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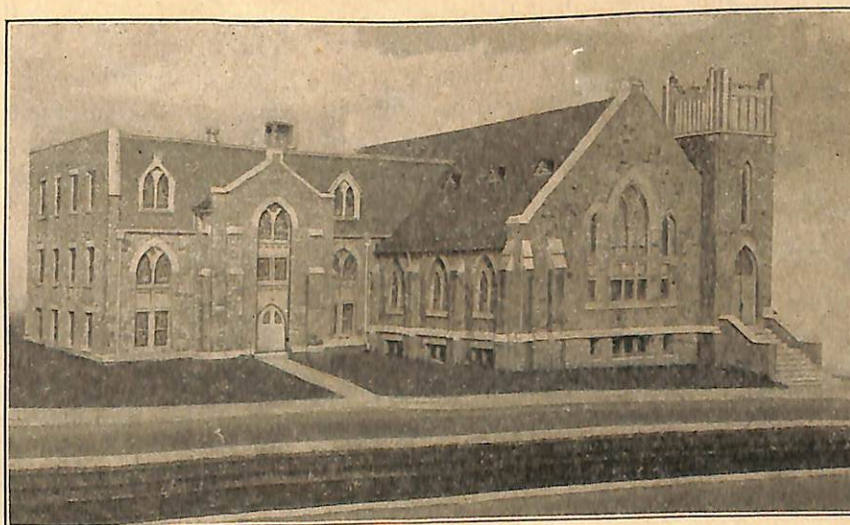


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Gleanings

VATICAN WEALTH INCREASED

Western Christian Advocate:

The recent adjustment between the Italian government and the Vatican state brought into the coffers of the Pope the neat sum of \$87,000,000. Doubtless it was not paid in one large sum. The Italian people will have to pay it in some form. That is obviously a very large amount. It will make the Vatican bank walls bulge, which receives tribute from all parts of the world and is the richest of all financial concerns. The spiritual potentate dwelling at the center of the Roman Catholic world does not need to pray the Lord's Prayer: "Give us this day our daily bread." He will get his all right; also the great company of people forming the hierarchy of the Vatican state will not be in want. As to the largeness of the amount, which may stagger Protestant observers it should be made known that it is less than that offered the Pope by the Garibaldi regime about the year 1870. The reaction on the part of the far-flung battle line of the Roman Catholic world would amaze the Protestant world, if its leaders were able to see it. After reading a large number our conclusion is that this church is still dominated by the medieval mind. It is largely institutionalized in its outlook and bound hand and foot to a past out of which comes at times the spirit of non-cooperation in conformity with the mind of this age.

SUN YAT-SEN'S COSTLY TOMB

Presbyterian Banner:

Dr. Sun Yat-sen, national hero of republican China, was enshrined and entombed on June 1 in a \$3,000,000 memorial on the Purple Mountain near Nanking, capital of the government for which he, more than any other man, furnished the inspiration. The tomb and an eight-mile memorial road costing \$2,000,000, over which it is approached, constitute a monument to the doctrines he preached and on which the nation is being build. The elaborate three days' program gave occasion, too, for the Chinese people to show approval of the new regime. In his lifetime Dr. Sun asked nothing for himself, emphasizing the desirability of frugality and simple ways. But the ceremonies with which his body will be conveyed to his final resting place will rival the elaborateness and richness of the pageantry practiced by the Manchu emperors whom he fought to overthrow. The memorial road itself runs through property confiscated from common people, a class to whom his life work was dedicated. Mme. Sun Yat-Sen, who has been in Europe much of the time since the death of her distinguished husband in 1925, journeyed to China for the occasion. In attendance will be official representatives of the United States, Great Britain, France, Japan, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Portugal, Belgium, Brazil, Norway, Cuba, Holland, Czecho-Slovakia, Spain and Denmark, all of which maintain diplomatic relations with the new China. Dr. Sun's body has rested in a temporary tomb in the western hills near Peking for four years. Three special funeral trains will be used to convey it to Nanking, the train bearing the elaborate bronze coffin being preceded and followed by other trains carrying special guards of honor.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD TO OPEN TRANS-CONTINENTAL AIR-RAIL LINE

The Evangelical Messenger:

The Pennsylvania Railroad will, July 1, open a trans-continental air-rail line. This will link Cleveland with Los Angeles and San Francisco on a less than 48-hour schedule through Columbus.

Night trains from New York, or Cleveland to Columbus will connect with planes there, which will fly to Waynoka, Okla. Trains will link overnight to Clovis, N. M., and then air lines will branch to both California cities.

DENVER UNIVERSITY AT GENEVA

Central Christian Advocate:

A project to send sixteen American college students, including two from the University of Denver, to Geneva, Switzerland, this summer to study with sixteen students from various European universities has been announced by the Foundation for the Advancement of the Social Sciences at Denver University.

The plan was formed by James Causey, creator of the Foundation, and Mr. Cherrington, executive secretary. The plan provides for a sojourn of about six weeks at Geneva, the seat of the League of Nations, starting July 2 and extending through the first week in September. In this last week the assembly of the League will be in session and the visiting students will have an opportunity to study it at first hand and possibly have contacts with the world's leading statesmen.

The scholarships will be given only to men students who have just completed their junior year and intend to return to their institutions in the fall. Personality, including cultural background, social training, general appearance, poise and alertness, developed international understanding and interest, will decide the names.

Four of the participating universities in America already have been selected. Besides the University of Denver they are Oberlin, DePauw, and Leland Stanford.

FOREIGN INVESTMENTS

Herald of Gospel Liberty:

American citizens have a total of more than fifteen and a half billion dollars invested in foreign countries. The investments are scattered all over the world. In Europe, Americans have invested \$4,798,000,000; in Canada, the American investments amount to \$4,120,000,000. They have \$2,513,000,000 invested in South American countries; in Central America, including Cuba, Mexico, and the West Indies, \$2,954,000,000. Australian investments amount to \$841,000,000, but this sum includes investments in Japan and China as well. In all other countries Americans have invested \$375,000,000. American loans abroad in 1928 alone amounted to more than two billion dollars. The protection of this vast amount of invested American wealth forms one of the formidable diplomatic tasks of the nation. With so much capital abroad, there is a danger that we may develop a "dollar diplomacy." We should be careful always to weigh values in dealing with other powers and remember that human values outweigh property values, which is a most difficult thing to remember. No man or group of men must be allowed to plunge the nation into war with any power in order that they may profit financially.

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Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another; and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Malachi iii. 16, 17.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, June 17.	- - - -	Psalm 103:1-12
Tuesday, June 18.	- - - -	Psalm 103:13-22
Wednesday, June 19.	- - - -	2 Samuel 22:1-7
Thursday, June 20.	- - - -	Isaiah 25:1-8
Friday, June 21.	- - - -	Isaiah 26:1-10
Saturday, June 22.	- - - -	Hebrews 13:7-17
Sunday, June 23.	- - - -	Psalm 107:23-31

EDITORIAL

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

With the convening today in Baltimore of the Maryland Conference in its one hundred and first session, begins a series of similar meetings for the year, 1929, throughout our whole Church continuing until December.

There have been many changes in Methodism since John Wesley called his travelling preachers together for the first annual conference. Many customs have been laid aside and forgotten; many new customs and devices have been adopted; but amid all the changes the annual conference remains substantially intact, at least in form: and is today perhaps the most interesting if not the most important event in the annual calendar of Methodism.

And that is curious, too; for the annual conference, like so many other institutions in Methodism, came about quite incidentally, one might say, accidentally; and not out of deep design. It was a simple note sent out by Mr. Wesley to those preachers he had employed to assist him to meet him at a given time and place, that he might confer with them, might hear their reports of what they had been doing, and how they had been doing it, and might give them fresh instructions. That was all it was, and making allowance for change of time, numbers and circumstances, that is practically all it is today.

The Annual Conference has never been the principal legislative body in Methodism. In fact, strictly speaking, it is not a legislative body at all. It makes certain rules and regulations to govern its ministers and churches that have the force of legislation. It elects its own officers and can elect men to ordination in the ministry, or depose them for cause. But the Annual Conference is local in its authority and cannot make law for any Methodist Protestants outside of its own district boundaries.

What gives the Annual Conference its importance is chiefly its personal relation to the preachers. When he

enters the ministry a man leaves his membership in the local church and becomes a member of the Annual Conference. In our denomination laymen are annually elected as delegates to this meeting, but they are not members in the same sense ministers are. No doubt that is the reason lay membership in the Annual Conferences is being so stoutly resisted in the M. E. Church today. The Annual Conference is the minister's church home; to that body he is amenable not only for his official but for his personal conduct. His membership in that body is not as a delegate, he is a member for life.

This personal relation is emphasized also in the fact that pastoral relations are made and changed by the Annual Conference. And notwithstanding the fact that there is a growing tendency to interfere in these appointments by instructed delegates, there is still enough uncertainty about all the appointments to make this item of business in most cases held back until the last moment and, when finally read, received as the crisis of the meeting. Those who have never been present to hear the appointments read in one of our Annual Conferences where a real belief still exists that the Holy Spirit exercises a controlling influence over the minds and hearts of the committee, have missed one of the most solemn moments of life.

This personal element also comes out strongly even in the reports of pastors. These have become so bulky and intricate now that they are difficult to understand, and many pastors do not know how to make them out. But one outstanding feature is manifest to all, that these reports are the history of our own pastor, our own church, summing up our struggles, our victories, our progress, and dear to us because of this personal relation. Statistical tables are most uninteresting reading to be sure, but they point the way our own dear Zion is going, at any rate, and we are on board.

What is called "the business" of the Annual Conference has assumed much greater importance than it had at first. Its business originally was to preach and pray and sing, morning, afternoon and night, with intervals of reporting and resolving and whereasing. There is still a reminiscence of this custom in the more or less formal opening of each session with prayer and singing. But the hearts of the preachers are not in preaching, and it is difficult to persuade one of them to preach at an Annual Conference.

But this is a great loss. No singer can sing as well as a preaching singer. No prayer has quite the unction of one coming from a praying preacher. And when the inspiration comes upon them in a body, when they are all of one accord in one place, and some one of them, not thinking of leader or organ, strikes in with a song of faith, of hope, of love, then all restrictions of time and place are removed, heaven comes down our souls to greet, the soul takes wing, the congregation is off for glory. Never till we get to heaven will we hear such singing as one might have listened to in an Annual Conference. Who could forget when Rev. J. R. Nichols came up for superannuation, with no appropriation, no money in his treasury, no assured home, and no pastorate applying for his services, they took up a collection in the conference for him. The old hero of a thousand revivals, and more than five thousand conversions, who could even then outsing, outpray and outpreach, half of those who were wiping their pitying eyes for him, sat there within the chancel facing the congregation as unconcerned as if he had nothing whatever to do with the affair, and all at once, as he had often done before, started a song,

"A tent or a cottage, why should I care?

They're building a palace for me over there,"

and when he got to the chorus, what a shouting hallelujah went up from that throng, "I'm the child of a

King." Oh, no, you never heard real singing if you missed that!

This started out to be an editorial on the Annual Conference; where it is going would be hard to tell, but the limitations of a printer's form are cast iron, so be comforted. The first Annual Conference I ever saw was that which met at Easton in 1865. The one at which I received my first appointment met at Baltimore, 1875. When the roll of ministers that had my name on it for the first time came out it had one hundred names on it and mine was the ninety-ninth. There are only three names before mine now. "My company before is gone." But more than a hundred and fifty names come after mine on the roll, and that is the important thing. That is, it is the important thing for those who think only of the future. There will be some who like to think of the past, and when that embraces an annual conference membership extending over more than a half-century it enfolds a precious load of spices. But no divided allegiance disturbs the cheer with which I greet the successors of my comrades coming to do better things than we have seen. God bless them, every one. Only, while you are so busy getting ready for the great things to come, I will sit down in this quiet spot a little. I've nothing to do of special importance. May I call the roll of my hundred? No answer? Aye; there's a voice in my heart saying after each name, "Here." And if you will get close enough you might feel the touch of a vanished hand. Truly, I am as silly as Peter. I would build tabernacles. I am even reading the history of the Annual Conference in Malachi; hearing the itinerant roll call as He makes up His jewels. Of course it can't be. We must not waste time in reminiscence. Time will not turn backward. The future calls almost impatiently. No time for tears or sighs. Forward the ensign moves. Well, comrades, I won't be left behind. So, "Leave me here, and when you want me, sound upon the bugle horn."

Contributed Editorial

BETHLEHEM—HOUSE OF BREAD

BETHLEHEM MIGHT WELL BE CALLED, House of Births. Its first mention in Scripture (Genesis 35:19), is the affecting account of the birth of Rachel's last child and her death and burial, as Jacob, returning from his exile was on his way to Hebron, the home of his fathers. Then follows in the charming Idyll of Ruth the story of the widow returning with her mother in law, Naomi, from Moab, "until they came to Bethlehem"; her marriage to Boaz, and the birth of her son, Obed, grandfather of David, "the darling of Israel," for whom Bethlehem was called "the city of David," and "of whom as according to the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen."

It is not recorded that Jesus ever revisited Bethlehem. But ever since that winter night a constant stream of pilgrims from all over the world have been making their way to the oldest existing Christian church which stands

over the cave where the manger was laid, repeating the visit of the shepherds who first said, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass."

"O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by:
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight."

BETHLEHEM WAS CALLED HOUSE OF BREAD, doubtless, on account of the unusual fertility of the surrounding region. Abraham pitched his tent there, and Isaac continued to live there, and Jacob returned to the same region, because they found it, according to the promise, "a good land, a land of wheat and

barley, and vines and fig-trees and pomegranates; a land of olives and honey; a land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness; thou shalt not lack anything in it."

The modern traveller sees few traces of such fertility. He finds a town of some five thousand inhabitants, but no confirmation of the promise of abundant harvests; whose most flourishing industry, indeed, is the entertainment of pilgrims. But if he goes with the New Testament in his hands he need not be disappointed; he may catch the spiritual significance of Bethlehem; he may even hear and understand the Voice which once said, and still says, "I am the Bread of Life; He that cometh to Me shall never hunger."

BETHLEHEM FULFILLS THE PROMISE of its name only to those who can read it with spiritual vision and translate it into spiritual terms. The modern agriculturist would be disillusioned the moment he looked

on the fields of Bethlehem, and would say, "Where is the promise of bread from these stones?" And no less would be the disappointment of the modern pilgrim, unless he be a hopeless captive to superstition, if he tries to recover amid the maze of traditions, fables and ridiculous lies, actual traces of those blessed feet which once walked here. It is not so we will find the real Bethlehem, or feed on the Bread that cometh down from heaven; "not as your fathers who did eat manna and are dead." We must be in the Spirit on the day we visit Bethlehem. On such a pilgrimage it is our privilege to go when we will, and always to realize,

"We taste Thee, O Thou Living Bread,
And long to feed upon Thee still;
We drink of Thee, the fountain head,
And thirst our souls from Thee to fill."

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President's Report to the Maryland Annual Conference

To the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church assembled in its 101st session in Edmondson Avenue Church, June 12th, 1929.

I submit to you my third and last Annual Report as President of the Conference.

Through the mercy of God we are here to review the year; to thank God for its victories; to pause in memory of our departed brethren, to plan for the work of Christ committed to our hands, to rededicate ourselves to His service and for His glory, to pray for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and then to go forth in His name to our various fields seeking to honor Him in our bodies and spirits, and do our best to win the world to Christ.

This Conference year, though only nine months in length, has been filled with more than the usual amount of joy and sorrow. We rejoice greatly over the many souls won for Christ, and the large number added to the church militant. We are sorrowing because into more than the usual number of the homes in our Conference the angel of death has come to transfer our companions to the church triumphant. We search in vain today for the familiar forms and faces of some who for many years were active in the affairs of this Conference. God's angel has borne them to a fairer world. As we meet here today we cannot see them but who questions the fact that they can see us? "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run with patience the race that is set before us; looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith."

Those Who Have Gone To Their Reward

Addison Spurgeon Beane after many months of waging battle with disease which was incurable, departed this life September 21st, 1928. Since 1893 he had been in the ranks of our itinerancy and proved himself a workman who needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. For twenty years he was the pastor of Keen Memorial church of this city and the members of that church loved him sincerely.

Francis Thomas Little was released from the weakness of the flesh November 22nd, 1928. Since 1872 he had been an outstanding figure in our Conference. After fifty-three years of active service he was given superannuated relationship at our Conference session of 1925. He was the pastor of many of our prominent churches and served as President of the Conference from 1902 until 1907. Nine times our Conference elected him to represent the Annual Conference in the General Conference sessions of our Denomination, and he served the church on many Boards and Committees entrusted with duties of great responsibility. He used his great strength of body, mind and spirit to glorify God and to advance the interests of the Methodist Protestant Church.

James Garrettson Sullivan departed this life January 8th, 1929. Brother Sullivan became a member of our Conference in 1871. For nearly fifty-eight years he was one of us. He had a talented mind but a shrinking spirit. Those who were fortunate enough to learn to know him admired him for his unobtrusive consecration and his sincere Christian life. Because of the frailty of the body he had been out of the active work since 1898, and though living in Richmond, Va., he kept his interest in all that pertained to the welfare of our Conference.

Webster Matthew Strayer joined the itinerant ranks of our Conference in 1858. For seventy-one years he was a member of this body, which he loved with a rare passion and zeal. He was an able preacher, an active pastor and a true friend. He was elected President of the Conference in 1889 and served in that office for three years. He was chosen by our Conference six times as a Representative to the General Conference. Brother Strayer was in the ninety-third year of his life, and had given many years of devoted service to the church of his choice. Since 1906 he had been superannuated, serenely awaiting the coming of his Lord.

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The Outlook

By REV. C. M. ELDERDICE

Gen. Bramwell Booth, deposed head of the Salvation Army, is suffering from a setback in his health. He has not left his bed since he was deposed some months ago by a meeting of the High Council of the Army, on the ground that he was physically unfit to continue his work. The general's lawyers have completed the case they are bringing in the courts against the High Council and it is expected a special meeting of the Chancery Division will be held shortly to deal with the matter.

Since 1929 American wage earners have increased their output by 53.5 per cent., according to a report of the Committee on Recent Economic Changes. Added to this information is the fact, pointed out by Julius Klein, Assistant Secretary of the United States Department of Commerce, that the yearly output of the American worker is \$5,200 a year and of the European worker \$1,500 a year. Under such conditions, experts agree, there is no excuse, save in rare instances, for poverty in the United States. The problem of relieving poverty becomes one of the just distribution of income.

Without the alien exclusion amendment and the proposal designed to force the South to enfranchise Negroes, the House passed the reapportionment bill by a vote of 272 to 105. Adoption of the measure in only slightly difference form from the bill approved by the Senate paved the way for a reapportionment of the House on the basis of the 1930 census. Although the Constitution directs a reapportionment of the House every ten years, this has not been done since 1910.

Charges that the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America had exceeded its chartered authority in matters of doctrine and had accepted contributions from "improper" sources were made at the seventy-first General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church. The charges, in the form of a memorial from the Argyle Presbytery, were referred to the committee on bills and overtures for study and recommendation. The Argyle Presbytery supplemented its charges with the suggestion that the United Presbyterian Church sever relations with the Federal Council of Churches. The "improper" contributions, the memorial said, were made anonymously and the sources of income of the council were very much in question, it was suggested.

An increase in the suicide rate in the United States is shown by a survey made by Frederick L. Hoffman, consulting statistician of the Prudential Insurance Company. The rate in 1928 was 17.5 per 100,000, the highest since 1916, when it was 18. Although the present rate is below that of 1908, when it reached 21.5, the report says the tendency is toward a higher rate in the future. "The increase in rate is difficult to understand," says the report, "in view of the generally favorable industrial and business conditions of the present period. But what is

true of the country in general is not necessarily true of certain sections, or particular elements of the population, which may be injuriously affected by industrial or financial depressions."

Sir Esme Howard, British Ambassador to the United States, said that he was willing to surrender the privilege of diplomatic liquor "if the United States intimates a desire to cancel the privilege." The British Ambassador told newspaper men at the Hotel Plaza, New York, where he was the guests of honor at the first anniversary dinner of the British Commonwealth Club, that he would be only too glad to cooperate with other members of the diplomatic corps in carrying out such a desire on the part of the American Government. Sir Esme said he had written a letter to James T. Carter of the Eperson Lumber Company, of Lynchburg, Va., expressing his willingness to surrender the embassy liquor privilege. The communication was in reply to a letter from Mr. Carter.

Three Federal prohibition officers at Paducah, Ky., were convicted by a Federal jury and sent to prison for the killing of a man. This is the first instance on record of a Federal dry enforcement officer being convicted of such an offense since the prohibition law has been in effect. Several weeks ago the Literary Digest pointed out that there had not been a single conviction of Federal dry agents who had been brought before Federal courts on slaying charges and that 135 persons had been killed on such raids. The Literary Digest story was based on facts as presented by assistant secretary of the treasury Lowman in charge of prohibition enforcement. It is remarkable that of 135 persons killed on raids by Federal officers no such officer was convicted. This fact proves two things: The officers were careful in the discharge of their duty and took life only when necessary to do so, and that courts and juries have not convicted officers charged with alleged rashness in spite of the crazed wet press. The facts are creditable to prohibition and to the men and manner of enforcement.

Everybody is naturally brave. Cowards are sick persons, not normal human beings. So suggested the British psychoanalyst, Dr. Ernest Jones before a recent meeting in London, of the British Psychological Society. Says Dr. E. E. Free's Week's Science (New York): "Psychoanalysts have learned to recognize, the speaker said, certain bodily symptoms which accompany what are called the 'anxiety states' of the mind. Digestive disturbances and abnormal sweating are examples. Together with these bodily disorders the patient suffers a mental condition in which fear is entirely out of proportion to its cause; like the elephant's supposed fear of a mouse. In extreme instances, Dr. Jones said, he finds these bodily and mental disturbances passing over gradually into the well-recognized mental disorder in which such general and indefinite fears become concentrated into a single, highly abnormal one. People who believe themselves to be cowards, even those who actually have proved cowardly in some emergency, may be merely the victims, he believes, of morbid anxiety states, often curable by psychoanalysis or other treatment at the hands of an expert physician."

In The Quiet Hour

By REV. EDGAR T. READ

WHO OWNS THE WORLD

"To whom shall the world hence belong,
And who shall go up and possess it?"

—To the Great-Hearts—the Strong
Who will suffer no wrong,
And where they find evil redress it.

—To the Men of Bold Sight,
Whose souls, seized by Light,
Found a work to be done and have done it.

—To the Valiant who fought
For a soul-lifting thought,
Saw the fight to be won and have won it.

—To the Men of Great Mind
Set on lifting their kind
Who regardless of danger, will do it.

—To the Men of Good-will,
Who would cure all Life's ill,
And whose passion for peace will ensue it.

—To the Men who will bear
Their full share of Life's care,
And will rest not till wrongs be all righted.

—To the Stalwarts who toil
Mid the seas of turmoil,
'Til the Haven of Safety be sighted.

—To the Men of Good Fame
Who everything claim—
This world and the next—in their Master's great name:

—To these shall the world henceforth belong,
And they shall go up and possess it;
Overmuch, overlong, has the world suffered wrong,
We are here by God's help to redress it."

—John Oxenham.

NEED OF DEVOTION

The holiest personal life can scarcely afford to dispense with stated forms of devotion. The regular worship of the church, for all its local imperfections and dullness, is a divine provision for sustaining the individual soul. We cannot afford to be wiser than our Lord in this matter.—James Moffatt.

PRAYING

There are some Christians who think they are excused from prayer and meditation in secret, because they are so busy. Their work presses them so in the morning that they cannot possibly get time to pray. Their cares

occupy them so all day, that they do not find one quiet moment to go apart with God. In the evening there are so many social, or other engagements—meetings, societies, parties—or they are so tired, that prayer is crowded out. The example of Christ speaks in solemn rebuke to all such trifling.—J. R. Miller.

TRUE RELIGION

True religion has always an eye to the practical. We should be suspicious of the piety which does not know service, of the prayer which does not lead to work, of the mysticism which begins and ends in its own emotions.—Hugh Black.

PRAYER POWER

The prayer power has never been tried to its full capacity in any church. If we want to see mighty wonders of divine power and grace wrought in the place of weakness, failure and disappointment, let the whole church answer God's standing challenge, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not!"—J. Hudson Taylor.

NOT THE WORLD

To enlist the help of the world is at once a weakening of the cause and a certain means of bringing the Lord's name into dishonor, as though he could not defend those whom he sends forth to do his bidding. Once the world's assistance is sought all spiritual independence is forfeited and the kingdom impoverished.—J. Stuart Holden.

Christians, listen to this warning! Be not impatient or discouraged if the answer does not come! Those who have persevered often and long before God, in pleading his promises, are those who have had the greatest power with God in prayer.

GOD'S CALL

High hearts are never long without hearing some new call, some distant clarion of God, even in their dreams; and soon they are observed to break up the camp of ease and start on some fresh march of faithful service.—James Martineau.

Christian, begin to use intercession as a means of grace for yourself and for others! Pray for your neighbors! Pray for souls with the definite desire that they may be won for Christ! Pray for your minister, for all ministers and missionaries! Pray for your country and people, for rulers and subjects! Pray for all men!

PRAYER

We thank thee, O Lord, for all who have chosen poverty or solitude for thy sake, for all men of prayer, for all saints in common life who have endured suffering for noble ends, and for all who have turned pain to patience of character and purity of life in the strength of him who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, even Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE MARYLAND CONFERENCE

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Jarrett Mitchell Sheridan came into the itinerancy of our Conference in 1875 and remained in active service for more than fifty-three years. The earlier part of his life was spent in the pastorate in which he served eleven charges. In 1907 he was elected President of the Conference and filled that office for five years. He returned to the pastorate but in 1918 was appointed Superintendent of Church Extension of our Conference. In 1925 at the very earnest solicitation of the Board of Home Missions he consented to become Secretary of the Denominational Board of Home Missions and continued in that office until the General Conference in 1928 combined all of our Missionary Organizations.

At the last session of our Conference Dr. Sheridan was again chosen Superintendent of our Church Extension work and was also made the agent of our Headquarters Building. Dr. Sheridan was a member of six General Conferences, in each session zealously working out the problems connected with our growth and polity.

He was a man of fine business ability, scrupulous in keeping his promises, planning wisely for the future. Many of our active, growing churches are monuments to his energetic, wise endeavor in the extension department of our Conference. He was a preacher of the pure Gospel of Christ and gloried in winning men to the Christ he loved and knew so well.

Dr. Sheridan lived the life that was hid with Christ in God, and was suddenly taken from us to be "forever with the Lord."

Franklin Thomas Benson entered the Conference in 1886, and was a popular and successful pastor in ten charges. He was elected by the General Conference of 1916 to the editorship of The Methodist Protestant, and was busily and brilliantly engaged in this work when on April 5th the death-angel suddenly ushered him into the life beyond. For many years he was the President of our Conference Young People's organization and did much to perfect Young People's organizations in the local churches.

Before he became the editor of The Methodist Protestant he had edited the page in that paper which dealt each week with the Sunday School lessons. It was his brilliant exposition of these lessons that drew the attention of the church to his genius for the office to which he was ultimately called and which he filled with such distinction until the day of his death.

Dr. Benson had convictions and the courage to stand by them whether anyone else stood with him or not. He knew how to use his pen effectively for God, for truth, for righteousness and to the discomfiture of the forces of evil. At

the close of a busy day he laid down his pen to take up his crown.

Thomas Owings Crouse joined the Church Triumphant in glory April 29th 1929, after having been an honored member of our Conference for fifty-seven years. During his itinerant life he filled sixteen charges with great success. He was a tender pastor, an eloquent preacher, and a man respected everywhere for his Christian character.

He was a worthy son of a preacher-sire, who is still remembered by some of us, and who for twenty years labored by his son's side in the ranks of our Conference, seeking to exalt Christ and save this world.

We can picture to ourselves the meeting in the world of Spirits when this honored son came home, bringing his sheaves with him.

Mary Todd Judefind wife of Rev. W. B. Judefind fell asleep in Jesus November 20th, 1928. She was beautiful in her Christian life, loving as a wife, tender in her motherhood and shared with her companion in all the work, joys and sorrows of his ministerial life.

Mrs. Johanna Gray, widow of Rev. J. W. Gray, survived her honored husband nine months and then went to be with her companion and her Christ on January 1st, 1929.

Frances Helen Robinson Kindley wife of Rev. B. W. Kindley departed this life March 11th, 1929. She was a devoted wife and efficient help-mate, a loving and revered mother, a zealous and competent worker in the vineyard of Christ, and a friend to every noble cause and person worthy of her confidence and esteem.

These ten have gone from us to be forever with the Lord whom they loved and served so well.

"They saw no messenger of gloom As prisoners his sentence: but naturally as bud unfolds to flower, As child to man, so man to angel— They recognized death the glad evangel, Leading to higher scenes of life and power."

Obituary Committees were appointed and will report at the proper time.

In addition to these ten bereavements, the death-angel has entered into the parsonage homes in our Conference and has borne away precious loved ones. Brother and Sister G. A. Ogg and Brother and Sister B. F. Ruley have been called upon to part with their daughters whom they loved more dearly than life itself. Fair flowers of earth they bloom in the Garden of the Lord. May God comfort these hearts and fill them with His love.

We have lost many of our fellow-workers in the laity who might well be named here had we the time and space, who for years served with us in the work of the Conference and of the Church:—William E. Sheppard and Judge F. W. Whitaker. They were men who gave prestige to our cause in the cities in which they lived, to our church at large,

and to the cause of Christ. Both represented their churches many times in the sessions of this Annual Conference and were elected to represent the church in the General Conference.

We also think today of "the elect lady" of Buckeytown who so recently has received her crown:—Mrs. Sarah Baker Thomas. She gave herself in all the rich fullness of a queenly womanhood to her church and her Christ.

May the mantle of these who have ascended from the church on earth fall on shoulders worthy and willing in a like consecration to carry on the work of the Lord.

Official Acts

Committee: the Conference in session at Lynchburg ordered the President of the Conference to appoint, after the adjournment of Conference, two committees:—

"A Committee on Audit" in harmony with Resolution 5; and "A Committee on Unpaid Balance on Centenary Gratitude Gift." I interpreted the provision that these committees be appointed after that these committees be appointed after Conference adjourned, to mean that you desired me to have time enough in the selection of the personnel of these committees that the most suitable persons might be chosen. Accordingly I appointed to the Committee on Audit:—J. A. Dudley, J. A. Trader, C. H. Slater, and H. C. Staley; and to the Committee To Raise Unpaid Balance of Centenary A. W. Ewell, W. C. Scott, J. P. Dodge and F. P. Adkins.

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

F. L. Shaffer to Patapsco
B. I. Barnes to Middleway
I. G. Madison to Quantico
C. B. Linard to Snow Hill Circuit
W. A. Roberts to Second Church, Wilmington, Del.

Lee Elliott to Laurel Circuit
The five brethren named first in this list are students in our Theological Seminary in Westminster and brother Elliott is a local preacher attached to Mardela charge.

Changes: The following changes in pastorates were made during the year by mutual agreement of all parties concerned and with strict observance of the law in each case. **October 1st, W. T. Archer** was released from Oak Grove and Prince George; and on the same date he was appointed to Caroline charge.

December 1st, George E. Baughman, a local preacher of Concord Charge was appointed to Oak Grove and Prince George.

December 21st, Robert Browne was released by Taylor Memorial church, Philadelphia, and on the same date he was appointed pastor of Emmanuel church, Philadelphia.

February 8th, 1929, Rev. J. G. Eaton was released by Mt. Taber church, Washington and on the same date he was appointed to Taylor Memorial Church, Philadelphia.

March 20th, 1929 Charles M. Kelser was released from Marley charge and on the same date was appointed to Mt. Taber Church, Washington.

Marley charge since the removal of brother Kelser has been provided with preaching and pastoral Supervision by Rev. S. W. Coe, one of our Superannuated brethren, and H. J. Mitchell, of the Seminary.

May 1st, 1929, H. G. McAdow who was in this year's graduating class of the Seminary returned to his own Conference, thus leaving the pastorate of Fairfax charge vacant. Brother George Q. Bacchus, one of our honored Superannuated brethren, has supplied this charge.

April 13th, 1929, Stephen Galley informed me that Bedford charge had accepted his resignation as pastor, that he was moving away and that he desired me to forward his Credentials. Brother Galley not having discharged his obligations to the Board of Christian Education, I have withheld his credentials until such time as he may comply with the law governing loans by said Board.

Bedford charge has since been supplied by Brother C. R. Strausburg and a local preacher of our First Church, Cumberland, Md.

Transfer: January 29th, I gave to J. C. Russell, pastor of Tyreanna Charge a Transfer to the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. The sole reason for brother Russell's change, as indicated in our correspondence, was a desire on his part to go farther south than the boundaries of our Conference would permit him.

Presidential Itinerary: I have visited eighty-seven of the charges of our Conference. To some of the appointments I have gone a number of times in order to be of such assistance as you supply through the presidential office. I have presided over twenty-one Quarterly Conferences and Official Membership meetings and have spoken at various Group Meetings all over our Conference Districts.

INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES

From the very beginning the Church has been a "teaching" as well as preaching agency. Indeed the great commission as given to the Church by our Lord and as recorded in Matthew's Gospel is: "Jesus came and spoke unto them saying: All Power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world, Amen."

Westminster Theological Seminary:—Our Seminary from the architectural standpoint is said to be "a poem in stone"; from the utilitarian standpoint it is equipped to do the work we need, and is effectively producing splendid results for the denomination at large and for our Conference; as I clearly showed

in my report to the Conference session last September.

However the financial side needs your careful consideration. I am quoting now from a report of President Elder-dice and am giving you his exact words that you may have first hand information:—

"The Westminster Theological Seminary has been seriously endangered financially during the last year, due to a failure of the Board of Christian Education to meet the amount appropriated. The fault was not due to lack of willingness on the part of the Board but to a loss of expected returns from the General Conference Budget. The last General Conference reduced the percentage formerly allowed the Board of Education and to meet the current expenses of the Seminary, I made a written appeal to a few laymen and to the Alumni. Their response was so liberal that more than \$2,000 arrived in time to save the Seminary from closing the year in debt.

This narrow escape emphasizes the need I have so often expressed to the Church at large of an Endowment. Because the Seminary has been going along so quietly and paying all its debts there seems to have arisen the belief that all is well and will forever remain well; and so time and again its call for Endowment has fallen upon deaf ears, while the Church in all quarters has been and now is rallying to the cries of her colleges for Endowment. Unless the Church awakens soon to her duty in providing an adequately prepared ministry all her progress will suffer from lack of competent leadership.

In spite of many difficulties, however, the year has been prosperous, financially, numerically, and in ever-widening influence not only in our borders but among sister denominations, as will be evidenced by the Report of the Board of Governors, which will be submitted to the Conference."

This is the only institution in the Methodist Protestant Church for the professional training of our ministers. It is indispensable; for in this day of specialists a denomination that seeks to do without trained men for its leadership is sadly handicapped.

As the Seminary now exists it is very largely the product of the untiring labor of Doctor H. L. Elderdice who for more than thirty years has devoted his time, his physical powers and his splendid mental and spiritual equipment in the task that the church has laid upon him. We appreciate all that he, and his able co-laborers, have done for the denomination in making our Seminary the peer of any like institutions in existence; and we, as a conference, will give Dr. Elderdice a sympathetic hearing when he speaks to us later on in the program of this Conference about the Seminary and its needs.

Western Maryland College: Dr. Ward, restored to health, is devoting himself assiduously to the building of a greater

institution of learning and toward placing Western Maryland College in the very fore-front of Colleges of its kind and size. The campaign to raise five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) on endowment has been successfully concluded. The new Science Hall has been erected at a cost of one hundred and eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000) and the enrollment of students in all departments this year number five hundred twenty-nine, seven more than last year.

With his report to this Conference Dr. Ward makes an appeal for the church to rally to its own institution in providing a great need of the church and of the college by starting in Western Maryland College a Department of Religious Education. Such a Department, he points out, would be directly in line with the need of the church and the times in which we live, giving to us a trained leadership for the ministry at home, in the foreign field, and among our laity.

The report of Dr. Ward dealing with the detailed items of achievement during the year and outlining his plans for the future will be submitted to this Conference at the proper time. I commend the appeal for a Department of Religious Education especially to our laymen who have been blest of God with large sums of money, as a means of investing such funds where they will return dividends in life, character and destiny.

The Methodist Protestant: The whole church, but especially our Conference, is bereaved in the death of our brilliant editor—Franklin Thomas Benson.

To us it seemed that his removal at this time, when the merger of our two papers was being effected, was a calamity. He had filled the editorial office with conspicuous ability and we looked with confidence upon this leadership in the consolidation of the papers so soon to be effected.

However the Baltimore Book Directory was fortunate in being able to obtain the services of Doctor Thomas H. Lewis to fill the Editorial office. Doctor Lewis had been elected by our last General Conference as Contributing Editor to all the Periodicals of our church and he is by special request of the Book Directory giving his matured genius to the editorial columns of The Methodist Protestant, until the merger becomes an assured fact on August 1st, 1929.

The Subscription list is about the same as when last reported. While there is an increase in new subscriptions the loss through failures in renewals, through deaths and removals amounts to about twenty percent, or just about the number of new subscribers obtained during this Conference year.

We have many reasons why we look to the pastors to make heroic efforts to obtain large lists of new subscribers in all of our churches. The church paper is the most effective assistant any pastor can have in making loyal, intelligent and generous members of its readers.

The merging of The Methodist Recorder and The Methodist Protestant into "The Methodist Protestant-Recorder" will give to us one paper of thirty-two pages filled with the news of our whole church—east, west, north and south. The price will be two dollars—the same as we have paid for each of the papers before the merger. These considerations together with the fact that the new combined paper is to have its headquarters and be printed in Baltimore, as a perpetuation of the mother paper of our denomination, should be incentive enough to make us enter into an enthusiastic campaign for a great subscription list that the new paper might be a paying venture from the very beginning of its existence.

Our well-equipped printing plant has had the best year in its history. All kinds of printing from a book to the smallest job-printing are done by it in a most up-to-date manner and at a price that will commend itself to those who seek the best printing at a reasonable figure. This department should have the hearty endorsement of every pastor to his Boards and Organizations when in need of printed matter.

Sunday School Periodicals and Merchandise Department. Our law requires that our Sunday Schools use our own publications. This department carries the International Uniform, Group Graded and Closely Graded Helps—a publication for every department of the Sunday School.

The Book, Stationery and Sunday School Supplies Departments are growing. The year 1928 was a good year and the future seems bright. I would urge that the churches purchase the Church Offering Envelopes and other supplies from their own denominational publishing house. Why patronize others when the profits of our business are used to promote our own literature and publishing interests?

Missions: The General Conference in its Centennial session in Baltimore a

year ago took action looking toward unifying all of the Missionary activities carried on for years by four separate organizations under the management of a single Board of Missions. This Board was constituted of twenty persons; ten men and ten women, and were charged with the task of providing a basis of union by which the different organizations were to be merged.

The Executive Boards of the Women's Foreign Missionary and the Women's Home Missionary Societies met in Pittsburgh, Pa., May 8th and 9th and by practically unanimous votes ratified the basis of union and passed over to the Board of Missions all of the functions they have hitherto exercised in initiating, directing the supervising the missionary activities of the women of our church. They also adopted the new Constitution prepared by the Board.

I hail with pleasure this new day when together the men and women of our Church will work for the entire denominational program and so unify and concentrate our efforts for the extension of Christ's kingdom both in our homeland and in the foreign fields.

That the women were sincere and determined to do their full part in working out the whole program of the General Conference was shown by the fact that they voted to ask the Board of Missions to apportion to them one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) of the General Conference Budget for the coming year.

These things are doubtless as gratifying to you as they were to me while a spectator to the epoch-making events in Pittsburgh.

The office of the Board of Missions are located in Baltimore and one of our own men, Dr. G. W. Haddaway, is the Executive Secretary. With him is associated Mrs. Marie W. Thompson, the widow of one of the former ministers of our Ohio Conference.

I call upon the pastors and members of our Conference to organize the

forces in our local churches on the new basis, and then work harmoniously that the kingdoms of this world might become the kingdom of our Lord.

AFFILIATED AGENCIES

The Anti-Saloon League and Woman's Christian Temperance Union: The Methodist Protestant Church believes that under the guidance of God it has had a definite part in the great reform movement which resulted in outlawing the liquor traffic.

We are not unmindful of the fact that withdrawing the enactment of law from an evil is only one step toward the solution of that evil. The Liquor traffic has never respected any regulation or prohibition measure dealing with that traffic. Steeped in lawlessness it is simply carrying on as it always has done.

We are face to face with a challenge that must be met. Our church must realize that while the liquor traffic is doing everything it possibly can to disdoing everything it possibly can to discourage friends of prohibition, there is a more fruitful source for wet propaganda than ever before. A few years ago every one knew the old saloon, its evils and products. Today there are twenty-five millions of young people who were under fourteen years of age when the Eighteenth Amendment was adopted. Most of these are in the graded schools, high schools and in colleges of the United States, and in the teachable age of life. The church must carry to this vast number of young people the facts concerning the evils of the liquor traffic. We must renew of the campaign of Education as steadily pursued by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in the early stages of the fight against the saloon and thus meet the onslaught of the enemy. This is not only a problem of law enforcement but also a problem of education.

Our denomination must take care of its sector in this fight. We will not cease by pen and voice to carry on the warfare against the lawless liquor traffic

as long as that traffic continues an organized effort to break down the law.

I shall call upon the women and girls of our churches to join hands with the Women's Christian Temperance organizations in their particular neighborhoods and so further their effective efforts to educate our young people as to the evils of alcoholism to the physical, moral and spiritual natures of the human race.

The Anti-Saloon League is still the Church in action against the Saloon, the most effective agency by which we can marshal our forces in the righteous war against this monstrous iniquity. I commend it to your prayerful, moral, sympathetic and financial support.

The Lord's Day Alliance: The Lord's Day Alliance during the past year has been tested at Annapolis and has made good. When two Sunday Motion Picture Bills had been introduced and had failed to be enacted into law the advocates of the open Sunday introduced the so-called "Home Rule Bill" suspending the State Sunday Law in Baltimore from June 1st to June 30th, 1929. If during June the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore failed to pass an ordinance legalizing Sunday amusements then the State Sunday law was to become effective again in Baltimore. The Senate Home Rule Bill failed to get out of the City Delegation in the Senate. In the House of Delegates, Speaker Lee of Montgomery County, the author of the Bill, through the influence of his office, succeeded in getting his Bill through the House but it failed to pass the Senate. It died in the Judicial Committee, a vote to take it out of that Committee having failed by 22 to 4; not a member from any of the counties voting for this so-called Home Rule Bill.

Having won this decisive victory in the Legislature the Alliance is now giving itself to its Educational campaign which should have a place in the program of every Church and Sunday School of our Conference.

I commend unreservedly the proposed Lord's Day Manual as a Study Book splendidly fitted to meet one of the great needs of the church in its fight with the forces that seek to commercialize God's holy day.

Our people should hold membership in this Alliance, and Churches should include its work in their budgets because it is the most effective agency of the church in fighting its battles against the further desecration of the Sabbath.

The Maryland Tract Society: From its headquarters in our building, 516 N. Charles Street, the missionary work of the Maryland Tract Society radiates to all parts of the City. Most of the counties of the State are helped through correspondence, and in some cases, counties are visited. Six missionaries are employed, two of whom are members of our church. Through this agency people are encouraged to study God's Word, are helped in moments of difficulty, are led to accept the loving Savior,

are comforted in sorrow and are given material relief if the case requires it. Through the efforts of these workers more than one hundred souls found the joy of salvation and united with various churches.

Our church is privileged to have a part in this large gospel seed-sowing, and we ought to continue to give this organization our sympathetic and financial support.

The Maryland Bible Society: The Bible is still the most popular book in circulation. Voltaire wrote a prophecy that he would live to see the day when the Bible would disappear altogether. Voltaire's body has returned to the dust but the very room in which the prophecy was written is used as a store-room for the Bible as it goes from the Press into circulation.

The Maryland Bible Society is continuing its efficient service in distributing the word of God everywhere. It seeks your co-operation to make it effective in your community.

Young People's Work: The Report Blanks to our last Annual Conference showed that we have on the rolls of our Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies, 46,283 young people who need training for the service of the King. The church of tomorrow will be effective and successful in the great work Christ has given it to do in proportion as we prepare the young for the leadership and work that awaits them.

Secretary Lawrence Little of the Board of Young People's Work with the co-operation in our Conference of our own Young People's Organization are doing all they can under the present arrangement to provide Leadership Training Courses for the development of the latent powers among our young people.

The great need is a Religious Work Director who could devote himself to this work exclusively. If the right man could be found, I can conceive of no more fruitful investment of money than the amount it would take to finance this important part of our Conference work. It would solve many of the problems of today and it would assure the efficiency of the church of the future.

New Century Service Commission. The newest denomination-wide movement which we have for the promotion of our missionary, education and benevolent activities is that represented in New Century Service. Dr. Straughn is doing all in his power to make this movement a success but it must be apparent to all that he can only succeed in the largest possible degree if all of our pastors co-operate.

The success of our Budget calls for the machinery or agency in each church for the definite doing of this one thing. Pastors will lighten their burdens and assure the success of their financial system by organizing according to the plans given them by the literature a New Service Commission in each church.

THE MARYLAND CONFERENCE INTERESTS

Evangelization, or the winning of souls, is the primary work of the church. We talk about raising money. There would be no need to make such tremendous efforts to collect money for missionary and other causes if men's hearts were Christ's. Then every purse would be Christ's. If a man loves God with all his heart he is going to give his life and his money.

We rejoice today that during the nine months of this Conference year we have heard of many conversions and accessions in the churches of our Conference. The fields are white unto the harvest. The call of the great head of the church is for reapers. On all sides the people need Christ and the Holy Spirit to transform them. From heaven and earth the summons comes to us to become "laborers together with God." Let us not fail Him.

One hundred and two charges report one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four conversions. The charges reporting twenty-five or more conversions are: Lynchburg 210; First Church, Newark 87; Trinity, Baltimore, 75; Lowe Memorial 60; Peninsula 60; Harbeson 57; Wesley Chapel of Kent 55; Greenbackville 54; Hampden-Baltimore 54; Finksburg 40; Caroline 37; Calvary, Baltimore, 35; Christ Church, Baltimore, 35; Linthicum Heights 32; Cannon 32; Belair 30; Howard 30; Mt. Nebo 30; Nicholas Memorial 28; Keen Memorial 25; West Baltimore 25; Dover and Leipsic 25; Milford 25; Pocomoke City 25; Glenburnie 25.

One hundred and six charges report two thousand one hundred and thirty-five accessions. The charges reporting twenty-five or more accessions are: Newark 133; Lynchburg 132; Trinity, Baltimore 115; Peninsula 85; Lowe Memorial 65; Starr 65; Harbeson 58; Eutaw 53; Lauraville 52; Greenbackville 50; Hampden, Baltimore, 45; Linthicum Heights 44; Bethesda 40; Christ Church 40; Finksburg 40; Calvary, Baltimore, 39; Rhode Island Avenue 35; Wesley Chapel of Kent 35; Cannon 32; West Baltimore 31; Keen Memorial 31; Calvary, Va., 31; Milford 30; Salisbury 30; Pocomoke City 29; Graceland Park 27; Dover and Leipsic 27.

Fifty-nine charges report a net gain in membership of 1210.

The charges reporting a net gain of twenty-five or more are: Trinity, Baltimore, 109; Lynchburg 90; Peninsula 81; First Church, Newark, 78; Harbeson 52; Greenbackville 50; Lauraville 43; Bethesda 39; Finksburg 34; Cannon 32; Calvary, Va., 29; Christ Church, Baltimore 28; Eutaw 27; Keen Memorial 26; Milford 26; Linthicum Heights 25.

Nine charges report a decrease in membership of three hundred eighty-five. Taylor Memorial 224; Grace, Baltimore, 58; Union 49; Alnutt Memorial 14; Crisfield 6; Hurlock 4; Pittsville 2; Sharptown 1; Laurel, Del., 29.

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... News ...

.: From The Field .:

MARYLAND

Caroline Charge

Just a few words to let the Protestant
readers know that Caroline Charge on
the good old Eastern Shore of Maryland
is still alive and doing her bit in helping
to promote the cause of Christ in the
world.

Surely it has been a real pleasure to
pastor this good people during the past
conference year. The folks of Caroline
Charge "have shown us no little kind-
ness" during our stay in their midst.

I have been reading with interest
letters coming from other brethren tell-
ing us about having their pantries
stocked with nice things to eat. Suffice
to say that my people have not been
lacking along this line, for which we are
very grateful.

Our nine weeks of revival effort re-
sulted in the salvation of thirty-eight
precious souls.

Three of our churches Hobbs, Thaw-
ley and Burrsville, have paid their por-
tion of the budget in full. Piney Grove,
the other church on this Charge having
been to the expense of painting their
church and making other improvements
to the church property will not be able

to pay their proportional part of the
budget, consequently, we will not go to
conference a 100 per cent as we would
liked to have done. We will not miss it
far, however, out of the \$461.00 as-
sessed to this Charge \$361.00 has been
raised. Pastor's salary has been paid
to date.

Our goal for renewals and new sub-
scriptions to The Methodist Protestant
has been reached.

Our last Quarterly Conference met in
Ame's M. P. Church at Hobbs, May 28,
1929, at which time the ballots were un-
sealed and counted which resulted in the
election of Brother Huston Towers dele-
gate to the Annual Conference, and
Brother Willard Towers, alternate. The
salary was fixed at \$1,050 for next year.
The pastor was given a rising vote of
thanks for his report and was unani-
mously invited to return for another
year.

I have mentioned only a few of the
many things we are doing for Christ and
His Kingdom. It would take too much
time and space to tell you about our
wide awake Ladies Aids, our four prayer
meetings, (I will say, however, that we
had over fifty persons out at one of our
prayer meetings the other Thursday
night) and two C. E. Societies. Probably
you will hear from us later about these.
To God be all the glory. Pray for us,
brethren.

W. T. ARCHER, Pastor.

Raums Chapel

On Sunday, June 2nd, Children's Day
was observed at our church. Recitations
and songs by the children and choir, also
little Dorothy and Clara Kelley played
some solos and duets on their cornets.
Mrs. Thos. Hill and Miss Mary Hill had
charge of the program. The offering was
given toward the assessments of the
church. We are trying to make our
church a Gold Star church by this com-
ing conference.

Quite a number of our folks were
planning to attend the annual Sunday

School Convention to be held at Chester-
town M. P. Church on Thursday, June
6th, and I am sure a good time was en-
joyed by all who attended.

There is indeed much work for us to
do in our church. Let's all work together
this coming conference year and see how
much better everything works. The
writer is wondering if our same pastor
and his family will be sent back to us
again. She hopes so anyway, and thinks
there has been a lot of good work started
that is not yet finished. Although our
church is small, we can do big things if
we only try and take Jesus along with
us. We are handicapped in lots of ways,
but if we just keep on trying and climb-
ing we will some day be on top of the
hill that seems so terribly high and hard
to us now. The long, narrow road is the
only road to travel.

Brooklyn Charge

We are closing our pastorate here.
For three years and two months we have
been trying to do the work of the charge.
We have not done all we had hoped, but
for several reasons we are grateful for
being here. We have had a great time
proclaiming the blessed Word; and we
have the promise "It shall not return
void." Then a new Sunday school build-
ing was erected, making this charge one
of the best equipped materially, in the
conference. We have the largest Sunday
school by 70 scholars in its history.

Our C. E. Society was getting in good
working order. The prayer meeting
committee being able to make out a list
of leaders months in advance. Ninety-
of leaders months in advance. Ninety-
eight members have been added, and
among whom are many of our leading
workers. At the annual membership
meeting Mr. H. E. Gray was elected dele-
gate and Mr. Geo. L. Ward, alternate.
The pastor resigned, because he felt
he could do greater work in some other
field. So Brooklyn is seeking a new pas-
tor. Here are best wishes and God bless
you, to the brother who comes.

H. O. KEEN, Pastor.

EASTERN

Cassville Circuit

We again have great reasons for sing-
ing praises to our God for an outpouring
of His Spirit bringing conviction and
conversion to a great many souls.

From May 5th to 9th, we had a gra-
cious revival at our Cooks Mills Church.
God's power came down upon that com-
munity and gave us 21 souls who came
and wept their way into the Kingdom.
The church is almost filled at the preach-
ing services now and a midweek prayer
meeting has begun. Something that has
not been there for years. A Christian
Endeavor Society is being organized.
The Sabbath School is increasing in num-
bers and the outlook for the spiritual
life of this church is great. Sunday
evening we had the pleasure of receiv-
ing 9 into membership and more are
coming in with us. There are several
to be baptized in the near future. We
are continuing the revival effort every
preaching service as there are several
still deeply convicted. Pray for us,
brethren that these may soon come and
give themselves to Him.

Many of the members were helped
and strengthened in their faith. Our
desire is to keep humble and pray more
and do greater things for the Master
we love.

This Circuit has had a wonderful year
spiritually.

REV. GEO. A. PEARCE,
Pastor.

WEST VIRGINIA

West Milford

The Board of Stewards canvassed the
votes for delegates at the Third Quarter-
ly Conference held with the good people
of Duck Creek and found that Alvadore
Hughes of the Green Hill appointment
received all but one of the votes cast
and so was declared elected with Mrs.
Delia Peterson of Deanneville as alter-
nate.

Our church at West Milford has a
membership of forty-nine. Its services
are Sunday School, preaching and prayer
and class meeting. The attendance is
fluctuating. We have not been able to
arouse the proper interest here in the
general program of the church. The
members, that is a portion of them, have
a cold apathy toward the benevolences
of the church. This we regard as a
sure sign of spiritual decay. Some ex-
clude the church and its program and
cluster their loyalty about the pastor
only. While the pastor must have loyalty
on the part of his members to succeed
on any work yet when it ends with him
the result is disastrous to the church.
There is too much of this type of loyalty
and as a result our reports become
sources of embarrassment. What is the
remedy? A clause with an enforcement
provision in it inserted in the Manual
of our Conference designed to eliminate

dead weight in our churches. We put
up with too much slipshodness with our
members. We refer in the main to mem-
bers of rural churches. We have not
had any experience yet with a city
church and therefore are not qualified
to speak concerning them upon this sub-
ject. Someone will say that in "closing
down" on the members many will "get
mad" and leave the church. This no
doubt is true. But, you do not have to
close down on good members. They
know their duties as well as the pastor
does and are not a source of annoyance
when some improvement is sought or
when there are souls to be gathered into
the saving grace of Jesus Christ. If a
member does not want to get up against
the collar let him step aside in order that
another who does may don the harness.

The church at Duck Creek has twenty-
nine members. This is a harmonious
little church having a Sunday School,
preaching and sometimes prayer and
class meeting. It is located in a splendid
quiet community, but it is not a soul-
winning church. New Century Service
suffers painfully here. There ought to
be some kind of an earthquake here to
jump this church out of a channel of
unfruitfulness in which it has been
peacefully sailing.

The church at Green Hill has forty-six
members and a splendid opportunity.
This is a typical rural church in attend-
ance, finance and progress. Its means
of grace are Sunday School, preaching
and prayer and class meeting. This
church has so far made the largest con-
tribution to the benevolences of the
church of any of the other churches,
but it was not quite enough to cover
their apportionment.

One mile below Weston on the bank
of the muddy West Fork River stands
Clark's Chapel, our church in Deanneville.
This church has a wonderful opportunity.
If it would cast aside indifference and
cooperate with the whole program of the
church it could become a better church.

The parsonage which is at West Mil-
ford, the logical place for it, should be
located in some other part of town
nearer the church. The present location
does not harmonize with that of the
church. It is badly in need of repairs
and the conditions about it are very
unsanitary and unbecoming a parsonage.
These conditions should have been con-
sidered before purchasing but somehow
they were unfortunately overlooked.

This is a good field with ample re-
sources for the doing of a wonderful
work for the glory of God and His King-
dom. The process, however, must neces-
sarily be a long, drawn-out one. We are
trying to do our best here in the face of
some serious handicaps, and hope to see
some slight improvement by the end
of the year.

KELVIN L. McCRAY.

Board of Young People's Work W. Va.

Not more than half enough money has
come in to run our Leadership Training

School. Please let us have the money
from your Charge at once. You must
not fail us.

The following Charges have paid since
my last report—

Weston Ct., Thos. Spiker, \$13.50.
Parkersburg, B. M. Mitchell, \$12.50.
Pullman Ct., A. W. Lowe, \$2.40. Avery,
J. A. Selby, \$7.00. Morgantown, Geo.
Shurtz, \$25.00. Pennsboro Ct., F. T.
Kelley, \$2.52. Doddridge Ct., D. S.
Boggs, \$6.00. Lewis, J. E. Burns, \$4.75.
Fairmont, L. E. Bee, \$10.00. Blue Rock,
Marshall Phillips, \$6.20. Gay, A. L. Nes-
tor, \$3.15. Flatwoods, M. C. Gainer,
\$13.35.

RALPH RICHARDS,
Chmn. Finances.

NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina Notes

Items from First Church, High Point:

The Board of Stewards gave a din-
ner recently to the membership of the
church.

At the Second Quarterly Conference
the pastor reported 37 accessions so far
this year. The membership is now 723.
The average attendance at Sunday
School is 368.

A service in honor of the nurses of
the city, with an appropriate sermon
by the pastor, was held on a recent Sun-
day evening. About 50 nurses were in
attendance.

The pastor, Rev. Roy I. Farmer,
preached the Baccalaureate sermon to
this year's graduating class.

"Tithing Month" was observed by the
church and the sum of \$350 received
for New Century Service. In addition
an offering was received for Near East
Relief amounting to \$104.50.

Items from Grace Church, Greensboro:
The Baccalaureate sermon was
preached by the pastor, Rev. Ronald J.
Tamblyn, to the 135 members of the
graduating class of the Greensboro High
School.

The pastor of Grace Church was re-
cently honored by being elected Presi-
dent of the Lion's Club of the city.

The 38th anniversary of the founding
of the church was observed with a fel-
lowship supper. All the living former
pastors save three were present to en-
joy the evening. The church is looking
forward to the 40th anniversary, when
special services will be held.

High Point College Items:

The graduating class this year num-
bered 35. The Commencement exer-
cises were especially interesting. The
Baccalaureate sermon was preached in
the First Church, by Rev. Geo. H. Miller,
D. D., pastor of the Church at Cam-
bridge, Ohio. Rev. S. W. Taylor, Presi-
dent of the Conference, received the
degree Doctor of Divinity. The class
of 1929 dedicated a fountain which cost
something more than \$700.
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COMPANY

Plans have been approved and work commenced on a new building for the Concord congregation. The membership has outgrown the present building. Last year a splendid Sunday School building was erected.

South Lexington Church has just ended a splendid revival with 25 accessions to the membership.

The Love Joy Church, on Why Not Circuit, is completed with the exception

of the pews. A new piano has been installed. The building is practically clear of debt.

The past two Sundays—May 16-23—saw 28 additions to the membership of the Asheboro Church, Rev. J. E. Pritchard, pastor. This partly is the result of the special meeting held recently.

Moriah Church celebrated its one hundredth anniversary on the third Sunday in May. Rev. Ronald J. Tamblin,

pastor of Grace Church, preached the anniversary sermon in the morning. In the afternoon a number of papers and addresses were heard.

A handsome Bulletin Board has been presented to Lebanon Church, High Point, the gift of Brother Edward Montgomery. An attractive marker has also been placed in front of the Moriah Church.

C. W. B.

Report on

Maryland Annual Conference Church Paper Campaign

Charge	Pastor	Papers Taken	Goals New	Returns Ren.	Ren.	Amt.
Acomac.....	J. P. George.....	15	10	12	14	\$27.00
Alexandria.....	G. J. Hooker.....	20	5	16	5	13.67
Amelia.....	J. E. McKean.....	8	10	5	1	14.84
Bedford.....	Stephen G. Galey.....	12	5	10	4	10.00
Belair.....	G. E. Turner.....	18	10	15	14	28.00
Buckeystown.....	C. E. Dryden.....	35	10	28	4	29
Bivalve.....	J. G. Lynn.....	6	10	5	.....	.....
Calvary.....	J. W. Townsend.....	1	3	1	.....	.....
Cambridge.....	T. C. Mulligan.....	26	20	21	19	37.51
Cambridge Cir.A.	A. Pierce.....	10	3	8	11	22.00
Cannon.....	J. A. Wright.....	4	10	4	11	5
Caroline.....	W. T. Archer.....	13	5	11	5	13
Carroll Circuit.....	W. O. Lynch.....	11	5	9	1	.....
Cecil.....	M. E. Dearholt.....	11	10	9	9	18.00
Centerville.....	G. A. Morris.....	20	5	16	11	22.00
Cherrydale.....	F. G. Holloway.....	3	15	3	3	6.84
Chestertown.....	E. A. Sexsmith.....	46	10	37	6	44
Chincoteague.....	D. F. Galloway.....	4	5	4	1	2.00
Clayton.....	J. W. Parris.....	11	5	9	6	9
Concord.....	H. E. Hudgins.....	13	10	11	6	12.00
Congress St.....	H. A. Koster.....	24	5	20	8	16.00
Crisfield.....	J. L. Nichols.....	21	20	17	4	12
Crumpton.....	No Pastor.....	1	.....	1	.....	2.00
Cumberland.....	C. R. Strausburg.....	22	15	18	.....	.....
Dagsboro.....	L. W. Gordon.....	1	15	1	.....	.....
Deer Creek.....	F. N. Bowers.....	21	3	17	7	14.00
Deer Park.....	G. W. Ports.....	10	20	8	1	2.00
Delmar.....	J. T. Bailey.....	15	10	12	9	14
Delta.....	B. F. Ruley.....	20	10	16	3	13
Denton.....	J. W. Kirk.....	18	10	15	1	10
Dorchester.....	F. J. Phillips.....	18	5	15	.....	.....
Dover and Leipsic.....	C. M. Comphe.....	8	5	7	1	1
Easton.....	E. T. Read.....	21	10	17	5	16
Elizabeth.....	J. W. Balderston.....	9	5	7	.....	4
Emmanuel.....	Robert Browne.....	16	5	13	5	2
Fairfax.....	H. M. McAdow.....	11	5	9	.....	10.00
Fawn Grove.....	C. K. McCaslin.....	24	10	20	2	11
Federalburg.....	G. E. Leister.....	11	5	9	3	7
Felton.....	O. W. Prince.....	9	3	7	3	6
Finksburg.....	Avery Donovan.....	27	10	22	6	16
Franklin City.....	C. M. Cullum.....	8	10	7	.....	.....
Frederick.....	G. R. Donaldson.....	10	5	8	.....	1
Georgetown.....	M. E. Hungerford.....	7	10	6	3	6.00
Glenburnie.....	W. F. Wright.....	17	10	14	.....	.....
Greenbush.....	W. C. Mumford.....	7	5	6	.....	2.00
Greenwood.....	Ziba Adams.....	8	5	7	.....	12.00
Grove.....	A. W. Betts.....	8	5	7	.....	6
Hallwood.....	D. W. Anstine.....	9	5	7	.....	1.50
Harbeson.....	L. E. Haddaway.....	7	10	6	.....	1
Harmony.....	H. L. Murphy.....	20	5	16	1	17
Harper's Ferry.....	C. Burkis.....	14	5	11	.....	.....
Harrington.....	H. B. Jester.....	20	10	16	3	6.00
Hawley Memor.....	C. F. Cummins.....	13	5	11	.....	.....
Howard.....	C. Randall.....	32	20	26	12	27
Hurlock.....	E. E. Coleman.....	25	5	20	17	34.00
Kempston.....	H. G. Hagar.....	17	10	14	9	18.00
Kennedyville.....	G. S. Ross.....	20	5	16	.....	.....
Kent Island.....	J. E. Cummings.....	17	5	15	.....	12
Laurel.....	K. H. Elliott.....	34	20	28	10	30
Laurel Circuit.....	W. D. Wareheim.....	16	5	13	4	10
Leeds.....	W. D. Wilson.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....
Lewis.....	O. G. Brewer.....	25	5	20	.....	6
Liberty.....	J. H. Lynch.....	17	5	14	1	15
Lynchburg.....	J. F. Zimmerman.....	32	20	26	.....	4
Maple and Fairview.....	F. B. Bailey.....	6	2	5	.....	.....
Mardela.....	I. S. Owens.....	29	10	23	4	23
Mariner's.....	No Pastor.....	5	10	4	4	7
Marley.....	G. E. Shaw.....	12	5	10	1	6
Melvin Chapel.....	J. F. Bryan.....	15	2	4	.....	.....
Milford.....	C. M. Sturgis.....	25	5	20	2	12
Milton.....	C. M. Jenkins.....	21	5	17	5	21
Mt. Nebo.....	W. H. Hodges.....	22	10	18	3	6
Mt. Olivet.....	C. M. Kelsner.....	13	5	11	.....	13
Mt. Tabor.....	R. L. Shipley.....	51	20	40	.....	6
Newark.....	Carroll Maddox.....	22	20	18	30	62.34
New Church.....	A. H. Green.....	10	15	8	10	7
New Market.....	A. H. Green.....	10	15	8	10	7

Totals..... 2521 1361 2044 283 1366 \$3,255.15
Returns Last Year..... 159 1438 \$3,286.58
Increase..... 124 *72 \$ 18.57
Decrease.....

Notes and Personals

NOTICE TO SUPERANNUATES

The first payment to Superannuates of the Maryland Annual Conference will be made July 31 and will be for a two months period. No payment will be made at the end of June owing to the fact that sufficient time is not given the Treasurer to properly adjust the accounts of each individual. After the July payment the checks will be mailed at the close of each month provided Conference does not change the plan.
CHAS. F. CUMMINS, Treasurer.

Ridgeville Charge

Children's Day Service was held at Montgomery Church on June 2. A large crowd was in attendance, the church and Sunday School room being filled to capacity. An excellent program was rendered and an offering received for the budget.

BENJ. A. BRYAN, Pastor.

Resolutions

The Central group Missionary Societies in session at Christ M. P. Church, Chestertown, Md., May 28, 1929, assembled, recognizing the loss sustained by the conference and by Mrs. Crouse in the removal of Brother T. O. Crouse from our midst; be it

Resolved, That we extend to our president, Mrs. Crouse, our sincere sympathy for her in this heavy loss, and commit her to the care of our loving Father who careth for her.

Signed by the Committee:

MRS. S. ELWOOD BURGESS,

Wesley Chapel.

MRS. W. N. FLECKENSTEIN,

Easton.

MRS. W. ROBERT HUEY,

Chestertown.

Maryland Conference Church Paper Campaign

The campaign for new and renewal subscriptions to "The Methodist Protestant" in the Maryland Conference closed on Saturday, June 1st. We are publishing in this issue the results of the campaign. More new subscriptions were secured than a year ago, with a decrease in renewals. The amount of money collected is about the same as last year. Twenty-six charges made no report.

The returns are somewhat disappointing. We hoped to secure a larger number of new subscribers also renewals. If our subscription list is to be maintained, we must hold every subscriber on our list and secure more new ones.

We are hoping that the pastors who have not made their reports will do so at conference.

There are a number of charges and pastors who have turned in an excellent report, some of them better than a year ago. Other reports could have been better.

It has been our experience where a pastor will get back of the paper and urge it among his people it has not been a difficult task to secure his quota. We urge every pastor to make a further effort to secure the quota of new and renewal subscriptions allotted to his charge.

To those pastors who have co-operated with us, we want to express our sincere appreciation and thanks.

CHAS. REINER, JR.,
Publisher.

Death of Mrs. A. G. Lynch

As Mrs. Yates sang "Sometime, Somewhere, We'll Understand," I was sure that the "Sometime, Somewhere" could only be in that land where I shall "know even as I am known." Centenary Church was filled with men, women, and children with heavy hearts and tear-stained eyes. The noble form of Mrs. A. G. Lynch lay in a beautiful casket, covered with lovely flowers. But their beauty and loveliness only added a touch of tenderness to the broken hearts of her friends and loved ones.

Rev. A. G. Lynch became our pastor less than a year ago, and with him came his dear wife, Mrs. Helen Galloway Lynch, from her home at Texas, Md. Mrs. Lynch through her deep consecration, good judgment, and persistent work quickly won her way into the hearts of our people. To the Ladies Aid she was its President, its thoughtful advisor, and a loving sister in that family-like group which means so much to our little church. To the Sunday School she was the teacher of the Primary Class and as a mother to those dear little children. To the C. E. Society she was ever present to encourage, counsel, or entertain.

On the fourteenth of May, her Labor of Love came to an end, but the seeds of love she sowed here in this earthly life will continue to bear fruit, and the influence of her life will only end against the shores of eternity.

It would be useless for me to try to describe the sorrow brought into our lives by this untimely death. We only wish, through these columns, to express kindest sympathy to her beloved husband here and to her dear loved ones back at her Maryland home. We must all

learn, as did the Psalmist, that God only "healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds." Sometime, somewhere, we will meet to sorrow no more, and then we'll understand.

V. H. McKEE,
Sec. Centenary M. P. Church,
Atlanta, Ga.

DEL-MAR-VA ITEMS

Delmar, Rev. J. T. Bailey, pastor. The pastor of this charge delivered the address to the elementary graduates of the Delmar, Maryland, school and preached the baccalaureate sermon to the graduates of the Delmar, Delaware High School. He also delivered the Commencement address at Sharptown, Md., High School on Friday, May 31st.

Dover, Rev. C. M. Comphe, pastor. The pastor of this charge delivered an address to the Dover Rotary Club on Tuesday evening, June 4th. His topic was "Lopsided Men."

Salisbury, Rev. G. I. Humphreys, pastor. The pastor of this church preached the baccalaureate sermon to the graduates of Salisbury High School. He also made the address at the Commencement exercises of Snow Hill High School.

Harrington, Rev. H. B. Jester, pastor. The pastor of this charge preached the baccalaureate sermon to the graduates of the Harrington High School Sunday morning, held in the M. P. Church. The Children's Day Service was held here last Sunday evening with an offering of \$66.00. The charge is closing the year in splendid shape. The pastor's salary and all local expenses paid a week before conference. The church expects to pay 75% of the Conference assessments, which is more than has ever been paid in the history of the church.

CHURCH NOTICES

WEST VIRGINIA

President's Plan of Visitation

Friendly—June 14.
Reedy—June 15-16.
Leroy—June 17-20.
Spencer Ct.—June 21-23.
Gandeville—June 24-27.
Gay—June 28-July 1.
Fairplain—July 2-5.
Rockport—July 6-7.

L. E. OLDAKER.

NOTICE

The Eastern Conference will hold its next Session in the Ventnor Methodist Protestant Church, Atlantic City, New Jersey. The Conference will convene on Wednesday, October 9th at 2 o'clock.

W. D. STULTZ,
Chairman of Standing District Committee.

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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE MARYLAND CONFERENCE

(Continued from page 11)

FINANCE

The Conference will be gratified to learn that the charges have sent in financial reports for the nine months that are most gratifying.

Eighty-five charges report to have raised forty-six thousand, two hundred forty-nine dollars (\$46,249.00) for building and improvements.

Fifty-three charges report forty-two thousand, eight hundred sixty-four dollars paid on debts exclusive of interest money.

Pastor's Salary. Many of our charges had not set the salary for next year when the report blanks were returned to me. From the figures available, I find that eighteen (18) charges increased salaries for next year to the amount of three thousand six hundred forty-one dollars.

New Church and Parsonages: This church in which we meet has erected a Sunday School house costing \$41,000. The congregation of Calvary Church, Va., is erecting a new church. Powellville church erected a new Social Hall and installed electric lights in church and parsonage. Central church on Frederick Charge has been completely renovated and vastly improved. Grace church on Towson Charge has made noteworthy improvements. The churches on Belair charge have been greatly improved. *Linthicum Heights church built a new furnace room and improved the interior of its church and parsonage. Both churches on Oak Grove and Prince George charges made improvements. Carroll Circuit build a new parsonage and Leeds renovated and improved its parsonage. Starr church is beginning the erection of an Educational and Recreational Home to cost sixty-five thousand dollars. Educational and Social Buildings are being planned for Bethesda, Baltimore, Chestertown and Cambridge churches. There are, doubtless, other churches and parsonages in our Conference district which have been improved but reports concerning these improvements have not reached me.*

The following churches have paid \$500 or more on improvements: Bethesda, Baltimore, \$500; East Baltimore \$800; Lauraville \$3775; Linthicum Heights \$500; Lowe Memorial \$700; Starr \$1,000; St. John's \$2,927; St. Paul's \$650; Towson \$1,593; West Baltimore \$3,500; Carroll \$3,410; Chestertown \$1,155; Crisfield \$700; Delta \$600; Finksburg \$1,000; First Church, Newark, \$3,000; Frederick \$1,250; Laurel \$500; Liberty \$550; Lynchburg \$1,000; Mt. Nebo \$1,000; St. Luke's \$800; Pocomoke City \$500; Powellville \$1,585; Seaford \$500; Calvary, Va., \$500; Rhode Island Ave. \$500; Peninsula Church, Wilmington \$900; Wesley Chapel of Kent \$2,000.

In addition the following charges have raised five hundred or more dollars on debt exclusive of interest money: Brook-

lyn \$1,115; Eutaw \$2,100; Lauraville \$2,000; Starr \$3,000; Violetville \$900; Wilton Heights \$583; Centerville \$2,000; Mariners \$2,500; Delmar \$575; Glenburnie \$2,000; Georgetown \$2,000; Harbeson \$600; Howard \$1,200; Laurel \$1,000; Leeds \$500; Newmarket 524; St. Luke's \$2,050; Pocomoke City \$2,000; Seaford \$600; Alexandria \$1,250; Cherrydale \$2,559; Mt. Tabor \$700; Mt. Olivet \$600; North Carolina Ave. \$2,218; Rhode Island \$700; Peninsula, Wilmington, Del., \$2,400; Hampden, Baltimore, \$2,125.

MARYLAND CONFERENCE INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES

Superannuate Fund Society: Mr. Thomas A. Murray, our treasurer, has continued during this Conference year his zealous work in behalf of this Society. Too much cannot be said in his praise for his constant and most painstaking care in behalf of the funds and securities on which the future support of our aged ministers, the widows and orphans depends. He deserves our everlasting gratitude, for it is no small task to attend to everything involved in this treasurership.

The Conference at its last session lengthened the time for the collection of the subscriptions of pastors to the Superannuate Fund, as per campaign during the years 1921-1923. The Conference doubtless felt that all pastors desired to have full opportunity to contribute their subscriptions in full; as all are prospective beneficiaries of its fund.

The following is the record with regard to this subscription:

81 pastors have paid their quota in full.

19 pastors have paid fifty percent or more of their quota.

10 pastors have paid less than fifty percent of their quota.

17 pastors have failed to make any payments.

The Committee on Superannuates and this Conference can obtain detailed information from the Treasurer of the Conference.

The Church Extension Society: This organization through its Board of Managers and through the Board of Survey and Extension has continued its fine work during this Conference year despite almost insuperable handicaps.

Doctor Sheridan, who by natural gifts and by experience was the invaluable Superintendent of this work, was suddenly taken from this office on January 17th by the great Head of the Church.

He had laid his plans for what appeared to us would terminate in a successful campaign in behalf of the Washington Church Enterprise. He had the other work of the Church Extension Society well in hand and he looked forward to this session that he might give to you an account of the trust committed to him.

His death halted the work in behalf of the church in Washington. The other duties of the office were by vote of a joint-meeting of the Board of Managers and the Board of Survey given to a

Committee composed of James H. Straughn, William H. Litsinger, and your president. What has been accomplished will be given you in the report of this Society and in the report from the Board of Survey and Extension.

Our Church Home: Our Church Home for the Aged in Westminster, Md., furnishes us a Christ-like agency to minister to those who have grown old in the service of Christ and of our church.

The Home is in a prosperous condition, filled to capacity, and has a small waiting list of applicants for admission.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the Executive Committee and the Board of Lady Superintendents located in Westminster, Maryland, who have to do with all the detail work of running this Home so economically and so successfully.

Deaconess Work and Home: In accordance with the action of last Conference the Deaconess Home was closed and the property has been sold. The report of the Board of Managers of the Deaconess Work deals with all the details which you will want to know concerning the present outlook of this work in our Conference.

Headquarters Building: In accordance with the action of last Conference, the superintendency of the building was taken over by J. M. Sheridan on November 1st, 1928. Mr. Charles Reiner, who has given this Conference faithful service in this office for a number of years, without any monetary compensation, deserves our hearty thanks.

In his characteristic efficient manner, Dr. Sheridan took hold of the duties of this office but only lived two months and a half after he had become the Superintendent.

At the time of his decease the Board of Management requested the president of the Conference to attend to the duties of that office.

The debt has been further reduced and now amounts to \$125,000.00. The building is rented with the exception of less than one-tenth of its office space, which compares most favorably with other office buildings in Baltimore.

Some definite arrangements for the future management of the Headquarters Building will have to be made at this session.

Young People's Institute and Summer Conference: These annual events have not yet taken place since the meeting of our Conference in September. Both organizations are arranging programs that will continue the good and helpful work of other years.

These two organizations will not meet simultaneously on College Hill as has been the custom for a number of years: the Young People's Institute will begin July 22nd, and the Summer Conference for Ministers will begin September 2nd.

Mutual Relief Association: Perhaps never before in the existence of this Association has it been permitted to do better and more efficient work than in the nine months of this Conference year. I am sure that all the members have

gladly availed themselves of the opportunity thus to express, in a tangible way, their sympathy toward the families of the bereaved.

President's Parsonage: Mr. J. Frank Brown whom you elected Agent of the President's Parsonage has acted with fidelity and efficiency in caring for the necessary repairs and also in meeting the financial obligations involved. I wish in this way to register my grateful appreciation for the prompt and efficient manner in which he has cared for this home. Only the limitations of the funds available have prevented some other and necessary repairs from being made.

Benevolent Societies: The Board of Beneficence of St. John's Church and the Pipe Creek Benevolent Society continue to give aid to those in need. Our Conference in this way registers its appreciation and gratitude for the help these Societies give.

Bequests: Miss Grace Lee, a member of St. John's Church, made certain provisions in her will for the work of the Lord through the agency of our denomination. Her estate has been settled and the following organizations have received the amounts she intended them to have:—Western Maryland College, \$15,000.00; Superannuate Fund Society \$5,000.00; Board of Foreign Missions, \$1,000.00; Board of Home Missions, \$1,000.00; Home for the Aged, \$2,000.00; Deaconess Board, \$1,000.00; Church Extension Society, \$2,000.00.

Mr. J. Wiley Norris of our Norrisville church on Stewartson charge died during this year and provided in his will that a thousand dollars should go to Westminster Theological Seminary Scholarship Fund and that a thousand dollars be invested and the annual income to be paid to the support of the pastor of Norrisville church.

I would like to suggest to the members and friends of our cause who are making deposition of their possessions that one of the ways of transmitting earthly goods into heavenly wealth is by investing their money in the work of character-building and soul-saving.

This is being done by the various organizations of our Conference; and to leave money to these agencies means that it will work in their names after they have gone.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We have in our Conference a small number of charges which are not strong enough to be supplied with a minister in full standing in our Conference. Some of these charges are given such services as supplies from the Theological Seminary or Local Preachers from other charges may be able to give. It is no reflection upon those who have been serving in this capacity to say that their supervision has been very limited, because of their lack of time and opportunity.

In most cases these charges are in the country districts adjacent to centres of population such as Salisbury, Pocomoke

City, Laurel, Seaford and other like towns where we have strong churches with pastors of known executive ability. These pastors would be glad to render valuable assistance to these charges if they were given some authority to do so.

I therefore recommend that this whole subject be given to the Board of Survey and Extension for careful study and consideration and that they make such recommendations to the Conference as the Board may deem wise in the premises.

2. We have taken a long step forward in having a Conference Treasurer whom we pay at least for part of his time. His efficiency and faithfulness are unquestioned. He is giving us the benefit of his business training of many years and he is anxious that our way of doing business should be up-to-date and with as little expense to us as is possible.

The great handicap in this being done lies in the fact that most of the money collected on the charges for the Maryland Conference and General Conference interests is not remitted to him at the time these monies are collected. The failure to do this causes great embarrassment to the Treasurer and great expense to the Conference. We have ordered the Treasurer to pay our Superannuates monthly and our bills as they become due; and in order to do so the treasurer has to borrow money constantly from the bank at six per cent interest. This item of interest on borrowed money which amounts each year to a considerable sum, could be saved if we had an adequate financial system.

I therefore recommend that the Treasurer in conjunction with the Board of Finance be authorized to work out a plan by which Stations of the Conference could be induced to make monthly, and Circuits quarterly remittances of all monies in hand for the Benevolent Interests of the church.

3. The recommendation which I made to our last Conference concerning the Loyalty Crusade has been such a pronounced success wherever it was tried during this year that I should like to see its fine work still further extended.

I therefore recommend that our Group Chairmen be requested to take this as a part of their definite work for the Districts over which they are appointed and early in this Conference year organize the pastors, Sunday School Superintendents, Christian Endeavor Presidents and other working units of the churches under them so that even greater results might be achieved. Our Standing Committee on Evangelism, which did splendid work during this Conference year, is willing to do all within its power and to the limit of its resources that the pastors and workers may be supplied with such helps and literature as will help them to carry forward this work successfully.

4. The observations and experiences of

my three years of travel over the Conference district have made certain definite impressions upon me. Among these the most outstanding is that our pastors, especially those who are serving charges composed of more than one church, have problems to solve both from the standpoint of utility and economy that are vexing and perplexing.

Present day conditions demand that in order to serve such a charge acceptably and successfully it is necessary to have an automobile.

The salary in most cases is not sufficient to allow the pastor to purchase this automobile, provide for the up-keep and running expense, and at the same time care for himself and family without serious financial embarrassment.

The burden which is a heavy one when borne by the pastor alone becomes very light when distributed among the membership of two or more churches.

I therefore recommend that this Conference requests Quarterly Conferences to take under advisement the solution of this problem in providing an automobile for the use of their pastor.

I believe that this will lead to a more satisfactory service on the part of the pastor and at the same time prove a boon in solving the problem of maintaining financial solvency on the salaries now paid by some charges.

And now, my fellow-laborers, I lay down the duties of the office to which you called me more than three years ago.

I regret many things. I should like to have done more for my Lord, my church and my brethren.

I do not claim that I have not made mistakes but I do ask you to believe that I have been honest, sincere and wholehearted in the administration of this office. My successor has my best wishes and my prayers.

I am grateful to my brethren of the ministry and their wives, and my friends of the laity for the many courtesies and the hospitality shown me in my travels over the conference district.

I thank my Heavenly Father for giving health and strength for the journeys and the duties incident to the office for these years.

May every transaction of our Conference sessions be directed by the Holy Spirit so that we may plan wisely and to the honor of Christ and the building of His kingdom.

Yours in the service of Christ and our beloved church,

E. C. MAKOSKY,
President.

June 12th, 1929.

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Christian Endeavor Page

By REV. RAYMOND W. WHITE

SENIOR TOPIC FOR JUNE 23

Jesus Teaching Us Self Control.
Mic. 6:8; 1 Pet. 2:11-20

Teaching by example John 19:8-12
Controlling temper Matt. 5:21-26
Regarding injuries Matt. 18:21-35
The other cheek Matt. 5:38-42
In temptation Matt. 4:1-11
Control haste Luke 9:51-56

To the Leader

Advertise this meeting with large Question-Mark posters. Use question marks for borders in your bulletin. This is easily arranged with a duplicator. If you use posters, cut them in the shape of a large question mark. Let your black-board illustrations be in the shape of question-marks. A number of question mark posters hung around the room is suggestive. Be sure and have a number to take part in the meeting.

The Poet

If you can keep your head when all about you

Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;

If you can trust yourself, when all men doubt you,

But make allowance for their doubting too;

If you can wait and not be tired by waiting

Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or, being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;

If you can dream and not make dreams your master;

If you can think and not make thoughts your aim;

If you can meet with triumph and disaster,

And treat those two imposters just the same;

If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken

Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,

Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,

And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools;

If you can walk with crowds and keep your virtue,

Or walk with kings—nor lose your common touch;

If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you;

If all men count with you, but none too much;

If you can fill the unforgiving minute

With sixty seconds' worth of distance run—

Yours is the earth, and everything that's in it,

And—which is more—you'll be a man, my son!

—Rudyard Kipling.

Topic Talks

Necessity: A person, who desires to be a living example of Jesus Christ, must show self-control. This is more than true of the leader. It is impossible to control any suggestive circumstances if the leader cannot control self. A man, who cannot control self, is unfit to control god's work. One of the first requisites for Christian Living and Christian Leading is Self-Mastery.

Spheres: There are three spheres within one's self to be controlled. These three spheres are the body, soul and mind. Each of these must be cultured and kept under control. Either of them neglected will over-balance the human motor, and prohibit self-mastery. The ministering forces to these three faculties are the church, school and playground. None of these can be ignored with the hope of reaching the highest ideal of self-control.

Relations: It has been suggested that man has three relationships. He has a relation upward to God, inward to himself and outward to his neighbor. The second and third depend upon the first. The closer one walks with God, the nearer he feels to himself and his neighbor. To follow the example of Jesus, a Christian will so control self that all three relationships will be maintained. To neglect any one or over-do one or more will defeat the soldier, who seeks self-control.

Be Still: Jesus maintained self-control by seeking a quiet place where He might commune with His Father. Into the mountain He went to pray. And then into the Temple He went to teach and preach. The teaching of the Heavenly Father suggests that one be still and know that He is God. The plan of the universe is that of quiet but certain progress. He who desires to possess self-control, must spend much time in quiet meditation.

Music: There seems to be rhythm in the life of Jesus. There is rhythm in God's creation. All nature has its right and left swing. It is important that every member watch the beat of time as God leads the music of the universe. How beautiful is the church and the lives of its members when all are living in perfect harmony. Self-control means playing our part when the Great Master gives us bidding. All arguments are the result of some one losing self-control.

Tramp, Tramp: Self-control as Jesus taught means self-discipline. Much of the art of living is found in learning to keep step. We must never forget that in this world there is myself and the Other Fellow. Jock, who had joined the expeditionary force, was being visited by his mother and sister on the first parade day. Jock was badly out of step. But his

sister, who was very proud of her brother, turned to her mother and said, "look, there're a' oot o' step but our Jock." Poor Jock! Many promising leaders are failures because they are out of step and don't know it.

Simplicity: There is no virtue in getting things mixed-up. Life and its social features are full of tangles. To manifest self-control is to live a life of simplicity. God has spoken in a most simple language. His followers have many times confused His message and dulled and blurred the understandings as well as weakened the grasp on God. Living with God clears the understanding. It opens the eyes.

Demons: The person desiring self-control should make a thorough study of sin and effects on the inner-life. There are foes to face. They and their tactics must be understood. There are four foes to face. "These four enemies are lack of use, deficiency; over-use, prodigality; misuse, the inappropriate, the improper; and abuse, the injurious." These foes must be faced with an unconquerable determination. If either of them wins, self-control cannot be won.

Fruit: Jesus tells us that the glory of God is increased when His followers bear much fruit. Though self-control may require much effort and may be possessed only by paying a great price, its fruits are much to be desired and their value would prompt one to earnestly seek them. What are they? Listen to Paul, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, meekness, faithfulness, temperance." Let us seek the Spirit and bear the fruits for the glory of God.

Sub-topics

What do we most need to control?

How can one learn self-control?

Name some rewards of self-control.

How did Jesus practice self-control?

Describe a good way to practice self-control.

Why is self-control necessary in Christian life?

INTERMEDIATE TOPIC

Tests of Courage. Acts 6:8-15;
Matt. 27:33-46

JUNIOR TOPICS

"Keep Sweet"—How? Phil. 4:6-8

Suggestion

"Prayers in Christian Endeavor meetings need not be long or systematic or eloquent. A child's talk with its father is none of these things, but is made up of little questions, a whispered word of love, an appeal for advice or help. This is the model for our public prayers in Christian Endeavor meetings. Let us express our love for our heavenly Father and our confidence in Him, however simple, stumbling, and awkward our speech may be. Urgings like these should often be placed before our societies by the pastors and older members."

Sunday School Lesson

By REV. G. M. CLAYTON

LESSON FOR SUNDAY JUNE 23

"A Psalm of Praise"

Golden Text: "Bless Jehovah, O my soul."—Ps. 103:1.

Poetry of the Psalms

The Psalms are at the very heart of the Bible, and at the heart of the Christian religion. The Christian often finds himself under the charm of their sublime poetry. Dr. Henry Van Dyke observes: "We shall do wisely to consider and appreciate the poetical element in the Psalms. The comfort, help and guidance that they bring to our spiritual life will not be diminished but increased, by a conception of their exquisite form and finish. If a king sent a golden cup full of cheering cordial to a weary man, he might well admire the twofold bounty of the royal gift. The beauty of the vessel would make the draught more grateful and refreshing. And if the cup were inexhaustible, if it filled itself anew as often as it touched the lips, then the very shape and adornment of it would become significant and precious. It would be an inestimable possession, a singing goblet, a treasure of life." Prothero, in his "Psalm in Human Life," reminds us that there is a Rabbinical tradition which states that David kept his harp hanging above his couch while he slept. Sometimes the midnight breezes would thrum its strings and the poet-king, under the inspiration of the music, would arise from his bed and till dawn flushed the Eastern skies, he would wed words to the strains. The poetry of that tradition is condensed in the saying that the book of Psalms contains the whole music of the human heart, swept by the hand of its Maker. "In it are gathered the lyrical burst of his tenderness, the moan of his penitence, the pathos of his sorrow, the triumph of his victory, the despair of his defeat, the firmness of his confidence and the rapture of his assured hope." Poetry stimulates thought and stirs emotions where prose fails. One has said, "If I may make the songs of a nation I care not who makes its laws." Another: "Songbooks are more powerful than law-books." Luther understood the value of verse and music. The doctrines of the Reformation were put in hymns and were sung to triumph over Europe. People today are more familiar with the Psalms than other parts of the Old Testament because their rhythm enables them to be easily memorized. They have a larger place in public worship than other Scripture. These things give them a peculiar influence over the religious life of our time." John Milton, himself a great poet, says that "the Psalms may easily be made to appear over all kinds of lyric poetry incomparable." The Psalms are generally acknowledged to be the greatest single collection of religious poetry.

A Bouquet of Blessings

I sometimes wonder if we do not generalize too much, particularly with regard to our blessings. We are prone to bunch our blessings and take them as a matter of course. We do not always take them apart and "name them one by one." We throw them together thoughtlessly, promiscuously, and say to God our cold and formal "I thank thee!" If we are to bunch our benefits and blessings let us arrange them in a beautiful bouquet. In a bouquet the less conspicuous and appreciated blossoms will enhance the beauty of the arrangement as a whole. David classified and named the divine mercies and blessings. Quoting Doctor Atkins: "I do not know anything more likely to fill our hearts with sincere gratitude and tune them with praise than, in the homely old phrase, 'counting one's mercies.' There is no shadow which will not be lightened, no depression which will not be lifted, no pain which will not be eased, no silence which will not become vocal, if only we 'forget not all his benefits.'" As Doctor Snowden observes: "How prone we are to forget the things we ought to remember, and to remember the things we should forget? . . . Some things we should forget, our own mistakes and also our successes and especially should we forget the faults of others, but the benefits of God we should not forget. . . . The psalmist calls upon his soul and all that is within him to forget not Jehovah's benefits. He stirs up the depths of his soul, he arouses all his memories and associated ideas to bring these benefits flocking into his soul." This psalm is a melodious sonnet happily harmonized. Both the material and the spiritual are included in proper proportions. May we not then speak of the One Hundred and Third Psalm as a Bouquet of Blessings? Not alone is it a cluster of blessings from God systematically and sincerely arranged, but it is also the blessing the psalmist would bestow upon the infinitely Benevolent One. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name." Come, now, and let us enjoy the

Perfume of Praise

that exhales from this magnificent outburst of a purely grateful heart, as expressed in "one of the purest and sweetest psalms of praise in the world's literature." It emits a fragrance deeply devotional, tenderly trustful, purely praiseful. "I have read somewhere," relates Prof. Martin, "a fairy story that tells how once a traveller was wandering through a wood, when he came upon a clump of the little blue flowers that we call forget-me-nots. He bent over them, surprised and delighted at their beauty, but wondered more when the flowers began to speak to him. They told him that

if he plucked a handful of them, and carried them on through the forest, they would disclose to him untold treasure. He eagerly snatched some of the blossoms and went hurriedly on his way. Presently he came to a rocky defile, and there right in front of him opened a doorway that led to a cave filled with all manner of gold and precious stones. When he saw the wonderful treasure that was within his reach he rushed eagerly forward and threw away the now despised and seemingly worthless flowers, but in a moment the doorway closed before his eyes and he had no spell wherewith to open it. Thus was he taught the sin of ingratitude and the shame of selfishness."

Peak of Perpetual Praise

"Ingratitude is such a dull-witted, stupid sort of thing that it does look altogether unpardonable in men and women of any vision and intelligence." I take pleasure in passing along this beautifully appropriate little poem by Henry van Dyke:

Do you give thanks for this or that?
No, God be thanked I am not grateful
In that cold, calculating way, with blessings ranked
As one, two, three, and four—that would be hateful.

I only know that every day brings good above

My poor deserving;
I only feel that in the road of Life true Love

Is leading me along and never swerving.

Whatever gifts and mercies to my lot may fall,

I would not measure
As worth a certain price in praise, or great or small;

But take and use them all with simple pleasure.

For when we gladly eat our daily bread, we bless

The Hand that feeds us;

And when we tread the Road of Life in cheerfulness,

Our very heart-beats praise the Lord that leads us.

There is no conceivable crisis in which the confiding Christian may not exclaim with the psalmist: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that it within me bless his holy name." Quoting F. B. Meyer: "Note the metaphors! The unswerving flight of the eagle far in the blue! The empyrean arch! The distance between sunrise and sunset! The father's pity for the little clinging child! The tiny flower fading in the hot breath of the summer! The golden chain of loving-kindness swinging from its staple in the everlasting Tomorrow! The chorus of Creation, in which 'the choir invisible,' composed of angels and ministers, suns and stars, seas and mountains, the saints in heaven and the Church on earth, join in unceasing adoration and praise. Gloria in Excelsis! How canst thou be silent, O my soul? Bless his Holy Name!"

Missionary Items

Edited by REV. G. W. HADDAWAY, D. D., Executive Secretary
and MRS. MARIE THOMPSON, Associate Executive Secretary.

FURTHER STEPS IN THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY WORK

Questions have been coming to me concerning the next steps to be taken in the organization of the Woman's Missionary work of our church, and although I have not been directed to make a statement in the papers, it is decidedly advisable that the branches and auxiliaries should not adopt any resolution of any kind, but that the President of the Conference or some other person should call a general meeting of all the women of the churches of the conference without reference to the W. F. M. S. and the W. H. M. S. and adopt the constitution and by-laws proposed by the Board of Missions and elect the officers and committees for which it provides. Then this new branch will be ready to proceed with its work.

In the local churches the W. F. M. S. and W. H. M. S. Auxiliaries should not adopt any resolution of any kind, but the pastor should call a general meeting of all the women of the church and without any reference to the W. F. M. S., the W. H. M. S. or their merger, *adopt the constitution and by-laws proposed by the Board of Missions, elect the officers and committees which it requires and proceed with their work.*

J. W. HAWLEY.

MARYLAND BRANCH, LOWER PENINSULA DISTRICT MISSIONARY MEETING

The Woman's Missionary Auxiliaries of the Lower Peninsula District of the Maryland Branch, Methodist Protestant Church, convened for their quarterly session in Bethesda M. P. Church, Salisbury, Md., May 29th, 1929, at the appointed hour, 10:30 A. M., the president, Mrs. H. E. Kelley, New Church, Va., presiding. Devotionals were conducted by Dr. G. I. Humphreys, pastor of the entertaining church.

A matter of business was first in order. The office of secretary heretofore included both recording and corresponding. It was thought wise to have two persons to fill these offices so Mrs. Milton Pope, of Salisbury, the secretary was elected to act as corresponding and Miss Gertrude Somers of Crisfield as recording.

Mrs. Milton Pope gave a very enlightening report of W. F. M. S. at the Annual Branch meeting held in Baltimore at the St. Paul's Church the latter part of March. At this time Mrs. Boulden, of Salisbury, favored us with a beautiful solo, "The Lord Is My Strength." Mrs. H. E. Kelley then gave a splendid

report of the Woman's Home Missionary Society at the annual Branch meeting. Mrs. Frank Fletcher of Waterville talked on "The Business Girls Home" and gave us a very vivid description of the Home itself, its management, its purpose, and its needs. Mrs. Fletcher visited the Home when attending the annual meeting. Miss Willie Evans of Horntown made an inspiring address on "Missions in the Plan of the Ages." During the noon hour the ladies of the entertaining church served a delicious lunch.

The afternoon session at 2 o'clock was led in devotions by Rev. W. F. Bauscher, of Hebron, Md. To add to the devotional service Miss Annie Wilson of the Aged People's Home of Salisbury was introduced by Mrs. Pope and she delightfully and impressively rendered a poem, learned by her in her childhood days, "The Old, Old Story" after which the hymn was sung by the audience. Mrs. Rustin, wife of the M. E. South minister of Salisbury, at this time sang a beautiful solo, "I will Lift Mine Eyes Unto Him from Whence Cometh My Help." Mrs. Baker, of Parksley, gave a very comprehensive review of our new study book, "From Jerusalem to Jerusalem." Mrs. John Price, chairman of courtesies committee, at this time introduced to the audience, Rev. A. F. T. Raum, of Sharptown, Rev. W. F. Bauscher of Hebron, Miss Mildred Miskimen, Missionary on furlough from Duhlia, India, and Miss Willie Evans, Horntown, Va.

The address which followed this introduction, telling of the people, the physical topography of the country and her work among these people of India by Miss Miskimen was most interesting and inspiring. Miss Miskimen was in native costume and reported that she expects to return to her work the latter part of the year. She sails in August. Her address brought the work so much closer to her hearers, that missionary work is dearer to their hearts than ever before. This District meeting was represented by nine churches and number in attendance 100. Place of next meeting undecided. Due notice will be given by the corresponding secretary.

MRS. E. F. WILSON,
Reporter, Pro Tem.

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ONONDAGA BRANCH MEETING

It was our pleasure to visit the Onondaga Branch of Missions this week. We found the weather cold up on the Lakes, but the hearts of the people were very warm and everybody heartily lined up with the merger of our missionary interests. The work of the day was conducted in a business-like way and all expressed themselves as very hopeful for a fine year's work. This spirit was shared also by the ministers who were present. Indeed, wherever we have gone since the meeting in Pittsburgh we have found the people not only loyal but most of them enthusiastic, believing at the same time that our future for missions is very bright. The said Branch merged its two organizations into the one Branch and every local church was urged to organize a Woman's Auxiliary. It was our great pleasure to take to these ladies the greetings of the Maryland Branch and help them during the day in every possible way. They certainly treated us royally.

G. W. H.

NEED OF MISSIONARIES

We sincerely hope that the Methodist Protestant Church will realize the great need of missionaries who are born and trained leaders. This need is great for our work in both the home and foreign fields. Brother Horace Williams and Mrs. Williams will return to America following July 1st, thus leaving our work in China greatly in need of another missionary at once. It will not be long before Brother and Mrs. Paul Cassen will return from India on a short furlough. He strongly feels the need of someone to carry on the work in his absence. We ought to send one or more missionaries to this field this fall. There is need for a missionary to Japan at once. Within the next year or so four or five of our missionaries will be due to return to this country and we must have men and women to take their places. We hope that among the many students of our educational institutions, as well as elsewhere, there may come successors to these faithful men and women who are returning to their American homes, and some, perhaps because of advanced years, will never return to the foreign field. I shall be glad to have communications from those who are considering the work in the foreign field.

G. W. H.

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Resting in God

PILGRIM—Rev. J. F. Pilgrim, was born February 21, 1863. Departed this life to enter life eternal March 22, 1929.

On November 4, 1888, he was married to Miss Sallie Posy of Philadelphia, Mississippi. Of this union there were born Mrs. P. A. McInnis, Mrs. E. O. Pawe, Mrs. W. N. Henderson, Leonard Pilgrim, Marvin Pilgrim and Grady Pilgrim all of which are still living.

Brother Pilgrim joined the Mississippi Annual Conference when quite a young man and for several years was an itinerant minister of that conference, always ready to accept any charge assigned to him however small the salary was and served several charges paying a very meager living, but always rendering service cheerfully and willingly. But few preachers of this conference if any were more devoted to the service of the master and the church in the days of his activity than was our friend and brother, J. F. Pilgrim.

Some twenty years ago, because of his broken down health Bro. Pilgrim had to give up his traveling relationship with the conference but still continued his service in a local connection for several years before he was placed on the superannuate list and became a beneficiary of the little aid rendered worthy retired ministers of the conference.

We extend to Sister Pilgrim the widow of our deceased brother and his children and relatives, sympathies and prayers.

Written by his friend who well knew him.

C. W. WALLEY.

MARCHE—William B. Marche was born April 7th, 1842, and departed this life January 7th, 1929. Almost his entire natural life was spent in Washington, D. C. He was married to Miss Jennie Pennewell of Powellville, Maryland, who passed to her heavenly home a few years ago. After her death the old home on Capitol Hill was broken up and Brother Marche moved his residence to the Masonic Home, Georgetown, D. C.

Brother Marche was a charter member of the North Carolina Avenue Methodist Protestant Church, Washington, D. C., and for many years was an official member of this church. He was a loyal churchman and a devoted Christian. He gave to the church he loved faithful and efficient service and to his blessed Lord and Master a consecrated life.

He was widely known in the Maryland Conference, having on a number of occasions officially represented his church at the Conference reunion. He always took a keen interest in Conference matters. It was his delight to attend the Conference reunion, and until failing health prevented he seldom missed a session. He lived a long and useful life and has gone to his well earned rest—that rest that remaineth to the people of God.

EX-PASTOR.

PROF. THOMAS C. MILLER, LL.D.

An Appreciation from the Board of Governors
Of the Westminster Theological Seminary

In the death of Prof. Thomas C. Miller, LL.D., which occurred at his home in Fairmont, W. Va., December 24, 1928, at the ripe age of eighty years, the Methodist Protestant Church has lost one of her most earnest, loyal, and consecrated workers. Prof. Miller was a citi-

zen of the highest type, always earnestly and effectively identifying himself with every movement, moral and civic, for the benefit of his community and state.

He was perhaps best known as an educator, beginning his career as a successful teacher at the age of seventeen. After an experience of five years in country schools, he was called to the Principalship of Fairmont High School, where he served for twenty-one years. For eight years he filled the chair of professor of Pedagogy in West Virginia University. He was then called to serve as State Superintendent of Schools in the state of West Virginia, which position he held with honor for nine years. For many years he was Principal of Shepherd's College at Shepherdstown, W. Va. His devotion and success as an educator attracted the attention of educational leaders in other States and brought him many attractive offers. In appreciation of his ability as an educator, there was recently held in his honor a statewide celebration at Clarksburg, W. Va.

As a churchman he was always interested in every advanced step which was contemplated or taken by either his own Annual Conference, the Pittsburgh Conference, which held him as one of her most prominent and progressive laymen, or the denomination at large. In 1912 Prof. Miller was elected by the General Conference to membership on the Board of Governors of the Westminster Theological Seminary. It was during his sixteen years of service in this connection, that we learned to attach great value to the keen, discerning judgment of this man in relation to the work of the Seminary. His deep interest in the work of this Board, his clear judgment, and his long and familiar association with the Denomination made his services invaluable. In his death we feel that both the denomination and this institution have sustained an irreparable loss.

D. L. CUSTIS,
GEORGE MATHER,
L. E. BEE.

Committee of the Board of Governors of
the Westminster Theological Seminary.
May 7, 1929.

LEWELLYN—Miss Mary Lewellyn was one of the oldest members of the First Methodist Protestant Church, Newark. Her membership dates from January 4, 1863. She knew personally and had a clear recollection of every pastor who served this church since its organization in the Library Hall, June 20, 1859. During the nearly four score years of her life, she knew the troubles and griefs that come to those who labor, who love and who lose those dear to them. A simple faith in Jesus Christ kept her spirit sweet and calm in the midst of tribulation. She stands out among the members of this church as preeminent in faithfulness. For more than forty years she missed only two sessions of the Sunday School and these absences were caused by deaths in the immediate family. Many of the active members of the church, now grown to manhood and womanhood, were in her Sunday School classes and remember with affection her consecrated life and sincere presentation of the lessons. On the evening of March 21, 1929, she attended the meeting of the Women's Missionary Society and went home early. The next morning, complaining of being tired, she did not go to business as usual. When the other members of the family returned in the

evening she was sitting in her accustomed chair sleeping in that gracious rest which God gives to his beloved.

She was faithful, affectionate, sincere and loyal. She was sincerely loved by all the members of the church and Sunday School. Her memory inspires a prayer in the hearts of those who knew her, that their days may be spent in emulation of her unwavering fidelity and, in the end, find peace as it came to her.

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WHITE—Miss Addie White joined the First Methodist Protestant Church, August 2, 1903. Since she became a member she has never missed a service unless there was an imperative reason for her absence. Punctuality was as truly her characteristic as regularity. Her seat was always filled. For many years she taught Sunday School classes in the Church and Chapel. She loved her pupils, showing her care by gifts and faithful visitation in their homes. Her chief interest was in the study on the Bible. Her knowledge of its content, with exact memory of many texts, was remarkable. She loved her church, was keenly alive to every incident recorded in the church papers, and contributed to every appeal for aid to the extent of her ability. Her subscription to the Gratitude Gift of last year was the first recorded by the pastor of this church. The journey she made to Baltimore at the time of the General Conference was an epoch in her life.

In some strange way her clothing took fire while tending the furnace in her home on Sunday morning, March 10, 1929. In a few minutes she was so severely burned that death ensued at the Beth Israel Hospital to which she was taken in the emergency. Her funeral services were held in her home on Tuesday, March 12, 1929, with a great gathering of her friends and fellow workers of the church to testify to their affection and show their sympathy for her bereaved mother.

Miss Addie was true and faithful, a quiet worker and sincere spirit, who did her duty in all things, devoted to God and full of love to His church. She has left with us a memory which should stir all to a more faithful and consistent service to Christ.

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Young People's Page

A SCHOOLBOY'S TROUBLE

I thought when I'd learned my letters
That all my troubles were done;
But I find myself much mistaken—
They have only just begun.
Learning to read was awful,
But nothing like learning to write;
I'd be sorry to have to tell it,
But my copy book is a sight.

The ink gets over my fingers;
The pen cuts all sorts of shines
And won't do at all as I bid it;
The letters won't stay on the lines,
But go up and down and all over,
As though they were dancing a jig;
They are there in all shapes and sizes,
Medium, little, and big.

There'd be some comfort in learning
If one can get through; instead
Of that, there are books awaiting
Quite enough to craze my head;
There's the multiplication table,
And grammar, and—dear me
There's no good place of stopping,
When one has begun, I see.

My teacher says, little by little,
To the mountain top we climb,
It isn't all done in a minute,
But only a step at a time.
She says that all the scholars,
All wise and learned men,
Had each to begin as I do;
If that's so—where's my pen?
—Abner J. Reeser, in Reformed
Church Messenger.

"PELICAN BILL," A FRIEND TO MAN

Harry Turner Martin

Back in the days when "Pelican Bill" had two good eyes and flew with the flock, nobody knew very much about him. He attracted no more attention than any one of a thousand of his kind. But one bleak morning about ten years ago, Bill, as he has since been named, lost one eye from a gunshot wound inflicted at the hand of a cruel, law-breaking hunter. Thus maimed, he decided to live alone, seldoms associating with the more perfect specimens of the pelican tribe. And today, chiefly because of this isolation, he is known in almost every harbor on the Pacific coast. He visits all of them.

A familiar figure along the water-fronts, Bill is returning to mankind good for evil. In exchange for gunshot, he has extended friendship. Placing his trust in humanity, despite his missing eye, the great old pelican closely approaches the haunts of man at all seasons of the year and has ingratiated himself with all who make his acquaintance. He is the pet of the veteran water-

fronters. Woe to the individual who attempts to do Bill further harm. Those who know and admire the lonely old pelican would no more think of injuring him than if he were a friendly dog.

Above all, Pelican Bill is a weather prophet—or at least is regarded as such by his many human chums along the various docks. Not a few of the ancient mariners declare Bill to be infallible. If on a sunny afternoon Bill is seen sitting dejectedly on a pile, his great bill sunk upon his breast, his wings drooping and his feathers ruffled, that means rain within twenty-four hours. And if, in addition to this, Bill should stand for long intervals on one foot, with the other tucked up under him, that means that the rain will be accompanied by heavy winds and consequently heavy seas. Many of the old sea-dogs on the lumber wharves believe that the U. S. Weather Bureau should take its tips from this remarkable pelican, posting storm warnings for the benefit of navigation whenever Bill performs that stunt of balancing himself on one of his beautifully webbed extremities.

Of course Pelican Bill may be over-rated as a prognosticator of future weather conditions. Perhaps he makes no claims to being a prophet as regards things of a climatical nature. But all skeptical persons will have a hard time convincing the waters-fronters that Bill is without a natural gift as a forecaster of what the elements have in store for humanity.

The wise old pelican will permit his human friends to approach within a few feet of him and will even accept a fish extended to him at arm's length, but none are allowed to touch. He is never vicious. He merely resents undue familiarity with a flap of his huge wings and moves over to the next pile. Bill is the personification of dignity in appearance and in every motion.

Loss of one eye has in no way handicapped this bird as a diver. He rises to great heights above the bays or the ocean and keenly inspects the waters with his one remaining eye. Then, head down, he falls like a flash into the brine, emerging after several seconds with his dinner. When the supply of small fish is great, Bill, like all pelicans, stores away a supply in his great pouch, for future consumption. This pouch lies just below his enormous bill. When filled with fish, it is very conspicuous.

There has been no little speculation as to why Pelican Bill, after losing his eye, so quickly shunned the great flocks of pelicans that make their home along the western coast and cast his lot with human beings. This is a question that

never will be definitely answered, for Bill has no way of communicating with his human friends. But it is believed by many that the old pelican, deeply conscious of his injury, suffered no little humiliation as a result of it and went into voluntary exile.

Yet at times when a distant flock of pelicans trails gracefully across the sky, Bill, from his perch on a pile, cranes his neck to watch them intently until they are lost to view. And a far-away look, touched with something akin to sadness, comes into the old bird's single eye.—Our Dumb Animals.

I HAVE NO TIME FOR SUCH

Willia Hoey

I had a friend, a spirit blythe and gay.
I thought I knew her, but just yesterday
We met a dog. I stroked his friendly head,
And she went on, then turned and said,
"You love those horrid creatures far too much,
I have no time for such."

Since then my heart grows cooler toward that friend,
In fact I think our friendship had an end
The day she scorned his fond caress,
I feel quite sorry, but I must confess,
We seemed to lose our kindred touch—
"I have no time for such."

—Our Dumb Animals.

VALUE OF THE ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK

Bennett B. Smith

After the winter, with its snows and ice, has gone and the wind is blowing from the south, we awaken some morning in May to find that the rose-breasted grosbeak has returned from his sojourn in the South and is again among us with his beautiful song and bright flashing colors.

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Under The Fifth Rib



"Why was Doctor Kutter so severely reprimanded by the club librarian?"
"They caught him absent-mindedly removing the appendix from the book he was reading."

Atchoo!

The goldenrod in gorgeous style
Now flutters in the breeze;
Some gaze upon it with a smile,
And others with a sneeze.

Asked to write an essay on Quakers, a little girl wrote: "Quakers are very meek people, who never fight and never answer back. My father is a Quaker, but my mother is not."—Melford Journal.

Then the Doctor Treated His Black Eye

The doctor had received an urgent call from the home of a young couple. Arriving, the doctor found the young father on the doorstep, watch in hand. "What's the trouble?" asked the doctor.
"Nothing this time, doctor. My wife just wanted to see how quickly you could get here in case she was taken suddenly ill. You did it in four minutes this time."—Pearson's.

"What is a detour?"
"The roughest distance between two points."—Onward.

"Yes, my husband's work is very absorbing."
"What is his business?"
"He makes blotters!"

A correspondent assures us that the following notice has been posted around about an electric station in Donegal: "Beware—To touch these wires is instant death. Anyone found doing so will be prosecuted."—Manchester Guardian.

"Yes, I'm continually breaking into song," said the enthusiastic choir singer.
"H'm! If you'd once get the key, you wouldn't have to break in," replied the dismal choir director.—Presbyterian Witness.

Magnolius—You says anything to me, big boy, an' I'll make you eat yo' words!
Florian—Chicken dumplin's, hot biscuits an' watermelons!

Echo of Defeat

"Well, son, what did your teacher have to say to-day?"
"Not much, dad, except that she had a good laugh out of that essay you wrote on Cicero.—Life.



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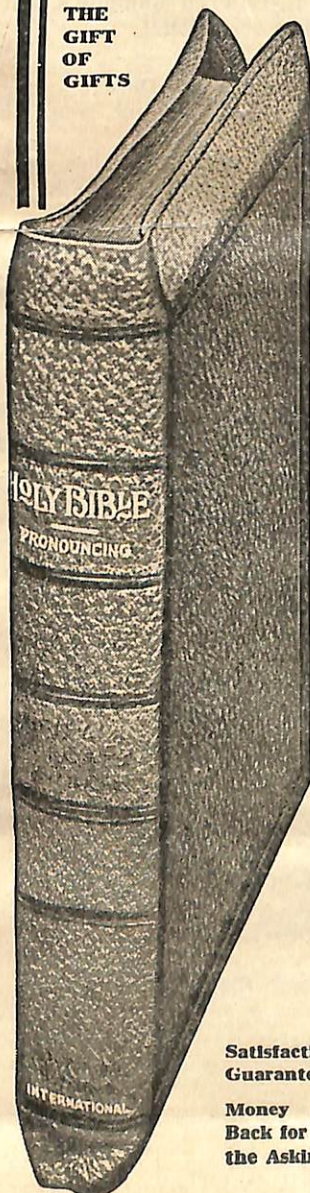
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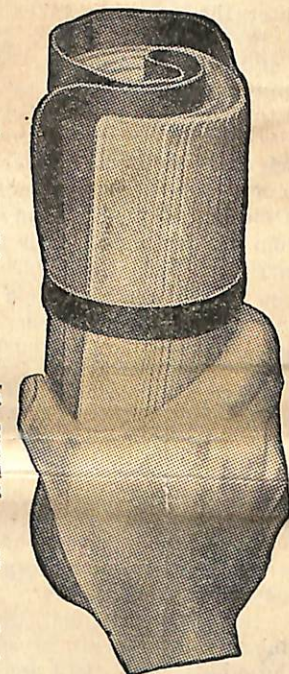
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