been expended for the salary of Rev. R. Y. Nicholson, the church paying \$400, \$100 for the work at Glenburnie, in connection with the Saunders' Rifle Range, \$317.16 for furniture, \$283.13 for the renovation of the Odenton parsonage, and \$45.27 for miscellaneous expenses, making a deficit of \$205.58. About \$150 subscribed a year ago have not been as yet paid.

It has been apparent for some years that a change of location was necessary for Broadway Church in this city. Under these conditions, we are glad to report that a most astisfactory sale of this property has been made. We are to receive \$32,500 for the buildings and lot—one half of the purchase price is paid in cash and the balance in eighteen months, while the congregation is to occupy the premises for twenty-one months,

or until about Conference time 1921. All furniture, including musical instruments, are reserved. A Committee of this Board, with a Committee of the congregation, is now at work planning a new location. The new enterprise is contemplated, by both the congregation and Board, with considerable enthusiasm.

The Peninsula Church Extension Society has been organized on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Delaware. About twenty-five hundred members have been received and a new church enterprise in Wilmington is projected with every assurance of success. Prominent laymen in this part of our district have shown great interest in the movement.

Rev. J. M. Sheridan, D. D., Superintendent of the Church Extension Society, has proven the wisdom of his appointment to this office. He has been unceasing in his activity and most efficient in the responsibilities committed to him, as the results of the year's work show. In addition to the amount received from the Park Road sale, there has been turned into the Treasury \$5,377.80 in cash and \$5,257.00 in subscriptions, making a total of \$10,634.80. Of this sum \$3,560.00 was subscribed previous to last Conference, the net total for the year being \$7,074.80. In the twenty months of Dr. Sheridan's incumbency he has received in cash and subscriptions \$11,837.80. We most earnestly recommend his reappointment as the Superintendent of the Church Extension Society.

EDWIN B. FENBY, President.

# Treasurer's Report, Year Ending April 4th, 1919.

#### Receipts.

Balance rec'd from former Treas. W. W. Smith\$	3,802.88
Board of Home Missions	1,000.00
Proceeds of Sale Park Road Church	1,994.83
C. P. Nowlin, Treas. for Superintendent Salary	1,000.00
Interest on deposit	35.69
Interest on Eversole Legacy	30.00
First payment on Broadway Church Property	1,000.00
Broadway Fund (New church lot)	278.00
Sundry Collections for Church Extension	4,281.43
Sundry Collections for War Work	1,339.98
Returned Loan for War Work	200.00
Loaned by W. C. Scott to General Fund	200.00

Total Receipts ......\$15,162.81 \$15,162.81

# Payments.

Falls	Road	Church	æ	Improvement\$	6,229.21
Notes	Paid				2,850.00
Total	Inter	est paid	٠		232,95

Park Road Debt	963.36
Portion Salary Rev. R. Y. Nicholson, War Work	800.00
Portion Salary Rev. W. F. Wright, War Work	100.00
Expense Odenton Parsonage & other War Work	645.56
Traveling Expense Rev. G. E. Brown	10.63
For Bethany Church, Insurance on Church Prop.,	20.00
Loan to Supt. for refitting Church Parsonage'	200.00
Paid W. C. Scott (borrowed)	200.00
Salary, Superintendent Rev. J. M. Sheridan	1,500.00
N Comments of the Comments of	

W. C. SCOTT, Treasurer.

Report examined and found correct.

H. S. JOHNSON, G. A. OGG, W. W. SMITH.

#### Treasurer's Supplemental Report.

Outstanding Notes April 1st, 1918	
Notes outstanding as follows	2,800.00
Kent County Saving Bank	2,800.00

#### SUMMARY OF WAR WORK EXPENSE.

Receipts		\$1,339.98
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#### Expenditures.

Portion R. Y. Nicholson, Salary	\$ 800.00
Portion W. F. Wright, Salary	100.00
Traveling Expense (various)	26.02
Painting and Papering Parsonage	231.13
Plastering Parsonage	52.00
Furniture for Parsonage	317.16
Printing and Stationery	19.25

Deficit .....\$ 205.58

\$1,545.56 \$1,545.56

Held by Treasurer for account of Broadway Fund: ....

Seventeen (17) five dollar War Savings Stamps.

Three (3) fifty dollar Liberty Bonds.

W. C. SCOTT, Treasurer.

We have examined these securities and find statement correct.

H. S. JOHNSON, G. A. OGG, W. W. SMITH.

April 10, 1919.

#### CHURCH EXTENSION REGULATIONS.

1. Pastors are instructed to have the Church Extension collection in the hands of the Conference Treasurer by the end of the second quarter of the Conference year.

The Committee on Church Extension shall ascertain what amount of funds may be regarded as available for church extension purposes the

ensuing year.

- 3. The Church Extension Society of this Conference shall elect seven Trustees for each mission, who shall hold all the property on our mission fields in trust of said Society, and yearly thereafter select a new Board of Trustees as long as the mission relation is continued. But whenever the mission shall become a circuit or station, the "qualified members" at a meeting regularly called for the purpose, shall have the power to elect their own Trustees, to whom the Trustees appointed by the Church Extension Society shall surrender the church property, together with the books, papers or other valuables held by them as Trustees.
- 4. When any number of the members of any of our Missions shall, through disaffection or from other causes, form themselves into classes, withholding themselves from the means of grace or suffer themselves to be led by those who refuse to attend the official meetings of the church, or shall in any way walk disorderly, on a charge being brought against such person or persons, the missionary shall see that the accused are tried according to the Discipline for trial of members. But should the class, of which the accused is a member, refuse or neglect to select two of their number to serve on the committee of trial, then the missionary shall fill the committee by having them selected from any other class in the mission, or from an adjoining station or circuit, as he may think proper, and should the accused be found guilty he, she or they shall be suspended or expelled, as the committee may direct. And should the entire mission become refractory the missionary shall be authorized to select them according to the provision of the Discipline for trial of churches; provided, however, that the person convicted shall in this, and in all cases where the trial is by jury, have an appeal to the Quarterly Conference of the church from which the committee of trial is selected, at the next session ensuing, whose decision shall be final.

- 5. Missions shall hold Quarterly Conferences.
- 6. When a charge is preferred against any member of the church the missionary shall see that the accused is tried in accordance with the regulations of the Discipline for the trial of members.
- 7. Any mission having a missionary shall be entitled to one delegate to the Annual Conference, provided the missionary have a seat, who shall be elected by the qualified members of the mission, at least two weeks preceding the session of the Annual Conference.
- 8. No member of the Methodist Protestant Church shall hold membership in a mission and station at the same time.
- Until a class is formed in a mission the missionary shall have authority to receive probationers into full membership.
- 10. The missionary in charge is invested with authority to receive or reject applicants for membership, as he in his judgment may deem conductive to the welfare of the mission.
- 11. When a mission becomes a circuit or station, the property must be so transferred to the trustees elected by the qualified members as to secure it to the Methodist Protestant Church.
- 12. The Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society is empowered to appoint or dismiss trustees in missions during the recess of Conference.
- 13. All qualified members shall be entitled to vote for stewards in missions.
- 14. The Society shall pay the traveling expenses of such members of the Board of Managers as do not reside in the city.
- 15. The Board of Managers has full power to act on all matters pertaining to the Church Extension Society in the interim of Conference.
- 16. Hereafter, no money shall be appropriated to any charge where the Board of Trustees refuses to be incorporated.
- 17. The Church Extension Committee of the Conference is hereby made a permanent or continuous committee, its members serving until their successors are appointed. The President of the Conference is hereby requested in naming the members of this committee from time to time, to retain a sufficient number of those familiar with its work to secure best results in the appropriation of the funds of the society.

In addition to the duties heretofore performed by the committee, it shall be the duty of the chairman and secretary thereof, as soon as practicable after the adjournment of each annual session of the Conference, to prepare and have printed lists of questions with blank spaces for answers, similar to those heretofore used by the Board of Managers, and shall mail a copy to the pastor of each charge seeking aid not later than the first week in October and March of each Conference year. The blanks may also contain such explanations as may be deemed necessary to enable charges to properly fill in the answers to the questions, with the request that the said blanks be promptly filled out and returned.

The chairman and secretary shall arrange these blanks in proper order, bring them to Conference and lay them before the Committee. The committee, in making appropriations to the respective charges seeking aid, shall be guided by the information contained in the blanks; and the charges are hereby notified in accordance with the above prescribed duties of the committee.

The Secretary of the Conference hereby is instructed to pay, out of the Conference funds, the expense of printing, postage, etc., incurred by the committee in the discharge of the duties here referred to.

When appropriations are made conditionally and the conditions are not complied with, it shall be the duty of the committee to so notify the Conference Treasurer, who shall withhold payment of the money until such payment is authorized by the committee.

The action of the Committee of 1907 is hereby reaffirmed as follows, "The Committee on Church Extension shall not report upon any case referred to it by the Conference, except such cases recommended by the President to accommodate the plan of appointments."

#### The Mutual Relief Association

Baltimore, Md., April 4, 1919.

The Mutual Relief Association met Thursday afternoon. F. T. Little was called to the chair. The Assistant Secretary-Treasurer presented the annual report, which was referred to an auditing committee consisting of C. M. Cullum and H. O. Keen. The auditing committee reported the accounts correct.

The following were elected officers, the Secretary casting the ballot for all:

- G. A. Ogg, Virst Vice President.
- J. F. Bryan, Second Vice President.
- C. E. Dryden, Third Vice President.
- G. A. Ogg resigned the First Vice Presidency and W. H. Litsinger was elected to the vacancy.
- G. A. Ogg was elected Secretary-Treasurer by the Secretary's ballot. The Association by vote decided to request the Secretary of the Conference to publish a list of the membership in the Conference Minutes. Adjourned.

G. A. OGG. Secretary-Treasurer.

### Report of the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

For the Year Ending April 1st, 1919.

Brother J. A. Weigand, your Secretary-Treasurer for so many years went from our midst and from the office he had so faithfully filled to his eternal reward on August 6th, 1918.

I found in bank to the credit of the Mutual Relief Association, the

sum of \$199.25, of which amount only \$149.00 had been collected on the call issued upon the death of W. W. Johnson and constituting the reserve fund to be paid to the next beneficiary.

The account, therefore, shows a balance of \$50.25. As our organization is not in existence for the purpose of accumulating a fund, I would suggest that, until the amount now remaining in bank shall be exhausted, the expenses for collecting the money in the future be taken from this balance; and that the full amount collected in each case be turned over to the beneficiaries.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

#### Receipts:

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August 9th, 1918, Amount in Bank	\$199.25
Rec'd upon call in two cases during the year	. 304.00
Rec'd advance payment for next call	3.00
Total	\$506.25
Disbursements.	
Paid Rev. T. O. Crouse\$141.00	
Paid Mrs. J. A. Weigand 141.04	
Expenses for printing and postage 15.96	\$298.00
Balance deposited in Clinton Trust Co., Newark, N. J	\$208.25
New members received during the year14	
Members lapsed during the year 1	
Present Membership 165	

E. C. MAKOSKY, Asst. Sect.-Treas.

We, the Auditing Committee of the Mutual Relief Association, have examined the vouchers and books of the Treasurer and find them correct.

> H. O. KEEN, C. M. CULLUM.

## Members of Mutual Relief Association.

Adams, Ziba Adams, J. Peyton Alexander, C. N. Bacchus, Rev. G. Q. Beauchamp, Rev. E. L. Bennett, Rev. L. A. Bennett, Mrs. L. A. Benson, Rev. F. T. Benson, Mrs. F. T. Bowers, Rev. J. S. Bowers, Mrs. J. S. Brown, Rev. J. M. Brown, Mrs. J. M. Balderston, J. W. Bauscher, Rev. W. F. Bryan, Rev. B. A. Bryan, Mrs. B. A. Bryan, Rev. J. F. Bryan, Mrs. J. F. Cassen, Rev. S. F. Cassen, Mrs. S. F. Coe, Rev. S. W. Coe, Mrs. S. W. Crosby, Rev. P. W. Crouse, Rev. T. O. Clough, Rev. N. C. Clough, Mrs. N. C. Cochell, Mrs. C. E. Cullum, Rev. C. M. Cullum, Mrs. C. M. Cushing, Mrs. H. C. Day, Rev. C. C. Dobson, Rev. C. H. Donovan, Rev. A. Dryden, Rev. C. E. Dryden, Mrs. C. E. Dudley, Rev. J. A. Dupuy, Rev. A. B. Dutton, Chas. R. Dutton, Mrs. C. R. Elderdice, Rev. J. L. Elderdice, Mrs. J. L. Elderdice, Rev. H. L. Ewell, Rev. A. W.

Ewell, Mrs. A. W. Ewing, Mrs. E. O. Farring, Rev. G. F. Gibson, Rev. N. O. Gill. Rev. J. M. George, Rev. J. P. Gordon, Rev. L. W. Gordon, Mrs. L. W. Graham, Rev. W. R. Gray, Rev. J. W. Greenfield, Mrs. D. L. Green, Rev. A. H. Green, Mrs. A. H. Haddaway, Rev. G. W. Haddaway, Mrs. G. W. Haddaway, Rev. K. K. Haddawway, L. E. Hanks, Rev. W. S. Hanks, Mrs. W. S. Harryman, Rev. A. A. Hill, Rev. G. J. Hines, Rev. G. Hoblitzell, Mrs. S. A. Hodge, Mrs. G. R. Holland, Rev. F. A. Holmes, Rev. J. M. Hooker, Rev. G. J. Hungerford, Rev. M. E. Hungerford, Mrs. M. E. Johnson, Mrs. W. W. Johnson, Rev. H. W. D. Johnson, Mrs. H. W. D. Jones. E. H. Jones, Rev. T. C. Judefind, Rev. W. B. Judefind, Mrs. W. B. Keen, Rev. H. O. Kindley, Rev. B. W. Kindley, Mrs. B. W. Kirk, Rev. J. W. Kirk, Mrs. J. W. Kirkley, Rev. E. T. Klein, Rev. F. C. Klein, Mrs. F. C.

Lewis, Rev. T. H. Lewis, Mrs. T. H. Lewis, Rev. R. K. Link, Rev. J. N. Litsinger, Mrs. J. E. Litsinger, Rev. W. H. Litsinger, Mrs. W. H. Litsinger, Rev. W. D. Litsinger, Mrs. W. D. Little, Rev. F. T. Little, Mrs. F. T. Makosky, Rev. E. C. Makosky, Mrs. E. C. Mather, Rev. A. W. Mather, Mrs. A. W. Miller, Rev. V. A. McCready, Mrs. G. R. Melvin, Rev. W. A. Melvin, Mrs. W. A. Mills, Rev. J. L. Moore, Rev. Jas. T. Neepier, Mrs. W. J. Nichols, Rev. J. L. Nichols, Mrs. J. L. Nicholson, Rev. R. Y. Norris, Rev. J. W. Nowlin, Rev. C. P. Nowlin, Mrs. C. P. Ogg, Rev. G. A. Ogg, Mrs. G. A. Owens, Rev. I. S. Parris, Rev. J. W. Phillips, Mrs. W. S. Randall, Rev. L. Randall, Mrs. L. Raum, A. F. T. Read, Rev. E. T. Read. Mrs. E. T. Rice, Rev. P. L. Rice, Mrs. P. L. Ross, Rev. G. S.

Rowe, Mrs. R. S. Reynolds, Rev. F. D. Reynolds, Mrs. F. D. Roberts, Rev. W. P. Roberts, Mrs. W. P. Sexsmith, Rev. E. A. Sexsmith, Mrs. E. A. Shipley, Rev. R. L. Shipley, Mrs. R. L. Schauer, P. M. R. Schlincke, Rev. H. L. Schlincke, Mrs. H. L. Simms, Rev. E. W. Simms, Mrs. E. W. Sheridan, Rev. J. M. Smith, Rev. L. B. Smith, Mrs. L. B. Stevens, Mrs. F. L. Stocksdale, Rev. G. H. Stocksdale, Mrs. G. H. Straughn, Rev. J. H. Straughn, Mrs. J. H. Strayer, Rev. W. M. Tredway, Mrs. S. B. Trout, Rev. J. W. Van Dyke, Rev. E. H. Van Dyke, Mrs. E. H. Walter, Mrs. I. S. Ward, Rev. A. N. Ward, Mrs. A. N. Warner, Rev. L. F. Warner, Mrs. L. F. Weigand, Mrs. J. A. Williamson, Mrs. R. S. Wooden, Rev. J. F. Wooden, Mrs. J. F. Woodford, Rev. T. R. Woodford, Mrs. T. R. Wright, Rev. J. A. Wright, Mrs. J. A. Yingling, Mrs. J. M.

# THE MEMORIAL ROLL.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day."—2 Tim., iv. 7, 8.

NAME  Charles Rigby Joseph Scull Washington Hamilton Hays William Bamber Charles Wesley Jacobs John James Hanson William Kesley Isaac Webster Clippinger Samuel L Rawleigh Daniel Davies, M. D. William W. Maddux William W. Ball William H. Boardley Samuel D. Norwood Isaac Webster Levi Rogers Reese Frederick Stier	BORN	Entered Conference	DIED
Charles Rigby	1782	1829	1830
Joseph Scull	1785	1829 1830	1830
Washington Hamilton Hays	••••	1831	1831 1832
William Bamber	i8i2	1829	1833
John James Mangan	1012	1829	1834
William Kaglay		1830	1841
saac Webster Clippinger	1,000,000	1842	1842
Samuel L Bawleigh		1834	1843
Daniel Davies, M. D		1833	1844
William W. Maddux		1838	1844
William W. Ball		1842	1844
William H. Boardley	1820	1843	1846
amuel_D. Norwood	1820	1844	1847
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ovin A Colling	1814	1837	1853
ohn Smith Reese M D	1790	1829	1855
rancis George Wright	1823	1849	1859
evelle Steele Greenaway	1824	1852	1861
Villiam Turbert Wright	1808	1845	1862
Vashington Roby	1816	1839	1862
horoughgood C. Ewell	1832	1856	1862
osiah Varden	1806	1831	1863
eorge D. Hamilton	1798	1831	1864
euben Tyler Boyd	1794	1833	1865
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nomas H. Burgess	1828	1842	1870
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brietian Evergola	1820	1852	1870
anial Roward	1832	1854	1871
ohn Morgan	1811	1844	1871
enry C. Havghe	1844	1869	1871
ohn Elderdice	1814	1838	1874
ohn Robers	1818	1843	1875
mon Richards	1787	1870	1876
braham S. Eversole, M. D	1813	1839	1877
aniel Evans Reese, D. D	1810	1830	1877
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homas Ashury Moore	1824	1845	1881
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homas Lee	1821	1857	1882
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homas McCormick	1792	1869	1883
harles Theodore Cochell	1832	1859	1884
ames Martin Elderdice	1817	1840	1884
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William Francis Livingston Charles McFeely Thompson Robert Thomas Smith Augustus Webster, D. D. Samuel Tucker Ferguson Ames Thompson Robert Wilkins Berryman Ames Henry Ellegood Cheodore Denny Valiant Ohn Byrd Whaley, A. M., B. D. Sdwin Ruthven McGregor, A. M., B. D. Coulon William Charlton Chaniel Webster Bates, D. D. Coniel Webster Bates, D. D. Conniel Webster Williamson Cohn Robert Nichols Lames E. Killigore, D. Cohn Wesley Byerlst Robert Luther Lewis Andrew James Walter George Roberts McCready Closhua Thomas Murray, D. D. George Jeffrey Smith Hamilton Jefferson Day William Greenbury Holmes Laurence Webster Bates, D. D. W. J. Floyd Lesse Shreeve John Edward Tyson Ewell, M. D. Behnamn Franklin Benson, D. D. Edward Jacob Drinkhouse, M. D., D. Edward Jacob Drinkhouse, M. D., D. Adolphus David Melvin, D. D. Abraham Downs Dick, Charles Humphreys Littleton John Jackson Murray, M. D., D. William Sim Hammond, D. D. William Sim Hammond, D. D. William Augustus Crouse David Wilson, M. D. William Augustus Crouse David Wilson, M. D. William Sherman Phillips John Hewlings Stockton Ewell Henry Caleb Cushing, D. D. James Thomas Lassell, D. D. James Ernest Litsinger Jacob Ezra Nicholson William James Dillon Lucas James Earle Maloy Charles Smith Arnett Samuel Joseph Smith, D. D. James Ernest Litsinger Jacob Ezra Nicholson William James Bollon Lucas Robert Thomas Tyson Thomas H. Wright Silas Balded Trenfield John Lee Straughn George Robert Hodge Goseph Augustus Weigand Charles William Cole	BORN	Entered Conference	DIED
William Francis Livingston	1836	1861	1888
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Robert Thomas Smith	1850	1874 1832	1889 1890
Augustus Webster, D. D	1808	1864	1890
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ames Thompson	1816	1876	1891
Robert Wilkins Berryman	1817	1850	1892
ames Henry Enegood	1820	1846	1894
John Byrd Whaley A. M., B. D.	1867	1891	1894
Edwin Ruthven McGregor, A. M., B. D., D. C. L.	1817	1872	1895
lames Kane Nichols, D. D	1817	1836	1895
Daniel Webster Bates, D. D	1815	1843 1860	1895 1896
John William Charlton	1832	1880	1896
Thomas E. Coulbourn	1963	1887	1896
Riley Seth Williamson	1815	1838	1886
John Robert Nichols	1820	1843	1897
Dhose Scott Norris	1820	1843	1897
Tomas I. Killgore D. D	1832	1872	1893
John Wesley Everist	1810	1834	1893
Robert Luther Lewis	1847	1871	1899
Andrew James Walter	1847	1874	1899
Seorge Roberts McCready	1850	1880 1851	1915 1899
Joshua Thomas Murray, D. D	1844	1876	1900
George Jeffrey Smith	1820	1846	1900
Hamilton Jenerson Day	1822	1855	1900
William Greenbury Holmes	1819	1840	1901
or I Floyd	1831	1871	1902
Tagga Shreeve	1824	1847	1902
John Edward Tyson Ewell, M. D	1834	1859	1900 1900
Benjamin Franklin Benson, D. D	1835	1856 1850	190
Edward Jacob Drinkhouse, M. D., D. D	1830	1899	190
Hammond Spencer Leas, A. M., B. D	1846	1872	190
Adolphus David Melvin, D. D	1826	1854	190
Abraham Downs Dick	1829	1852	190
Take Jackson Murray M. D. D. D.	1824	1842	190
William Sim Hammond D D	1832	1851	190
George Durbin Edmonston	1844	1864	190
William Angustus Crouse	1324	1870	190
David Wilson, M. D	1826	1845 1871	190
William John Neepler	1848	1841	190
Silas Bruce Southerland, D. D	1847	1873	190
Jacob Matthias Yingling	1865	1889	190
John Hewlings Stockton Ewell	1828	1853	190
Henry Caleb Cusning, D. D.	1836	1866	190
James Thomas Lassell, D. D	1833	1860	190
Benjamin Parker Truitt	. 1861	1887	191
Solomon Ashury Hoblitzell	. 1836	1859 1863	191
John David Kinzer, D. D	1841	1889	191
William Sherman Phillips	1000	1896	191
Herbert F. Wright	1832	1865	191
Robert Semple Rowe	1852	1875	191
Charles Smith Arnett	1854	1877	191
Samuel Joseph Smith, D. D.	1879	1904	191
James Ernest Litsinger	. 1844	1881	191
Titliam Tames Dillon Lucas	. 1849	1873	191
Tomas Forla Malov	. 1834	1859 1911	191
Charles Walter Sanderson	. 1879	1913	1 19
John Carter Poston	. 1833	1895	19
Fitzhugh Lee Stevens	1806	1908	19
Robert Thomas Tyson	1840	1895	19
Thomas H. Wright	1846	1872	19
Silas Baldwin Tredway	1848	1868	19
David Lee Greenfield	1848	1870	19
John Lee Straughn	1862	1889	19
George Robert Hodge	1851	1884	19
Edwin Oliver Ewing	1847	1874	1 19
		1916	

# **OBITUARIES**

#### Joseph Augustus Weigand.

This name, which has adorned the Conference roll of ministers and preachers since 1874, is now to be transferred to the sacred memorial roll. His spirit has joined the spirits of those great and good men whose heroic valor and self-sacrificing love have made possible the Maryland Annual Conference of today. We add his name to theirs; and embalm his memory with the spicery that will make redolent his character among us forever.

Our brother was born in Lynchburg, Va., June 27, 1847. His parents were Sebastian Raphael and Mary Jane Candler Weigand. educated in the schools of Lynchburg and at Western Maryland College. He entered the class of 1871, a classmate of Rev. T. O. Crouse, D. D., Mrs. T. H. Lewis, and others, but for reasons which he could not control, could not continue with the class until graduation, returned to Lynchburg and engaged in business. He had been soundly converted in his youth and at once took an active and leading part in our church at that place. His call to the ministry was consciously from God. It was no passing emotion, nor simply a desire to be useful, nor inclination to win a name and fame, but a deep, all-controlling conviction that God wanted him to preach His word. He felt, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel." That gave quality and tone to his subsequent ministry and inspired him with unqualified consecration to this great work. By ability and attainments Brother Weigand was fitted for any pulpit, but his physical weakness kept him in the smaller appointments of our Conference; and, after thirteen years of faithful and successful work in the pastorate, compelled him to seek a superannuated relation.

While pastor of Kennedyville Church, on March 7, 1880, he was married to Anna R. Hopkins, of Port Deposit, Md., and together they have shared the joys and sorrows, the trials and triumphs of the life of a Methodist Protestant preacher. Of this union six children were born. Three of these preceded their father into the heavenly world. The three other are Virginia Murray, the wife of Harry Lyon Fooks, supervising agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Manhattan Division; Joseph Hammond, who is at home with his mother, and Anna Kinzer, the wife of Captain Fred. Herrigel, of the United States reserve army.

While for thirty years Brother Weigand sustained the superannuated relationship to our Conference, his spirit was ever active; and, so far as his body would allow, found expression in activities that made this world brighter, better, purer. His spiritual topography embraced the height of good, the depth of love, the breadth of sympathy, the width of catholicity and breathed forth the longings of Jesus his Master.

He was a temperance worker all his life and championed that cause when it was not as popular as it today is. Frequently he stood almost alone in a community and helped sow the seed from which the harvest has come in these latter days.

He has been secretary-treasurer of our Mutual Relief Association ever since it has been run on the present basis; and served in the same office also in the organization which did the same kind of work before the present association came into existence. With painstaking care and genuine joy he performed that labor of love for his brethren in the Conference. Though the Conference gave him an assistant when his health became so precarious that it was feared he would not be able to attend to the duties of the secretaryship he felt so keen a pleasure in being able to do what he could to help lift the burden in the dark hours of bereavement that came to the homes of our pastors, that even to the very last, he hoped to be able to send out the notices involved in the case of the member who preceded him to the other world by only nine days.

In the spring of 1906 Brother Weigand moved from Westminster, Md., to Newark, N. J., in which place he spent the last twelve years of his life. He was a true helper to the pastor. While able to do it, he visited, and systematically gave the result of his visits to the pastor that he might follow up whenever opportunity presented itself for our church to minister to any family. It was largely through his interest and efforts that the Mission Sunday School now run in connection with First Church, Newark, N. J., came into existence. While he had strength of body to do it, he worked in that Sunday School and preached there, but soon found that even the joy of a limited pastorate was denied him; and so, for the last three years, he had to be content with an occasional visit and to watch others do the work he would have loved to do. Truly, he was a man with a handicap in life, yet through it all he did not murmur, though he felt most keenly the deprivations incident thereto. Almost the last words which he spoke to the writer were: "Always remember me as trying to do the best I could under the circumstances."

Rev. J. W. Kirk, a member of the committee, writes: "My particular knowledge of Brother Weigand began years ago, when he was a guest in my home at a Conference session. Being suddenly taken ill in the dead of night, I realized that he was a sick man, and utterly unable to have the responsibility of a charge with the strenuous work incident to it. From the time of that experience my heart went out in great sympathy for him. I felt that it was a sad deprivation for him to pass out of the active ranks of the ministry. The spirit which he manifested in these years of enforced retirement was to me admirable. He was courageous, patient and gentle in his trial. He knew from the written statement of Dr. Osler that his disease was incurable and that only by a quiet method of living could his life be prolonged. Although this was grevious, he did not give up to a despairing state of mind, but taking hold of life, as he met it, he sought to use his strength in being useful. And so, according to his opportunity, he was found doing work; and in whatever capacity he could serve the Conference he was glad to do it. He was a good man and he loved the work and interests of the kingdom of God. Through all these years it has been a pleasure to me that I have known him, and I shall always remember his brave heart when facing his hard struggle."

Rev. B. W. Kindley, the other ministerial member of the committee, writes: "His trait of unswerving loyalty to his friends was most pronounced—his friendship was steady and lasting. I had many opportunities through a period of years to make the test and it never failed. One of the pleasantest anticipations I had of our Conference sessions was that I might see Bro. Weigand and go off with him to a quiet corner and enjoy a good talk with him. His was a great purpose in life. His will was good and his goal set high, but physical infirmities of years' standing handicapped him seriously, much to his bitter disappointment. "The canary bird sings sweeter the longer he has trained in a darkened cage," says some one; so it was with my good friend and sympathetic

lengthens it across the mystic river."

Brother M. A. Davis, of our church at Pittsville, Md., which Brother Weigand served as pastor from 1884 to 1886, and member of the committee, writes: "Of the many good pastors we have had in the past, Brother Weigand was one of the best. He was methodical in what he did, a splendid organizer and leader."

brother; his suffering mellowed his life and ripened his soul for the day of his coronation. His going away shortens my list of friends here and

Brother T. W. Mather, of Westminster, Md., where Brother Weigand lived from 1893 to 1906, another layman of the committee, writes: "My acqaintance with Brother Weigand began when he moved to Westminster twenty-five years ago. I found him a delightful companion. His health at the time was bad but he was always cheerful and showed a fine Christian spirit. He made many friends in Westminster, and he was always welcome in our homes."

Brother Edwin A. Kirch, of our Newark church, also a member of the committee, adds this tribute to the memory of our brother: "Brother J. A. Weigand was to me an inspiration. This man with a weak body was able to accomplish more than most people with stronger bodies. I remember when we sent him out to make a canvass of our neighborhood to find the unchurched, he did a most wonderful work; and through his pleasing manner made many friends for our church. I shall never forget him for his most helpful prayers—it seemed to me he lived nearer heaven than most of us. I feel the loss of a kind and tender friend."

Brother Weigand approached death calmly and trustfully. To him it was the entrance to the land of living. He made the arrangements for his funeral service and calmly awaited the hour when his Lord should say, "It is enough, come up higher." This summons came on August 6, when, relieved from weakness, pain and anguish, his spirit went to be "forever with the Lord."

His funeral service was held in the First Methodist Protestant Church, of Newark, N. J., on the night of August 8. Though it was one of the hottest nights we ever had, a large audience proved conclusively the love and esteem with which he was regarded, and genuinely mourned his departure. Rev. Frank A. Holland, pastor of our church at Elizabeth, assisted the writer in the service, and paid a loving tribute to our brother and

friend. The next day all that could die of Brother Weigand had Christian sepulture in Evergreen Cemetery, but his spirit was transferred to that world where, with prophets, apostles, martyrs, angels and archangels, yea with a great multitude of the redeemed and glorified, he dwells—perfect in health—in the perpetual sunshine and supreme radiance of heaven's inextinguishable and eternal glory.

"And now from out the glory In living clouds of light, The old, familiar faces come Beaming on his sight; The early lost, the early loved, The friends of long ago-Companions of his pilgrimage And conflicts here below. They parted here in weakness, In suffering, and in gloom; They meet amid the freshness Of heaven's immortal noon, Henceforth in ever-during bliss To wander hand in hand Beside the living waters Of that still and sinless land. O, who can tell the rapture Of those to whom 'tis given Thus to renew the bonds of earth Amid the bliss of heaven?"

> EUGENE C. MAKOSKY, J. W. KIRK, B. W. KINDLEY, M. A. DAVIS, T. W. MATHER, EDWIN A. KIRCH.

#### Charles William Cole.

Charles William Cole, born January 1st, 1887, joined the Harmony Methodist Protestant Church, Williamsport Circuit, West Virginia, in 1909; entered the Westminster Theological Seminary September 12th, 1913, and graduated May, 1916. April, 1916 he joined the Maryland Conference and was assigned to the Fairfax Circuit, Virginia, which charge he served until April, 1918, when he was assigned to the Bedford Circuit, Pennsylvania. This charge he was permitted to serve only a few months, for it was on October 22nd of the same year that he fell a victim of pneu-

monia, and after a few days of suffering his stalwart form was still and his spirit was with God. The place of his translation was the Parsonage,

Centreville, Cumberland Valley, Pa.

His pulpit and pastoral life was so short that it fails to furnish a sure index as to the character and greatness of his ministry had he been permitted many years of experience; but we know that there was nipped in the bud a life of great possibility. He was not brilliant as an orator, but his sermons were biblical in content and evangelistic in tone. As a student in the Seminary he was not so apt as some of his mates who had the advantages of College discipline, but he was eager to learn, patient in his search after truth, and faithful to all his tasks. Both in conversation and conduct he always maintained the high standard of a Christian and a gentleman. The liberal and worldly-minded may have regarded him as narrow in some of his views of various forms of amusement, but those who knew him respected him for the courage of his convictions. On every moral issue he took his stand bravely and never wavered, even when he found himself alone.

S. C. Ditto, of Williamsport Circuit, who knew him long before he heard the call to preach, bears witness to the integrity of his character, the sincerity of his desire to preach, and the early promise of usefulness

in the ministry.

F. G. Mickey, of Bedford Circuit, knew him for only a few months, yet, testifies that in that brief period he impressed his charge with the credentials of his Christian spirit and his true call to be a leader of God's people. He was greatly interested in the welfare of the Circuit, worked hard for the salvation of souls, and is mourned by all his flock.

Rev. C. N. Alexander, his pastor at Williamsport, knew him well at the critical time when he decided to enter the ministry. He describes him as "a man of fine physique, five feet and eleven inches tall, weighing about 225 pounds. The monetary sacrifice which he made in entering the ministry was great, he being by trade a carpenter, but he never gave thought to anything other than his great joy in having the opportunity to tell his fellows of the Christian's joy. I picture the look on his face as he stood up in the Quarterly Conference at Harmony and asked for the sanction of that body to preach the Gospel. He felt that no matter how low his station, how poor his equipment for the pulpit, yet God's wisdom, grace and power would qualify him to direct others into right paths."

Rev. E. T. Kirkley, who was a fellow-student in the Seminary, pays this tribute:—"In Seminary days his fellowship I valued highly. He impressed me with the deepness of his desire to live a true Christian life. He did not run before, nor lag behind God, but kept step with Him, in all his thoughts and in all his ways. He was a man of prayer, and more than once I have found him in his room on his knees talking with God as a little child would talk to an earthly father."

W. H. Fox, of Vienna, Virginia, where Brother Cole did his first ministerial work, testifies that he was a Christian man, led of God's spirit,

and did all that mortal man could expect of him.

This man of God has left behind an immortality of blessed influence and has taken into the presence of God an immortality of redeemed personality. May the Christ whom he preached minister richly unto his. widow, child, parents, the two sisters and the four brothers.

> H. L. ELDERDICE, C. N. ALEXANDER, E. T. KIRKLEY, S. C. DITTO, F. G. MICKLEY, W. H. FOX.

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#### Mrs. T. O. Crouse.

Mrs. Lavinia Russell Crouse, precious wife of Rev. T. O. Crouse, D. D., of the Maryland Conference, departed this life suddenly, July 27, 1918, in her attractive parsonage home in Denton, Caroline County, Md.

Mrs. Crouse was a native of Chestertown, Md. Her father was the late Alfred M. Russell, for many years a business man of that town. Her mother, the late Mrs. Avis Louise Usilton Russell, was of that large and favorably known Usilton family, many of whom have been prominent in the affairs of the community, and especially useful and devoted in our church work in Kent County, Md. She was united in marriage with Brother Crouse, October 27, 1875, and began her itinerant life at Harper's Ferry, W. Va. For almost forty-three years they journeyed together in the beautiful associations and sacred obligations of a loyal husband and devoted wife, and now the one has been taken and the other left.

Mrs. Crouse was a lady of attractive appearance, gentle and winsome manner, quiet and reserved demeanor; shrinking, in the innate refinement and modesty of her soul, from everything that savored of self-exploitation or self-assertion. These virtues softened, sweetened and glorified by the love and grace of her Savior, to whom she devoted her life in early youth, gave beauty and strength to her well-balanced character, as she did justly, loved mercy and walked humbly with her God, thus adorning His doctrine with a meek and quiet spirit. In the home her queenly qualities shone resplendently. Here the husband found the sunshine of a glad face, the encouragement of a congenial spirit and the restfulness that comes with the gentle ministries of a loving wife. Here the children, growing up into womanhood, found the tender embrace, the caress, the helpfulness which only a true mother can give. Here her sweet voice sounded like the music of silvery bells and her rare gentleness made her truly great.

In all the charges she served as a pastor's wife there was and still is appreciation of her beautiful Christian life and worth.

"The Denton Journal," in an editorial notice of her death, says: "Mrs. Crouse had many devoted friends here as elsewhere in the state, in which her husband has been a distinguished minister for more than forty years,

more than eighteen years of which were in Baltimore, where Dr. Crouse was pastor of Chatsworth, West Baltimore, and North Baltimore Churches. There is sorrow indeed in many hearts in the various communions at the breaking of the charmed family circle of the good pastor's home."

The Rev. Dr. Wyatt, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Denton, Md., in his appropriate address on the life of the deceased, among many other fine things, added the following: "The memory of such a life is an inspiration to all who came within the charmed circle of its influence. Hers was not the goodness that advertises itself; it was rather the silent, steadfast, inward purpose to do right and minister in gentleness and love to all who were sad and sorrowing."

Dr. W. R. Graham, of the committee, who knew her long and well, makes this contribution to her obituary notice: "I became acquainted with 'the elect lady' of this sketch when I was junior preacher on Kent Circuit. She was then in the bloom of young womanhood; her eyes had in them a sparkle of joy and hope; her motions a native grace, dignity and freedom that no culture could bestow; her words a gentle earnestness, purity and honesty that could never nurture guile. There was that in her which told of a high queenly demeanor which could only be met on equal ground. In the course of Providential Conference assignments the old Kent Circuit was favored with the very acceptable services of another junior preacher, and it was there that such gentleness, culture, modesty and virtues captivated the heart-love of the young preacher, Rev. T. O. Crouse, and cupid shot its dart. Her heart and life thereafter, as the minister's wife, were ever entrenched within the ramparts of love, duty and devotion which became a citadel of strength and helpfulness for all to whom they jointly ministered in the charges of the Conference district they have so faithfully served."

T. P. Fisher, Esq., member of the Denton bar, and a prominent layman of our church in that town, also member of the committee, adds this tribute to the memory of the departed wife of his faithful, efficient pastor. "My real acquaintance with Mrs. Crouse began in the spring of 1904, when the General Conference of our denomination met in the city of Washington, D. C., and I was privileged to be her guest. such a winsome manner that to know her was to love her. In the more than three years of close association with her the regard I had for her from the first continued to grow and never was there occasion to lessen the high esteem in which she was held. She was a devout follower of her Lord, a most devoted and unselfish wife and mother, a refined, gentle, queenly woman, beloved by her church, the community and by every one who came in touch with her. The large number of sorrowing friends who at the very early hour of the service held at the parsonage before her remains were taken to the train, testified to the high esteem in which she was held. The pastor of another church in Denton stated that he did not think he had ever met her superior as a minister's wife, that she attracted him greatly and he believed her a very superior woman. did her work well and faithfully, attending to all its details to the very last, completing the day, the week, her life, a few minutes before midnight on Saturday when she laid aside all that was mortal and was at rest. The next day was Sunday, and how fitting for such a life. While we see her face no more, her life and her influence are still with us, and will ever remain as a benediction and a blessing."

Mr. W. H. Harrison, of Washington, D. C., another layman of the committee, writes: 'I cheerfully state that from my association with Mrs. Crouse and her family and from my observation of her life, she impressed me as living one of the most sincere and beautiful Christian lives that ever came to my attention. As a friend and neighbor she was kind, considerate and charitable; as a mother and wife, she was true, loving, devoted, and as a Christian, she was faithful, pious, zealous, always abounding in faith and grace. In her passing the community lost a grand, good woman; the family a sparkling jewel and the church a valued member. Therefore, we mourn the loss and sympathize with the family."

Mrs. Crouse was the mother of five children, one of whom passed to the spirit-world in early infancy, never to know sin. The others, four splendid daughters, remain to sorrow over the separation from mother, but also to rejoice because she has triumphantly ascended to the skies. And how much these fine daughters now mean to the deeply bereaved father since mother has so quickly, quietly, sweetly passed to the evergreen shore. It was Saturday night. The tasks were all completed, the work all done. She knelt for the prayer of thanksgiving for the strength and grace which had enabled her to complete the duties passed and for further strenthening if any tasks remained. As she talked to the Heavenly Father, He whispered gently, "Daughter, thy life work is done, finely done, beautifully done," and He lovingly folded her soul to His precious bosom and hushed her into the rich, sweet rest of heaven. O, glorious way to go to that "land whose inhabitants never say they are sick."

Brief funeral services were held early in the morning of Monday, July 29, in the parsonage, participated in by Rev. J. R. M. Cass, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of Denton; the Rev. Dr. C. T. Wyatt, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of the same place, and Dr. A. N. Ward, pastor of our church in Salisbury, Md. Short addresses were made by the two last named brethren. The remains were then brought to Baltimore to the home of her eldest daughter, Mrs. Frank H. Wyatt, 2416 Callow Avenue, where, on Tuesday morning, July 30, the regular services were held, in charge of Dr. L. F. Warner, president of the Maryland Conference, assisted by Dr. T. H. Lewis, president of Western Maryland College, and F. T. Little. After which the body was tenderly placed in Druid Ridge Cemetery, to await the call from Him who triumphantly arose from the grave in the garden of Joseph of Arimathea.

F. T. LITTLE,
W. R. GRAHAM,
A. N. WARD,
W. H. HARRISON,
J. M. H. ROWLAND,
T. P. FISHER.

#### Mrs. F. T. Tagg.

Mrs. Annie Dever Tagg, wife of Rev. Dr. F. T. Tagg, died at her home, West Arlington, Baltimore, Md., December 23, 1918.

Mrs. Tagg was the daughter of William and Angelina Hopkins Dever, born to them at Stafford, Harford County, Md., September 25, 1849. When she was twelve years of age the family moved to Queen Anne's County and settled near Ruthsburg, where it took a prominent place in the community life. At the time of his death, Mr. Dever was clerk of the Circuit Court of the county.

In September, 1870, the young and beautiful Annie Dever gave her heart to Christ, joined the Ruthsburg Methodist Protestant Church, and became active in its life. She was greatly loved as the teacher of a Sunday School class of girls, one of whom holds to this day, and speaks of,

the sweet memory.

About that time Rev. F. T. Tagg was given as his first charge Queen Anne Circuit, of which Ruthsburg Church was a part, and there began the acquaintance which ripened into love and the pledge of life. The marriage took place in Green Street Church, Baltimore, March 9, 1875, the ceremony being performed by Rev. David Wilson, president of the Conference, assisted by Rev. L. W. Bates, D. D. This was the day before Conference met. At its close the young people found themselves assigned to Salisbury, where they began an itinerancy which took them to Eutaw, Easton and Georgetown, D. C., successively. After this, Dr. Tagg was a general officer of the church, and the family home for the most part was in Baltimore.

At the time of her death Mrs. Tagg was a member of North Baltimore Church, to the work of the kingdom in which she made her earnest contribution. During the last two years of her life distance from the church brought a handicap her failing health could not overcome, and, greatly to her regret, often expressed, she could not attend regularly the services, nor continue active in the work, but her interest did not fail.

Mrs. Tagg was a positive Christian, but unostentatious. She was little given to mere emotion. Her religion expressed itself rather in unselfish devotion to duty as set forth by the Word of God, which Word she wholly accepted. She was fearless in truthfulness, unaffectedly sincere, and loyal to her friends, loyal to that fine point of loyalty which made her not only their prompt and vigorous defender, but also their kindly advocate whenever opportunity offered. Among these friends she counted especially her pastor.

As home-maker and home-keeper, Mrs. Tagg excelled. Friends of many years speak of her hospitality, and treasure the memory of happy times it afforded. Those who lived with her at home knew her best and miss her most. These bear witness that home was not only her field, but in its secret place, as regularly she turned thither, she found the Source of strength.

To the bereaved husband, daughter and son our hearts go out in cordial sympathy, and for them our prayers are raised

# "till The night is gone."

Friends gathered on Christmas afternoon for the funeral services, which were conducted by her pastor, Rev. W. H. Litsinger, assisted by Rev. L. F. Warner, D. D., president of the Conference, and Rev. J. W. Kirk, D. D., an ex-pastor. Next day the precious body was taken to Queen Anne's County and, Rev. T. O. Crouse, D. D., of Denton, officiating, laid in the cemetery at the county seat to await the "morn of morns."

W. H. LITSINGER, T. O. CROUSE, J. W. KIRK, W. E. SHEPPARD, W. W. SMITH, W. C. SCOTT.

#### Mrs. Flora August Humphreys.

Mrs. Flora August Humphreys, wife of Rev. G. I. Humphreys, pastor of Rhode Island Avenue Church, Washington, D. C., died in the full assurance of a glorious immortality, on Tuesday morning, December 24, 1918, at five o'clock.

Her death occurred in the new Emergency Hospital, Washington, D. C., where she had been taken for treatment. Mrs. Humphreys, who was the daughter of the late Benjamin and Susan C. Hollitt, of Kent County, Md., was married to the Rev. G. I. Humphreys, April 25, 1905, in the home of her parents, at Clayton, Del. The ceremony was performed by her stepfather, Rev. W. H. Groff, a minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church. To this union there was born five children, one of whom died in infancy, and the other four, Mary Day, Curtis Groff, Elizabeth Lee, and G. I., Jr., with their father mourn the loss of the best of all earthly friends, the true wife and consecrated, Christian mother. It was the writer's privilege to know Mrs. Humphreys for many years. She was possessed of a bright and cheerful disposition, and ease of manner which made one feel at ease and at home in her presence. Mrs. Humphreys was stricken with acute Bright's disease and was taken to the hospital where every attention was given to combat the disease.

From the beginning of her illness little hope was given for her recovery. After eleven days of intense suffering, she fell asleep in the arms of her dear Saviour, whom she loved and served. Just a short while before the end came, her devoted husband, who was constantly by her side, called her, and when she looked into his face she said, "I believe I am nearing the end of my journey;" he said, "Well, dear, it is hard to

part, but you are not afraid to go, are you?" She answered, "No," and with her hand in his they repeated together the twenty-third Psalm and "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me," after which the spirit departed to be Christ's forever.

"Why do we mourn for dying friends, Or shake at death's alarm?" "Tis but the voice that Jesus sends To call them to His arms."

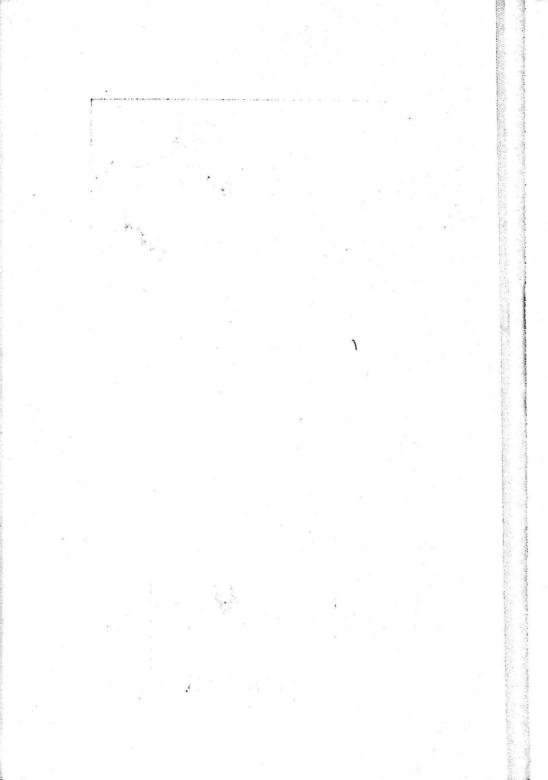
Rev. G. M. Clayton adds this tribute to her memory as one who came in contact with her very early in life: "I have known Mrs. Humphreys from early childhood. She is of a loyal Methodist Protestant lineage. Very early in life her queenly qualities of Christian character became manifest. She possessed an innate and ornate fitness for the larger sphere of activity and honor she so acceptably filled as wife of our beloved brother pastor. The circle of mistresses of the manse loses one of its rarest lewels."

Rev. J. M. Gill writes: "Sister Humphreys first came into my life quite a few years ago, when I was called to her home, in Alexandria, Va., to bury her second born. It has not been my privilege to be in her company many times since, but whenever and wherever I saw her she impressed me with her meek and quiet spirit, and easy, refined manner. As I saw her, she was a woman with a splendid poise of mind and spirit, possessing many beautiful traits of character, among them was the most valuable asset for a preacher's wife, the power to affect all whom she met pleasantly."

Dr. Totten writes: "Having met Mrs. Humphreys several years ago, I formed a very high opinion of her, but was not intimately acquainted with her until Brother Humphreys became our pastor at West Baltimore Church. Better acquaintance developed a greater appreciation of her cheracter and her devotion to her family. Mrs. Humphreys was not only a woman of beauty, but was very intelligent and had charming, entertaining qualities. While Brother Humphreys was our pastor, Mrs. Humphreys was not permitted to take a very active part in church work owing to sickness among the children, which prevented her from becoming intimately acquainted with a great number of the congregation. Those of us who did know her, loved her well."

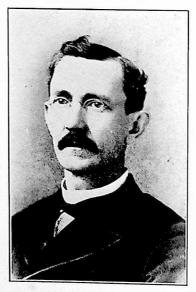
Brother Julian P. Dodge says of her: "Mrs. Humphreys was only permitted to be with Rhode Island Avenue Church people for less than three years, and being the mother of four dear little ones, her duties as mother did not permit her to mingle with us as much as she would have liked, but her sweet smile and beautiful character had so endeared her to every one that her death was very keenly felt by all who knew her. We cannot know why her Heavenly Father called her at a time when it seemed to us she was needed so much, but know that He doeth all things well."

Funeral services over the remains were held in Rhode Island Ave-





LOWE MEMORIAL CHURCH



REV. J. A. WEIGAND.

nue Church, December 26, at three o'clock. The chairman of the committee was in charge, assisted by Revs. Luther M. Warner, president of the Maryland Conference; G. M. Clayton, J. M. Gill, C. M. Compher, J. F. Bryan, and Rev. C. E. Fultz, pastor of the United Brethren Church, Washington, D. C. The large gathering attested the great love of the people for the beautiful character of one whom they had come to know as the true helpmate of their beloved pastor, after which her sacred remains were tenderly laid to rest in the beautiful Glennwood Cemetery, not far from the parsonage home, to await the resurrection of the just.

G. E. BROWN, G. M. CLAYTON, J. M. GILL, J. P. DODGE, A. W. TOTTEN, M. L. VEASEY.

#### Mrs. Eleanora F. Edmonston.

Eleanora F. Edmonston was born in New Market District, Frederick County, Md., on April 6, 1836, and died in New Market on April 8, 1918.

Sister Edmonston was the widow of the Rev. George D. Edmonston, of the Maryland Conference, he having preceded her to the heavenly home by thirteen years. The life of this aged woman was a lonely one. She was absolutely alone in the world—her only child, George H. J. Edmonston, the one on whom she relied and depended in her declining years, died on July 12, 1908.

Sister Edmonston was a woman of peculiar temperament. Her manner of living was very exclusive, yet she was a devout Christian and loyal to all the interests of the Methodist Protestant Church. As an evidence of her love and loyalty to her denomination, she bequeathed to the Methodist Protestant Church of New Market \$1,500, and the residue of her estate, which will be about \$3,000, she left to the Westminster Theological Seminary for the education of young men for the ministry. Her going was like the falling to sleep of a tired child after the play of the day was done, for without a struggle she passed out into the glories of the great beyond.

Rev. B. F. Ruley, her former pastor, writes: "It was my pleasure to receive her as a member of the New Market Church when I was pastor of our Frederick work and found her most acceptable in her church affiliation. In training she was a member of the old school, in personality she was tall and graceful and carried herself with a dignity that would have been creditable to a queen, in grace she was a consistent Christian, loyal to all the principles and doctrines of the Methodist Protestant Church, which she loved most ardently and ever anxious about the welfare of her

pastor and family, and though great sorrow came to her in the death of her husband and son, yet she wavered not in her faith but lived close to Him who caused the blows to fall lightly, so that at length she realized that her light afflictions worked out for her a far more exceeding and eternal way to glory. Her departure leaves us poorer and weaker here but adds more to the great number who have gone before."

Her funeral services were conducted by the writer on April 10, 1918, at the home of Mr. A. H. Jackson, with whom she boarded, and her body was laid to rest in the beautiful Glenwood Cemetery, in Washington, D. C.

GEO. J. HOOKER.

## CONFERENCE SERMON

REV. E. H. VAN DYKE.

TEXT: "Make a chain." Ezek. 7:23.

SUBJECT: Our Problems and Their Solution.

The chain is used as a symbol both of bonds and of strength. In this discourse the latter significance attaches. It is possible to forge chains of evil and chains of good influences. Of the former, the history of mankind is replete; of the latter, men everywhere are having a new and fuller awakening to its tremendous potentialities. "In unity, there is strength." "Make a chain."

It goes without saying that this Conference meets for business, not pleasure; for work, not entertainment. We are here as the representatives of our peers and compatriots for both routine and constructive work, and are charged with grave responsibilities. Whatever else it may or may not be, this is an assembly of earnest souls seeking help for their task; whose physiognomy bears the marks of care and toil, and whether there appears also the vigor of youth or the ravages of time, we are one in spirit and one in purpose.

Our common hopes and common conscious persistent sense of need or insufficiency for the task assigned, brings us into unconscious rapport one with another, and thus our hearts burn within us as we strike glad hands or exchange counsel.

#### Our Problems and Their Solution.

This and similar Conferences are the counsel chambers and the authorized agents in and thru which the whole denomination moves and has its being politic; and when I speak of OUR problems, I do not speak of the problems of this Conference per se, but of the whole Church; nay, even of the whole family of Churches, "fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth." In short, while we may note briefly some peculiarly pertinent denominational problems of our own, the O-U-R of my subject includes in its purview the whole Christian Church thruout the world.

Whether it is more appropriate to say our problem or our problems, depends upon the point of view. In a real and certain sense there is but one problem before us; viz., the best and quickest way to evangelize the world and to firmly establish the kingdom of Christ in the hearts and

lives of believing ones thruout the whole earth, for this is our great and only commission—a stupendous task!

It was a gigantic task that Xerxes set himself in the subjugation of Greece, and his consummate audacity as witnessed in his chastizing the angry waters of the Hellespont, is without a parallel in the annals of history. It was a masterful undertaking, that of Peter the Great, to fuse and transmute into a homogeneous and mighty nation those wild and turbulent half savage tribes who covered the greater part of his vast domain; and his sagacity and intrepid valor as witnesses in the building of St. Petersburg, or Petrograd as it is now called, are truly phenomenal and mark him a master builder of empire; but a far greater task is ours.

For, "we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against SPIRITUAL wickedness in high places," encouraged and re-enforced by modern corrupt thought as the result of over-much unsound reasoning; and the difficulties of our task are further accentuated by the fact that both the kingdom we are sent to overthrow and that which we are to establish, is an inner and not an outward kingdom, a spiritual and not a temporal one; but a kingdom never-the-less, involving law and order, subjugation and rule; and no sooner do we begin to grapple with this momentous problem in a practical way, when it is discovered that what appeared to be a single problem, is in reality a great complex, having many interwoven correlatives, the right or wrong solution of any one of which projects itself into the whole either as a blessing or a curse.

Admitting then, that the one great problem which bears so heavily upon our hearts, which even pours its bitter waters into our dreams and causes us to cry out in the unconscious hours of the night "who is sufficient for these things," has it correlation of lesser problems, let us frankly face and briefly but thoughtfully consider some phases of a few of the more salient ones.

#### Liquor or Prohibition Problem.

Upon the threshold of the sanctum or Hall of Problems there stands the Liquor or Prohibition Problem. It has been said that the year 1918 recorded two of the greatest victories in the annals of mankind, the overthrow of Prussianism and Alcoholism. How fully this statement is true, time alone can reveal. A deadly parasite long ago fastened itself upon the human race—the liquor saloon—which threatened to destroy it. After a prodigious and long continued struggle, so far as our own land is concerned this obnoxious fungous excrescence, this loathsome ob-se-quious syc-o-phant is now under the surgeon's knife, and thank God it will soon be eliminated and forever exorsized; but does any one suppose this will end the liquor problem? Few, I trow, there be so credulous.

One analyzing the liquor problem finds it to be tow-fold. There is the liquor habit, and there is the liquor traffic. While these each to a certain extent comes under the domain of both moral and civil law, they are distinct in character and call for specifically different treatment. Failing sufficiently to discriminate here, the early temperance crusaders concerned themselves very largely with the former, and gave comparatively little attention to the latter. It was sought to do away with an effect without removing the cause, and in the course of time they found themselves much like a general devoting most of his energy in sending his wounded men to the rear for treatment, instead of silencing the batteries that were ploughing his men with shot and shell.

Once the required strategy was conceived, the Anti-Saloon League took its place in the field of action. From that time forward, the great bulk of temperance energy was expended in the direction of legal suasion, and a great and glorious victory is now in sight in that realm. The great benefit of this victory will be seen in coming years and generations and with increasing magnitude, but it is impossible to cure the drink habit by legislative enactments. That is a question more largely of moral turpitude, and must be primarily dealt with as a moral issue. We must plead, instruct, persuade; for no power or law or principle can govern men except by the consent of the governed.

To bring the inebriate to sobriety, requires far more than mere legal suasion. To convert the habitual bibber to the principles of total abstinence, requires vastly more than the disfranchisement in the marts of men the object of his thirst. While in the interest of all concerned, it just must be done; to take the saloon from a generation of bibulous men and women, fired and crazed by an appetite they are powerless to master, presents a pitable and pleading situation, creating a new set of problems and calling for changed tactics in temperance warfare.

Already the problem of the "blind tiger" is being superseded by that of the "setting hen," and all sorts of damaging and deadly substitutes and concoctions are being devised, and large numbers are sure to be led as sheep to the slaughter. In this condition is seen a striking fulfillment of that prophecy of Joel,—"Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine; for it is cut off from your mouth." "That which the locust hath left, hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left, hath the caterpillar eaten."

The Church with all its resources of practical compassionate love, should hasten to get under this situation in solid formation. To adequately throw around this great army of moral delinquents—the maimed, the halt, the blind—the saving influences and power of the Gospel of our Christ, their only hope of deliverance and salvation, presents a vast old problem in an attractive new dress. It is a ringing challenge and will tax our resources to the utmost. Let the Church of the compassionate Son of God, with aching heart and tear-stained face, link up Christian action with Christian sympathy and launch a mighty sweeping campaign of love-dipped constructive persuasiveness. "Make a chain!"

#### Post War or Peace Problem.

In the vestibule of the Hall of Problems appears the Post War or Peace Problem, otherwise known as the Reconstruction Problem, and it

grips us with fingers of steel. Here indeed the complexity is so great, and the interwoven correlatives so numerous, as to make of this problem a sort of Milky Way—an engaging stretch across the sky of the future. It is a problem with dimensions vast, but vastly vaster are the opportunities it affords. The Church is now called upon to put every energy, spiritual and material, into the harness to draw the common load—the transportation of the world from the edge of an abyss where the cruel holocaust of war has left it. For the accomplishment of this great task, she needs to effect the harmonic compact of energy that will form one gigantic and well disciplined team. Such living synchronous endeavor is what is meant by my text, "Make a chain!"

Prior to 1914, generally speaking, the masses had become unappreciative of the Church. Then, as it were, a mighty thunderbolt from the blue startled a pleasure-loving world, and immediately the heavens were overcast. The lust and pride of man had set the world on fire. The uprolling clouds of smoke from the battlefields of Europe covered the whole earth in darkness, and men's hearts everywhere began to quake with fear. In that dark hour, immediately the anxious heart of humanity turned in hope to the Church, to faith and prayer; to earnest soul-searching agonizing prayer.

In the last analysis, what saved Europe and the world but the spirit of the Christ regnant in His Church, and enthroned in the life forces of the multitudes from many lands, who, knowing no continental, no racial, no national and no religious distinction, followed the Christ in sacrificial service for the race of man; and sealing their devotion with their blood first stayed and then shattered the oncoming hords of scientific barbarians. It was a false and insidious cry raised at the outbreak of the war that the Church and Christianity had failed. Quite to the contrary, is it not true that every other force failed? Has not materialism failed? Has not diplomacy, science, economics, and imperialism failed?

Mightiest among the factors enlisted in that war was the spirit and power of the unseen and un-named Church of Christ. Now that Church single handed and in her own name and right, is called upon to fight a spiritual war that freedom itself may be made safe. We have broken as a potter's vessel the vaunting and revolting power of Berlin; we must now enthrone the spirit of Bethlehem. In some real and fundamental way we must incorporate the spirit of Jesus the Christ into these convulsed and troublous times.

England's Premier, a master builder, wisely remarked, "Society will be in a plastic state after the war for a short time, but the lines will soon harden." That means that what the Church is to do, she must do quickly. To do this quickly means that the Church must effect cooperation in its objectives and coordination in its movements. We must take a leaf from the history of the late world-war. That war, with its necessities, forced upon us a very great enlargement of soul and of vision. Governments and armies and navies and industries were synchronized and unifled in action to an extent never dreamed of before.

Under the magic of an all absorbing purpose, private rights and opportunities, whether of nations or of corporations or of individuals, were made subservient to the common weal. The law of competition between the allied governments and peoples gave way to the higher law of coordinated unity. Private enterprises were taken over, combined or eliminated, as the exigencies of the situation demanded. The result was, the invincibility of the allied forces.

Let the Church likewise conserve, and turn to productive agencies her wasted energy; let her thus mobilize, harmonize, and vitalize ALL her forces and resources in the direction of Christly living and world-evangelism, and there shall nothing be able to stand before her. It is more and more coming to be realized that Christ and Christ only, can destroy the power of sin in nations and individuals; and that sin, unchecked by the power of Christ, is liable again to break forth at any moment into one sweeping conflagration that shall burn up and utterly destroy our most cherished institutions, and lay in ashes the best work of ages. To avert this awful catastrophe there stands alone one mystic body—not an organization but a divine organism—the twice-born sons and daughters of men; the undivided and indivisible Church of Christ.

In the high fields of such towering and immediate Christian obligations, what matters it if our comrade in arms in a Baptist, or a Methodist, or a Presbyterian, or an Episcopalian, or a Duncard, or a Lutheran, or a Moravian, or anything else for that matter, so long as he is a redeemed child of God and ready to fight? In the realm of the spiritual, the time is upon us when our response to the call of duty must be as spontaneous as life, our decisions as firm as adamant, our course as straight and sure as the sunbeams, and our sympathies as broad and symmetrical as truth. "Make a chain!"

#### A Subsidiary Problem.

Before leaving this vestibule-problem, let us pause a moment to consider a subsidiary problem; that of our national relation to this Post War World-Reconstruction Problem. "America holds the future" said Matthew Arnold. Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, "Our whole history appears like the last effort of Divine Providence in behalf of the human race." Like as when Noah and his family failed Him, God chose Abraham and his seed to be the holders of the light, so, far down the line of time God sent a man to discover a new continent; that here in a new world, segregated for centuries from too close contact with the faulty ideals and standards of the old world, He must nourish and tutor us for a time appointed.

When the fullness of time has come, God called to leadership among us one whose lofty utterances, whose fragrant and transcendent ideals and standards of national and international, racial and inter-racial justice, clearly marks him as the greatest and most perfect combination of the Christian and the Statesman that humanity has ever beheld since it looked upon the face of Jesus of Nazareth. The day of our destiny having

arrived, under the leadership of this Prince in our Israel, we have come from world-isolation to world-leadership, and the responsibility it entails is staggering. Because he is of us and speaks for us, he exercises more influence in the world of affairs today than any living human being on the face of the whole earth.

In a very real sense we have become the hope of battle-scarred Europe and the whole race of man, and the eyes of all nations wait upon us. The old world is saying in almost universal strain, "If America does not underwrite the new world-order, then there can be no new world-order." This would mean the continuance of the doctrine of the earth-quake and the flood—the supremacy of brute force. Having thus "put her hand to the plough," shall the American people "look back?" To the voice of high destiny shall she prove craven?

Will she follow such pagan pessimists as are represented by recent blasphemous utterances in the Senate chamber at Washington? No! not in our day. Let a few scoffers brand us as "idealists" and "rainbow visionaries"; for we hail the proffered insult as we would a crown of glory. The doctrine of isolation from the world's burning need is the doctrine of cowardice; but the doctrine of the rainbow is the doctrine of promise and of peace. Tell me, when before as now, did this old world need the doctrine of the rainbow? Tell me, when more than now was there need to see the bow of promise shining in the clouds, and to hear the voice of men who can interpret to us its meaning?

But it is not with the immediate present that I am now concerned. We have become great; and our prestige is even greater than we ourselves. We are even now to the nations of Europe as the "store houses" of Egypt. This is greatly increasing our wealth, and it may lead us to folly—the pursuit of such things as corrupt the national spirit and ideals. Think of the last days of that once mighty Roman empire. Outside, the Gothic warriors were battering at her gates; but inside, the more formidable and invisible foes—luxury, lust, idleness, disloyalty to truth, the passion for money and pleasure—are sapping her moral vigor, and the world-renowned Roman empire goes to pieces; not because of the former, but because of the subtle insidious sapping of the latter.

The peril that destroyed Rome, and every other great nation, ancient or modern, empire or republic, is the peril that now faces these United States of America; and the only power that can avert it, is the power of Christ vested in His blood-washed Church. His Gospel of love and sacrifice alone will hold us true to our heavenly calling, and pull up, root and branch, militarism and navalism, and their analogue in civil life—a desire to exploit other people for private gain.

We have been singing "Keep the home fires burning," and we do well; but those home fires, if they are worth continuing, are holy fires burning upon the alter of our hearts; and we are not 100% either Americans or Christians unless now in addition to unbounded patriotic service, we cheerfully continue to work and sacrifice and suffer, to keep the uplifted and enlarged soul of our country "pure and unspotted from the world." We must now sense the world's spiritual need, as we have

sensed its political, social, and economic needs; and bring to the task of alleviating it, the same measure of devotion and sacrifice. "Make a chain!"

#### Another Subsidiary Problem.

Another subsidiary problem is that of our denominational relation to the great Post War World-Reconstruction Problem. In a recent mass-meeting held in the Lyric theatre of this city it was told how, at a great meeting in London not long since—a meeting in which the mighty men and the titled gentry of Great Britain were preponderingly in evidence—when a worthy representative of our democracy, called to address the assembly following a passionate delivery by one of England's lords, saluted that concourse of nobility as "FELLOW DEMOCRATS," there was long and vociferous applause. This is democracy's day; and whether we realize it or not, it is our denominational day.

It is now the fullness of time for us. The finger on the dial of the ages points to the hour of our high destiny. If ever in the history of the Methodist Protestant Church she sat as Gamaliel with the world at her feet, it is now. If she is ever to do something handsomely grand, now is her chance. If she ever lacked opportunity to take her place in the galaxy of the royal priesthood of world-dominating forces, that disability is now removed; for among the most democratic of religious organizations she is in the vanguard—a democracy par excellence! If Saul of Tarsus could say, "I am a Pharisee of the Pharisees," the Methodist Protestant Church can say, "I am a Democracy of Democracies!"

In some of the old lands of the earth where men still dwell under the shadow of systems now hoary and soon to pass away, when a commoner is made a peer and he steps into the gilded chamber and takes his seat in the illustrious ranks of nobility, it by no means implies that he is a noble man, and that he carries with him a character which adds luster to his exalted place. The knight may be the most unknightly; the nobleman the most ignoble of men.

While God's Providence, moving in the wheels of time, thus proffers us a high place in the nobility of service, unless we measure up in quality and character, in breadth of endeavor and achievement, our high sounding symbols are little more than a child's rattle; or, as an ignoble nobleman whose stars of knighthood shine only with an external brilliancy, and borrows nothing from a corresponding glory of life and character within.

In the Forward Movement Campaign, projected by the last General Conference and now being popularized as "The Million Dollar Campaign," the Methodist Protestant Church has an opportunity to prove anew her worth of character and justify her wearing the stars of knighthood. In the events of the last General Conference and those succeeding, I seem to hear the voice of God speaking to the Methodist Protestant Church thru the mouth of Moses, saying "Fear not, for God is come to prove you." This, in reality, is the day of our testing; and what is the situation? I speak briefly and of the whole Church.

While in sections and in spots, splendid work has been done in an effort to reach the goals, four-fifths of the quadrennium have passed and we are just beginning seriously to grapple with the major proposition from the financial side; while from one quarter comes the report of painful indifference, from another murmurs of criticisms, and from another whispers of disloyalty; and some justly exercised in spirit are saying, "It is a dark day in our Israel."

During the American Revolution, while the Continental Congress was in session, at mid-day, a great darkness fell upon the assembly; no man could see his brother's face, and those stout hearted Puritans were for a moment dismayed. Voices cried, "It is the day of Judgment!" and there was much confusion. Then one of the fathers arose and said, "Whether it be the day of Judgment or no, I know not; but this I know, that it is God's will to save our country, and we shall be judged accordingly. I move that the candles be brought and we proceed to business."

While prudent procedure is always in order, when the time comes for this Conference to register its will regarding the later developments of this movement, there will be no uncertain sound. For in the presence of such transcendental opportunities as the call to the "New Crusade" presents, what matters it if the headlines of the campaign have been changed, or the authority of the General Conference may have been slightly and inadvertently exceeded, or the time is inauspicious? In the presence of a passion for souls and the world's evangelization, kindled from the fire burning on the alter of the heart of the Christ of God, these are but as the chaff before the wind, or the dust of the summer thrashing floor.

Bro. President, I move that the candles be brought, the candles of Christian charity and world-vision, and that we proceed to business; for it must be, it can be no otherwise, that it is God's will for the Methodist Protestant Church to give yet larger aid in saving both our own land and the world, from the power of Satan and the thralldom of sin. And so again I raise my voice and call to the uttermost bounds of our denominational borders, "Make a chain!"

#### How are Our Depleted Ranks to be Filled?

Once beyond the portals of the Hall of Problems, on the radiant walls of its mighty rotunda spread out in startling profusion, are all manner of problems, great and small; and which the time at our disposal will not suffer us even to enumerate; but there is one which especially attracts the attention of the thoughtful. It reads like this:—"How shall our depleted ranks be filled?"

And here, while doubtless the inquiry applies with equal pertinence to all branches of the Church, I am thinking of our own Church fold. But it is not of numbers or mere recruits I am speaking. I am thinking of quality rather than quantity. My thought is fixed upon the broken ranks—those wide unfilled gaps made by the translations of the Elijahs, ministerial and lay—those mighty men and women of God; those rare

and lofty spirits who wrought mightily, who with a faith that could not shrink and a prayer that never ceased, oft watering their couch with their tears, and who laid so wisely and so well the foundations upon which we are appointed to build.

Perhaps, being so long parted from you, I notice more than others how during the years the mighty have fallen, and I miss them. Thank God, some of the heroes and heroines who were the contemporaries of the fathers and who drank deep of their spirit are still with us, and we love and revere them, but they are fast passing to their reward; and as we behold them parted from us in a chariot of fire we cry out in mingling sorrow and joy,—"My father, my father, the charlots of Israel and the horsemen thereof!"

How are these broken ranks to be filled? To whom shall come a double portion of their spirit? Where are the Elishas who shall gather up the mantles as they fall from these Elijahs, and with them smite the waters of opposing forces that they be parted hither and thither? The answer comes ringing out of the past: "He who hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully." at the altars of his Church. Brother, sister, if we would be worthy sons and daughters of the prophets, we must see to it that we follow in their footsteps.

We sometimes see the statement in the press that while the numbers have increased, the quality of Christian leadership, both in pulpit and pew, has deteriorated. That this is true or false I care not to affirm; but this I say, it ought not so to be. All of the fathers and mothers in our Israel had to help them, we have and more; yea very much more. Their labors make our task easier. Tho we may be at times unmindful of it, the efforts they put forth and the influences they generated, make the atmosphere we breathe.

Like a remnant of the Persian Immortals or a detachment from the invulnerable Macedonian Phalanx, these heroes and heroines of the cross, insensible to privation and knowing not fear, advanced deliberately and calmly to the conflicts of their day with a prodigious momentum, and they conquered. But alas! this cometh not but by much prayer and fasting. Do we breathe the air they breathed? Do the forces that moulded their lives press upon us? Every great preacher of righteousness, either by speach or conduct, has sprung hot from a man on fire with the ardor of an epochal hour; and I ask again, "How shall our depleted ranks be filled?"

To meet this problem our requirements are numerous and varied, but there is one need above all others, transcendent, grand; a fresh enduement of Pentecostal power. Already, perchance, some of us have now "gone many days in the strength" of our last spiritual feast, and a great weariness has laid fast hold upon us. The process of spiritual pumping to which we are almost continuously subjected, has it brought the waters low?

Is it possible that some of us have fallen spiritually asleep upon the lap of the Delilah of intellectual pursuits or some unholy habit, passion,

or ambition; and like Sampson of old, unconscious of the fact that our locks of power have been shorn, are saying within ourselves, "I will go out as at other times?" Alas! Alas!

You have doubtless read the story of a Colorado town which had quite a Western boom in a region where the rainfall was very slight, because some enterprising citizens ran a pipe up the hills to a lake of clear sweet water. But one morning the housewives turned on their spigots and there was no water. They climbed the hill to see what was the matter. There was the lake as full as ever, but try as they might they could not discover the stoppage.

Days grew into weeks. People began to leave the place and grass to grow in the streets. It was fast becoming a deserted town, when one morning the town officials received a note which read,—"If you will just pull out the plug about eight inches from the top, you will get all the water you want." Some vicious tramp had confessed his sin. Up the hill they went again. Out came the plug, and down came the water.

Brother, sister, have the Pentecostal waters ceased to flow into our lives? If so, there is a plug in the pipe somewhere; for the rivers of God are full of water. It matters not what vagrant tramp thought or questionable deed put it there, it must come out; or our habitation will be left unto us desolate. There will be no spiritual "olive plants" to spring up and adorn our table.

The dynamics of Christianity lie in holy living and sacrificial service which keep open the channels of divine power, and our spiritual weapons of conquest are faith and prayer. Are we sufficiently skilled in their use, or have we ceased to practice? With thronging duties pressed, has the hour of private devotion been jostled or the family altar neglected? God forbid that this should be true.

How shall our depleted ranks be filled?

Get free from the sin that bothers, Get healed of the soul's diseases; Back to the faith of our fathers, Back to the prayer-life of Jesus.

Stand square for God, be a tower, Stand, as at Thermopylea's trist; Back to Pentecostal power, Back to the soul-hunger of Christ.

"Make a chain!"

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<sup>\*</sup>Report of Dagsboro Church on Selbyville Charge.

# Financial Summary

## Total for General Interests

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President Conference Ministerial Education Seminary College Superannuates Church Extension Home Missions Foreign Missions. Church Home Deaconess Home Young People's Work Special for Missions. Miscellaneous  Total	1703 5744 6048 2504 3207 2391 1918	\$ 3127 666 630 1850 1652 5840 5827 2400 2839 1960 943	\$ 265 155 36 51 221 104 368 431 975 530 5742 16064	\$ 8

#### Total for Local Interests

Pastor's Salary	\$136417	\$122211	\$14206 [	
Parsonage Rent	28773	27710	1063	
Current Expenses	54517	48409	6108	
Sunday School Expenses	27826	25465	2361	
Building and Improvements	41906	39384	2522	
Paid on Debt	52565	32724	19841	
Miscellaneous	46254	43017	3237	
G a C Total for Local Interests	388338	338907	49431	
Total for all purposes	465197	390762	74435	

#### Assessments

	1919-1920			
President Conference Ministerial Education Seminary College Superannuates Church Hxtension Home Missions	1000 800 2000 1850 6000 6500			
Foreign Missions	3000 5000 2500			

JAMES A. DUDLEY, Conference Steward.

# Statistical Summary

## Membership

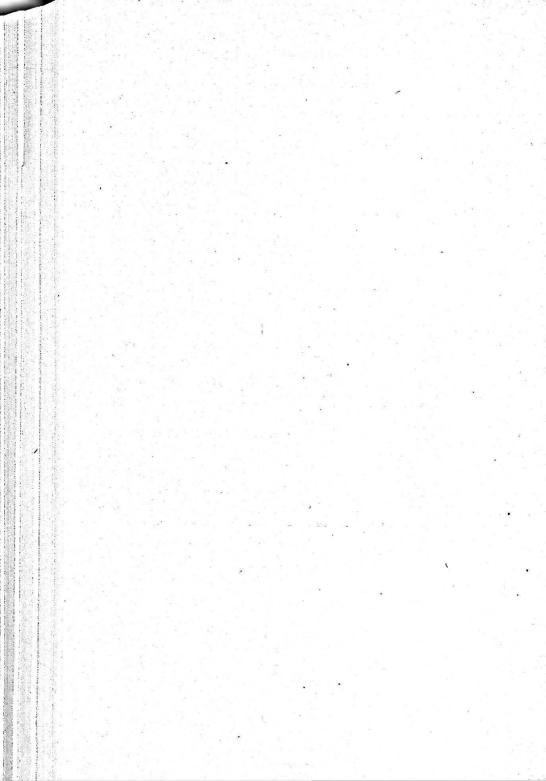
	1919	1918	Increase	Decrease
Ministers and Preachers	i		1	
Unstationed Ministers and Preachers	63	· 71		8
Probationers	938	1297	0	359
Full Members	33435	33777		342
Probationers Received	774	937		163
Probationers Elected to Membership	645	526	119	
Probationers Discontinued		255		96
Full Members Received	~ 2305	2091	214	
Full Members Withdrawn		370	75	
Full Members Discontinued	1353	681	672	
Full Members Deceased	489	360	129	
Adults Baptized	215	195	20	
Children Baptized		1605	121	
Conversions		3143		507
Sunday Schools	277	271	6	
Sunday School Officers and Teachers	3737	8891		154
New Scholars	4329	3815	514	(2000)
Sunday School Scholars on Roll	35167	36053		886
Y. P. S. C. E	129	141		12
Y. P. S. C. E. Members	5381	6071		690
Junior C. E. Societies	55	61	10.00	6
Junior C. E. Members	2503	2148	355	
Amount Contributed by both C. E. and Junior Societies for Foreign Missions	1137	580	557	-
Contributed by C. E. and S. S. to Con. Un. Mis.	603	682	1	79

#### Property

Appointments	289	289	1	
Churches		2921		
Parsonages	129	126	3	
Value of Church Property	2823100	2851440		28340
Value of Parsonage Property	418150	393300	24850	
Debt on Churches and Parsonages	202173	192820	9353	
Insurance on Churches and Parsonages	1341525	1291033	50492	
Subscribers to The Methodist Protestant	3208	2750	278	

Committee on Statistics.

A. W. EWELL, J. C. GODWIN,



## MANUAL

# Rules of Order and Regulations

for the

Government of the Maryland Annual Conference.

- Rule I. ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE. 1. Conference shall convene in Annual session on the first Wednesday in April, except in such years as Easter falls on the Sunday immediately following the first Wednesday, when it shall convene on the Wednesday following Easter.
- 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.
- The Secretary shall make a list of the delegates so certified, omitting all contested cases; and this list, together with the list of the ministerial members, shall constitute the roll of Conference upon which the Conference shall organize.
- 4. The churches shall be assessed in a sum sufficient to meet the incidental expenses of the Conference, including the publication of the Minutes—each church receiving Minutes in proportion to the amount contributed.
- Rule II. OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE. Duties of the President:—1. To take the chair precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.
- See that the business of the Conference shall proceed according to these Rules of Order and other Rules and Regulations adopted by the Conference.
- 3. Shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference.
- 4. Preserve the most rigid order, and confine the members to the subject under consideration.
- 5. Not allow improper personalities nor reflections upon any religious communities.
- 6. Announce each person rising to speak as soon as he shall have addressed the chair by declaring him "The minister from ——," or "The delegate from ——."
- . 7. State a question sitting, but stand when the question is put and taken; also when he states a point of order, and also when he makes any formal communication to the Conference.
- 8. Is not allowed to vote when a question is taken unless there be a tie, but he may vote in case of ballot.
- 9. May call any member to the chair when he wishes to participate in debate or for other purposes, but such person shall not be entitled to the chair after adjournment.
- 10. The office of stationing the ministers and preachers is committed to the hands of the President of the Conference.
- 11. It shall be the duty of the President to fill blanks in statistical reports for all charges unsupplied.
- 12. In the event of the death of any ministerial member or his wife or widow, the President shall immediately appoint an Obituary Committee from any number of the most intimate acquaintances of the deceased.

13. The failure of the President to visit any charge does not vitiate his right to the amount assessed for his salary.

14. The President shall represent the general interests of the Conference, and shall present their claims in such a manner and at such times as in his judgment may be necessary. And he shall use his utmost efforts with the Quarterly Conferences of the various charges to secure a salary of not less than \$900 for the minister with family, appointed as pastor, who has itinerated five years within the bounds of the Maryland Conference, and he shall urge upon the various charges the prompt payment of the salaries of the pastors, and upon all the churches the importance of being incorporated.

Rule III. Duties of the Secretary:—1. To perform such duties as are usually required of the Secretary of a deliberative body.

- 2. Should the President not be in place at the hour of meeting the Secretary, or in his absence one of his assistants, shall announce the fact, and the Conference shall elect a chairman "pro tempore" and proceed to business.
- 3. Have charge of all the papers belonging to the Conference and be accountable for them.
- 4. Be in his place precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.
- 5. Keep an accurate list of members of the Conference, and be the Committee on Credentials.
- 6. Keep correct minutes of the proceedings of the Conference, including all written resolutions, whether adopted or rejected, and the mover and seconder of such written resolutions.
- 7. Keep a list of business, on which he shall record all business brought before the Conference and in the order of its presentation.
- 8. Keep a list of committees, on which he shall record: First, the standing committees in the order of their arrangement in these rules, and second, all other committees that may be appointed, and in the order of their appointment.
- 9. Keep a correct list of the Circuits and Stations, to be used as occasion may require.
- 10. Report to the Conference any unfinished business of the preceding annual session.
- 11. Be the Committee on the Publication and distribution of the Minutes.
- 12. Supply the pastors with blanks, and send blank personal report blanks to all ministers who are not pastors, on which they are to state the relation to the Conference they desire for the ensuing year.
- 13. He shall have a printed record of the Minutes duly certified by himself, which shall be considered the Official Minutes of the Conference, substantially bound every quadrennium, and include in each volume a copy of the General Conference Journal.
  - 14. Be the Committee on Transportation.
- Rule IV. Duties of Steward and Treasurer:—1. The Conference Steward and the Treasurer shall constitute the Board of Stewards, to whom the Secretary shall hand all reports and collections as received from the pastors; and this Board shall be responsible to the Conference for all money and receipts and vouchers delivered to them.
- 2. They shall meet on Thursday morning at 10:00 o'clock and open the pastors' envelopes containing the reports and collections; shall deliver the various parts of the reports as designated; shall note the agreement of the pastors' financial reports with the financial envelope and prepare

the reports for the Conference. The financial envelopes shall be passed to the Treasurer, who shall have charge of all the moneys of the Conference for distribution, upon order of the Conference Steward, which shall be the voucher of the Treasurer for his transactions, to the persons designated by the Conference to receive them. The Treasurer shall disburse money collected by the Conference for every purpose; in which transactions he shall perform the work assigned heretofore to the Superannuated Fund Steward and of the Church Extension Steward, as per special rules of each Society, and he shall continue in office until his successor shall be elected. He shall keep a ledger and open account with some accepted bank, and his accounts shall be open for inspection at all times to the President of the Conference, or one designated by him.

3. Other duties belonging to the several Stewards shall be performed and reported upon separately as now.

Rule V. COMMITTEES. All committees shall be appointed by the President, except when otherwise directed in the Book of Discipline, or by special vote of the Conference.

- 2. The Standing Committees shall be:—1. Board of Finance—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen, one of each order being members not on the Committee the previous year.
  - 2. Itinerancy and Orders-The Faculty of Instruction.
  - 3. Pulpit Service-3 Ministers.
  - 4. Church Extension-3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
  - 5. Superannuates-3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
  - 6. Literature and Education-3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
  - 7. Young People's Work-3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
  - 8. Moral Reform-3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
  - 9. Benevolent Agencies-3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
  - 10. Official Relations-3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
  - 11. Statistics-1 Minister, 1 Layman.
- 12. Obituaries—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. This Committee not to be appointed until the death of some minister requires it.
  - 13. Missions-3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
  - 14. President's Report-2 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
  - 15. Committee of Audit-2 ministers, 1 layman.
- 16. Conference Program for the following session—3 Ministers (one of whom shall be the President), 3 Laymen.
- 17. Appointees on the Executive Committee of Union of Young People's Work—3 Ministers (one of whom shall be the President), 2 Laymen.
  - 18. Our Church Home-3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
- 19. Social Service-3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
- 20. Conference Arrangements—The President and the Standing District Committee.
- 3. Any person being a member of two committees shall have the right to decline an appointment to another.
- 4. When there are present Fraternal Messengers and other visitors to whom the courtesy of formal recognition is due, the Chairman of the Committee on Official Relations shall quietly inform the President, whereupon the President may request the visitors be brought to him, to be by him introduced to the Conference, either at that time or when the state of business may with more propriety be arrested.
- 5. The Committee on Official Relations shall read as a part of their report an "Honor Roll" of the charges which pay their assessments in full.
- Rule VI. ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION:—
  1. At 9 o'clock A. M., on the day to which the Conference adjourned from the last annual session, the President shall open the Conference by reading a portion of the Word of God, singing and prayer.

- 2. Examination of the President. The President shall call another minister to the chair and read his annual report. The chairman shall then address the Conference thus: "Brethren, you have heard the report of the President; shall his character pass?" In case of any charge against the official character of the President, it shall be handed to the Standing District Committee; and the chairman of that committee shall answer the question: "Shall his character pass?"
- 3. The Roll shall then be called, the Secretary reporting the names of absentees. In the event of the death of any member of this Conference, the chairman, or in his absence some member, of his Obituary Committee shall formally announce the fact to the Conference, and such announcement shall be made when the name of the deceased is reached in the calling of the Conference Roll, and the same shall then, on motion, be transferred to the Memorial Roll by the Secretary.
- 4. At 8.00 o'clock on the evening of the first day of each session of the Annual Conference the President, or his substitute, shall preach a sermon, followed by the Lord's Supper. The President shall appoint some one to preach the Ordination Sermon at 11 A. M. on Sunday. The time for holding Memorial Services for deceased members of the Conference shall be determined by the Conference Program Committee.
- 5. At 2.30 o'clock P. M. on the first day of the session, the officers of the Conference shall be elected by ballot as follows: 1. President. 2. Secretary. 3. Steward. 4. Treasurer. The Steward and Treasurer elected at one session shall serve at the following session, and they shall appoint two assistants with the approval of the Conference. 5. Standing District Committee, consisting of three ministers and three laymen. 6. Committee on Appeals, three ministers and three laymen.
- 6. Examination of Official Character. At 10.00 o'clock Thursday morning the roll shall be called and the pastors shall deposit their reports, and the collections prescribed by the Conference, each in a sealed envelope, upon which shall be marked the amount, the name of the collection, the name of the pastor and the name of the charge in the box of the Conference Steward. The reports and charges against official character shall be handed to the Committee on Official Relations.
- 7. The sessions of Friday and Saturday shall end at noon, that the Committees may have time for their work, and that the President may have opportunity to interview delegates and ministers.
- Rule VII. ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE DAILY SESSIONS:—
  1. On each day following the opening session there shall be held a devotional service lasting thirty minutes, beginning at 9:00 o'clock A. M.
- 2. Reading of Minutes of the preceding day for correction and adoption.
- 3. Calling of the roll of charges in alphabetical order, for the presentation of any business by delegates or pastors from the churches they represent. When any such, upon recognition of the Chair, shall present any business it shall be recorded without debate on the list of business, or referred to the proper committee without motion.
- 4. Call for reports from Boards, Institutions and Societies, and communications, which shall be put upon the Secretary's desk to be taken up in regular order, or made the order of the day,
- 5. Reports of standing and special committees called for in order, and they shall be handed to the Secretary to be read by him. They shall not report at any other time without special leave.
  - Miscellaneous business.

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- 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.
- Ordinary business shall have precedence in the order in which it stands on the List of Business.
- 10. When any business is taken into consideration it shall not be interrupted by any other business except the order of the day or by adjournment.

Rule VIII. DECORUM:—1. When a member desires to present any business, or to speak to any question, he shall arise and address the Chair, "Brother President," and then pause until he is announced to the Conference, after which he may proceed addressing the chair, and restricting his remarks to the subject before the Conference.

- 2. If two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall determine which of them is entitled to the floor.
- 3. No interruption shall be allowed while a member is addressing the chair, except a call to order by the President or by a member.
- 4. When a member is called to order he shall take his seat immediately, and be silent, until the President or member who made the call shall state the rule of 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.
- Every member shall report at roll call of the first day's session, and be present at the daily sessions of Conference.

Rule IX. MOTIONS:—1. Every motion shall be written, signed and read aloud by the mover, handed to the chair and read aloud by the Secretary, before any order can be taken upon it by the Conference; except motions for amendment, to lie on the table, the previous question, or to adjourn.

- 2. Any motion may be divided, if the sense will admit of the proposed division.
- 3. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to commit, to substitute, to amend, or to make the order of the day; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand in this rule; the first three to be taken without debate; and the first always in order. But when the report of a committee has been under discussion, the motion to lay on the table shall not prevail until the chairman of the committee shall have been heard once on the subject, if he desires to speak.
- 4. It shall be in order to move the previous question, or that the question be taken without further debate on any measure pending—except in cases in which character is involved—and if sustained by two-thirds of

members present the question shall be taken. It shall not be in order for a member to move the previous question or to move to lay on the table at the close of his speech in which the pending question has been discussed.

- 5. When motions are made for reference of the same subject to a select committee, and to a standing committee, the question on reference to the standing committee shall be first put.
- 6. No motion to commit, or to lie on the table, being decided, shall be again allowed, on the same day, at the same stage of the proposition.
- 7. A motion, after it is seconded, is the property of the Conference, and the mover has no power to withdraw or have it amended, without leave.
- 8. No amendment shall be in order, further than an amendment to the amendment; but it shall be in order to move a substitute for the main question, and one amendment to the substitute, and if a substitute is accepted it shall replace the original proposition.
- 9. All motions to fix the place of the meeting of the Annual Conference shall lie on the table twenty-four hours.
- Rule X. VOTING:—1. Every member who is within the bar at the time a question is being put shall vote, unless the Conference for a special reason shall excuse him.
- 2. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question, who is not within the bar at the time when such question shall be put by the President, except by leave of Conference, or when such member has been necessarily absent.
- 3. Votes for all Conference officers, the Committee on Appeals, Standing District Committee, Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference and all other officers of all other organizations shall be by ballot. Otherwise, voting shall be by yea and nay; but a division of the house being called a count vote shall be taken, members rising in their places and standing until they shall have been counted.
- 4. A member may change his vote at any time before the chair announces the decision of the question.
  - 5. Blank ballots shall not be counted.
- 6. Ayes and nays, and a vote by orders shall be as prescribed in the Discipline.
- Rule XI. AMENDING RULES AND REGULATIONS. All motions or resolutions, whether submitted by committees or individual members, contemplating an amendment to these Rules and Regulations, must so specify. Otherwise, such action shall not be binding upon any other session of the Conference than that at which the same is passed.

#### REGULATIONS.

Regulation I. DUTIES OF PASTORS. 1. The pastor shall seek the co-operation of the Stewards in collecting the assessments made by the Annual Conference, admonishing them of their duty in this matter as contained in the Discipline, under head of "Duties of Stewards."

- 2. It is the duty of pastors to examine and see that suitable deeds be had for all churches, so as to secure them to the Methodist Protestant Church, and, whenever possible, have them incorporated.
- 3. Pastors are required to apportion the President's salary equitably among the several appointments, and use their utmost endeavors to collect the same before the annual visit of the President.
- 4. Pastors are required to see that the families belonging to their respective charges are duly supplied with the Catechism of our Church.

- 5. Pastors are instructed to ascertain of those received into the Church whether they have been baptized, and if not, to administer the ordinance of baptism without unnecessary delay.
- 6. Every pastor is required to do his utmost to collect the full amount of the assessments made upon his charge, whatever may be the difficulties that he may encounter.
- 7. It is the duty of the pastor to preside on the trial of an accused unstationed Minister or Preacher.
- 8. Pastors are required to report to the Annual Conference the amounts contributed to Foreign Missions by the auxiliaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, and due credit shall be given in the Minutes.
- 9. Pastors, when changing appointments, shall hand to their successors a plan of the work of the charge.
- 10. 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.
- 11. That no minister of this Conference shall give his consent or assistance to building a church or parsonage on a lot that is not deeded unconditionally to an incorporated board of Methodist Protestant Trustees.
- 12. No minister of this Conference shall go as a loan to any church outside of the Maryland Conference unless said church is willing to contribute to the Superannuated Fund of this Conference.

Regulation II. SUFFRAGE AND ELIGIBILITY. 1. Every minister, preacher and member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-one years shall be entitled to vote in all cases.

- 2. All members in full communion and fellowship shall have the right to vote in the election of their class-leaders; and those who have attained the age of twenty-one years shall be "qualified members" for the purpose indicated in Section 3 of Article IV of the Constitution, and in division 1 and 4 of "General Duties of Trustees," of the Discipline.
- 3. Every minister, preacher, and lay member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-five years shall be eligible as a representative in the General Conference.
- 4. Every member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-one years shall be eligible as a Steward, Class-leader and Sunday-school Superintendent; and every male member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-one years shall be eligible as a Trustee and a Delegate to the Annual Conference.
- 5. No minister shall be eligible to the office of President of the Annual Conference until he shall have faithfully exercised the office of Elder two years. And no minister shall be elected to the office of President of the Annual Conference for more than three years in succession.
- 6. The Conference strongly disapproves the secret ballot for the removal or return of the pastor, and condemns the complimentary vote that asks for the pastor's return in the public meeting and seeks his removal at the Annual Conference.

Regulation III. THE PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE. 1. The Conference endorses the action of the Committee in the purchase of the property. No. 1420 Linden Ave., Baltimore, as the President's parsonage.

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2. The assessment of \$4,000 shall be continued under the name of "President's Salary," to be appropriated as follows: nine-tenths of the amount raised to be paid to the President as his salary and traveling expenses. One-tenth of the amount raised to be paid to the Agent of the President's parsonage, who shall pay out of this amount, first, the interest on the purchase money; second, the water rent, insurance and needful repairs of the property; third, the reduction of the principal of the loan.

7. Appointees to camp-meeting service must be given four weeks' notice of their appointment. If they find it inconvenient to attend they shall promptly present their excuse to the President. If the President declines to revoke their appointment, a failure to attend shall be reported to this Conference by the President.

Regulation XIX. ELECTION OF DELEGATES. 1st—In Stations. In stations the election of delegates shall be by the qualified members under the direction of the stewards and whose credentials must be signed by the chairman and secretary of the meeting. The pastor shall announce the time and place of such meeting at least one Sunday before it is held, but in no case shall he preside at the election of delegates.

2nd—In Circuits. In circuits a vote of the qualified members shall be taken by the stewards in each church on the charge, after due announcement by the pastor, for a delegate to the annual conference. The votes shall be brought in separate packages to the quarterly conference where they shall be counted. Anyone receiving a majority of all votes cast shall be declared the delegate elect, but if no one receives a majority the quarterly conference shall proceed at once to the election of a delegate. When it is necessary for the quarterly conference to elect the delegate, someone other than the pastor shall preside during the election, and whose name, with the secretary of the quarterly conference, shall appear on the credentials of the delegate.

3rd. In both stations and circuits and also at the quarterly conference all voting shall be by ballot and the election must be held at least ten days before the session of the Annual Conference.

