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D. W. Goddy.	

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TENNESSEE.

<i>Ministerial.</i>	<i>Lay.</i>
S. O. Hooper.	B. F. Jarrell.

TEXAS.

<i>Ministerial.</i>	<i>Lay.</i>
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J. C. Poston.

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## RULES OF ORDER.

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1. The Conference shall be opened at the appointed hour with religious services, under the direction of the President, or in his absence, under that of the Secretary.

2. After the religious exercises of each session, the roll shall be called by the Secretary, and the minutes of the previous session read and approved.

3. When a member desires to present any business, or to speak to any question, he shall arise and address the Chair as "Mr. President," and then pause until he is recognized by the Chair, as follows: "The representative from ——." The president in putting a question shall do it standing.

4. Any motion made and seconded, except a motion to adjourn, to lay on the table, a call for the previous question, for the yeas and nays, and for a division of the house, shall be handed to the chair when required by the Secretary, signed by the mover and second, and be read by the Secretary before any debate is had thereon.

5. No interruption shall be suffered while a member is on the floor, but by a call to order by the Chair or some other member of the Conference. In such cases, the member making the call shall state the ground on which he makes it, and the member supposed to be out of order shall have an opportunity to explain. All questions of order shall be decided by the President, agreeably to the rules of the Conference; *provided*, however, that any member may, by obtaining a second, appeal to the Conference from the decision of the Chair; but the question thereon shall be taken without debate, after the member has stated his ground of appeal and after the President has stated his reason for the decision.

6. No member shall speak more than once on the same question, nor longer than ten minutes, without special leave from the Conference, and he shall confine himself strictly to the subject under discussion, *provided*, however, that the chairman of a committee and the member presenting an original paper shall be entitled to make a second speech.

7. All motions or resolutions shall, at the request of any member, be divided when the sense will admit of it.

8. If two or more members rise to speak at the same time, it shall be determined by the President which of them is entitled to the floor.

9. The appointment of all committees shall be by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.

10. The number of which any committee shall be composed shall be determined by the Conference, the question being taken on the highest number first, and so on until the Conference shall determine the number.

11. Upon a call for the previous question, if made by five members and sustained by the Conference, the question shall be put without debate.

12. When a question is under debate no motion shall be entertained but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to commit, amend or postpone, which several motions have precedence in the order they stand arranged, and the first two shall be taken without debate, and a motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

13. Every member within the bar shall vote on all questions submitted to the action of the Conference, unless excused for sufficient reason.

14. No personalities shall be allowed in debate, nor improper reflections upon any religious denominations.

15. All reports of committees, when read by their respective chairmen, shall be regarded as the property of the Conference, and subject to its action.

16. Any motion to reconsider shall be made by some member who voted with the majority, and shall require a majority of the members present to sustain it; nor shall a motion to reconsider be entertained, if made later than the second day after the original action is had, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

17. Any member shall have the right to call for the reading of any subject under consideration. No member shall be allowed to explain remarks made in a previous speech, except in regular debate, unless a member requests it; but any member so called upon to explain shall have the right to decline any explanation.

18. The President shall administer the rules rigidly and impartially. He shall promptly suppress unseemly demonstrations, such as stamping, clapping of hands and conversation, or other behavior which obstructs the business of the Conference.

19. Persons not members having business with the Conference shall present their business to the appropriate committees, who may, in their discretion, recommend that the persons applying be heard by the Conference, or the committee itself may bring the business, if deemed of sufficient importance, to the notice of the Conference.

20. No one shall be constituted an honorary member; but persons duly presented to the President by the Committee on Fraternal Relations, and shall be presented to the Conference at the convenience of the President, and may be invited to a seat within the bar, and, by vote, may be permitted to address the Conference on any specified subject.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

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1. Call to order.
2. Devotional service.
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4. Reading minutes.
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## FIRST DAY.

Friday, May 20th, 1904.

The General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened in its nineteenth quadrennial session in the North Carolina Avenue Methodist Protestant Church, Washington, D. C., May 20th, 1904, at 10.00 A. M.

President, D. S. Stephens, called the Conference to order; G. E. McManiman read the Scriptures and F. T. Little lead in prayer.

The President read the following address:

### PRESIDENT STEPHENS' ADDRESS.

*Brethren:*—

It is with profound gratitude to God that I greet you on the occasion of this the nineteenth assembling of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

During the four years that have elapsed since the last meeting of this body, Providence has smiled upon us as a Church. The various interests of our denomination have shown a reasonable growth. There has been substantial increase in our members, in the value of church property, and in influence generally, as the reports of secretaries and annual conferences will show.

I should like to have submitted exact figures showing our substantial progress, but these figures have not been available.

In this connection I should like to recommend that this General Conference enact such measures as will secure the reports from the secretaries of the various boards, and from the secretaries of the annual conferences (to be made to the General Conference,) which reports shall be submitted to the President of the General Conference at least one month before the assembling of the General Conference.

Such reports will enable the President of the General Conference to present an epitome of the progress of the Church for the period covered by his administration.

*Missions:*—The progress that has been made by our denomination in missionary enterprise, both home and foreign, while not as great perhaps as it ought to be, is nevertheless gratifying. Our people are becoming

more intelligent, and consequently more deeply interested in the work of spreading the gospel, both at home and abroad.

The interest in missions is a measure of the vital power of a church. The gospel essentially is a missionary movement. A church that catches the spirit of the gospel cannot be otherwise than a missionary church.

The steady growth that we have made as a church in our interest in this cause is a source of satisfaction. God calls us to yet larger work in this field, and let us respond to His call.

*Publishing Interests*:—Since the last session of the General Conference the publishing directory at Baltimore has acquired possession of a new and commodious building, which is now the property of the Church. The *Methodist Protestant* has made a commendable change in form, and has gained in influence and circulation.

The property of the Pittsburgh Directory has increased largely in value, and the debt which was created for the erection of the publishing house has been greatly diminished.

The *Methodist Recorder* is enjoying an unprecedented circulation and the Sunday School publications have a larger support than ever before.

*Educational Interests*:—The educational institutions of the Church are doing a good work in spite of embarrassing difficulties. Details of their progress will be found in the several reports that will probably be presented to this body by these institutions.

An insufficient financial support of educational institutions is one of our weak points as a denomination.

Our colleges for the most part are struggling for an existence. They have but little endowment and their income from other sources is insufficient to meet their support.

If they are to live and do the work for which they are designed, radical measures must be taken to awaken a revival of educational interest.

The oldest college of our Church at Adrian, Mich., for several years has been at a point where its continued existence is problematic.

It is true that its present condition is in part the result of financial mismanagements in the past, as well as of insufficient financial support.

In recent years these errors of mismanagement have been largely corrected, and Adrian College should now have such a support as will enable it to continue its work without embarrassment.

Special problems in connection with each of the other educational institutions of the Church confront us.

A careful study of our educational institutions and their needs has convinced me that measures should be taken to bring these interests before our denomination in such a way as to awaken a deeper interest in their work and support. I am convinced that measures should be taken to unify our educational institutions, and bring them into articulated relation with each other.



Further, I believe that the Church would be saved useless expenditure of money and unnecessary failures, if the establishment and location of new institutions of learning under denominational control were not left entirely to individual initiative, but might be brought under the jurisdiction of a body of men acquainted with the Church and its needs, and experienced in such matters.

To secure the ends enumerated, I would recommend the creation of an Educational Board for the Methodist Protestant Church.

This Board could maintain an advisory relation to the boards having control of the several educational institutions of the Church, and could exercise supervision over the admission of new institutions to denominational recognition and support.

The functions of such a board as I have conceived it, would cover the following points:

1. It would aim to secure harmony in the educational standards and work of our institutions of learning, thus giving unity to our educational system.
2. It would gather educational statistics and disseminate educational literature.
3. It would exercise supervisory control over the location and admission of new schools to denominational recognition.
4. It would assist in the assessment, the raising and the distribution of an annual collection in the churches and Sunday schools for the purpose of assisting to meet current expenses in the colleges of the Church.
5. It would give such assistance to colleges and seminary boards by furnishing plans for educational buildings, for school organization, etc., as might seem advisable.
6. It would give such counsel, encouragement and material assistance to the various institutions of the Church from time to time as might seem necessary.

I am lead to this recommendation by a profound conviction that our educational interests are in peril.

Some measure that will lead to a renaissance of interest in the educational work of the Church is a necessity.

Disaster, if not ruin, awaits some of our educational enterprises at least if there is not an awakening along this line.

*Church Union*:—About eighteen months ago I received a communication from Dr. Wm. Hayes Ward, Chairman of a committee appointed by the National Council of the Congregational churches upon the subject of Church union.

Dr. Ward requested that I should appoint a committee to confer with his committee upon the feasibility of union between the Congregational and Methodist Protestant Churches.

A short time later I received a communication from a committee of the United Brethren Church making a similar request.

As a result of the negotiations thus begun committees representing these three churches met in Pittsburgh, Pa., and after several meetings a basis of co-operation on certain lines was agreed upon, with the idea that ultimately organic union might follow.

While the committee from the Methodist Protestant Church was clothed with no official authority, it included some of the representative men of the denomination.

The report of this committee will no doubt come before the General Conference for its consideration.

While the basis for the co-operation of the churches keeps in view the possibility of future organic union, the only phase of the subject that will come before this body for immediate consideration is the plan proposed for joint co-operation of the three churches in a General Council that shall have an advisory relation to the three bodies.

Otherwise the churches will remain as they now are, if this plan is adopted.

It is anticipated that the acquaintance and fellowship thus fostered may result at some future time in further steps toward organic union. It is important, however, to note that this plan does not precipitate upon us the question of immediate organic union.

Should we adopt the plan now proposed, the question of organic union of these churches still remains for future decision.

If time and experience should prove that organic union is undesirable it will be practicable to decline to move further in this direction, should we so desire.

There are many things that can be said in favor of a union of ecclesiastical forces.

Christ's last prayer on earth was that his followers might "be made perfect in one."

The trend of the age is toward solidarity of organization.

Economy of the working forces of the Church would thereby be promoted.

But as desirable as church union might seem, I cannot think it worth striving for until it becomes the expression of a vital organizing spiritual impulse.

All true union must be wrought out by a vital power.

*The Unity of Spirit*:—The unity for which Christ prayed was the unity of the spirit—a unity wrought out by a dominating life-force.

It was a unity that is expressed, not in aggregation, but in integration.

Ecclesiastical aggregation may have charms for minds that delight in mere hugeness, but no lasting good will follow where there is not vital and spiritual unity.

Kinship in spiritual life is the only guarantee of true unity.

A common enthusiasm, a consuming inspiration, alone can produce that unity which will be the answer to Christ's prayer.

If these three churches are animated by a common spiritual aim, organic union will be easy and natural.

No matter how far apart they may be in usage, in historical origin, or in religious ceremonial, a dominating spiritual purpose will soon make them one.

But if they are uncongenial in spiritual purpose, no amount of ecclesiastical patch-work will ever bring them into useful combination.

The situation that is presented to us as a church is calculated to awaken thoughtfulness.

It precipitates the question as to how tenaciously we should cling to our denominational identity.

It furnishes occasion for reviewing the reasons for our denominational existence, and taking stock of the aims of our organic life. It occasions the inquiry whether the spiritual impulses which called us into existence as a church have been realized, or whether the time has come when these impulses should be merged in some larger purpose. We are led to ask ourselves, Have we anything distinctive as a church for the preservation of which we should contend?

"To answer such a question we must make a clear distinction between that which is vital and therefore essential, and that which is due to the accident of environment and time."

It is bigotry, not loyalty, that clings passionately to evanescent forms.

The form in which church life clothes itself varies with time, place and circumstance.

The essence of church identity does not consist in forms, usages, institutions, or name.

It does consist in that intangible spirit which gives life to forms, and clothes institutional habiliments with meaning.

He who wants to be loyal to his church will seek to find this eternal life-impulse.

And he who has discovered this deeper life of the spirit which animates his church, and who has deliberately espoused it, will not trifle with his allegiance.

To lightly throw off or take on allegiance to these deeper purposes of church life is to stultify the soul. It is to confess either that our church had no occasion for separate existence, or that our own souls have never caught the inspiration of its life.

Loyalty to this deeper purpose of church life—to that which gives the church its identity—is not only consistent with readiness to accept change of that which is temporal—which belongs to the form—but may even require that we joyfully give up those usages, forms and conditions which have grown out of circumstances of time and place.

The real traitor to his church is the man who clings to the forms with which he has become familiar, and sacrifices the spirit.

An inventory of the spiritual forces that have wrought out the organic

life of the Methodist Protestant Church may be summed up, I think, in two fundamental spiritual impulses.

The first of these is an enlarged application of the principle of spiritual liberty to the social structure of the church, and the second is an increased emphasis on the obligations growing out of connectionalism.

The first emphasizes the duty of the community to the individual, and the second emphasizes the duty of the individual to the community.

It is true that these principles have also been the inspiring impulses in the life of other churches, as well as our own. But in the combination of these two animating forces of ecclesiastical life I think we can claim that in Methodist Protestant Church there is something unique.

These two tendencies at first sight seem to be incongruous and opposed. One seems to exalt the individual at the expense of the social organism. The other seems to exalt the social organism at the expense of the individual.

The founders of the Methodist Protestant Church conceived that these principles are not at war with each other, but that in their deeper significance they are in harmony.

They therefore wrought out a church polity that while granting absolute spiritual liberty to each individual, yet in perfect harmony with this spiritual liberty laid upon the individual the obligation to use that liberty for the common good.

These two great impulses are the forces through which the gospel is redeeming and re-organizing human life and society.

They correspond very closely to the two processes through which scientists tell us that organic life moves toward perfection.

These processes science designates as differentiation and integration. Through differentiation the individual organ becomes specialized in function and form. It realizes itself.

Through integration the individual is made part of a greater whole.

It is through differentiation or specialization that the individual is fitted for entering into the deeper unity of integration.

In the lowest forms of animal life, one part is like every other part. The higher we go in organic life, the more each part takes to itself a life of its own.

At the same time that it is becoming individualized, it is entering into closer organic relation with other parts of the organism.

The gospel organizes the spiritual life of men in much the same way. First it perfects the individual by liberating the forces of the soul, and sets them to working out their destiny. Then it unites the individual to his fellows with the bonds of love.

The more fully the individual is permitted to realize his own life, the more fully is he prepared to be serviceable to the common life. The freer he becomes, the more does he enter into serving.

The problem for humanity is to find forms of association in civil and

ecclesiastical government that will maintain the spiritual liberty essential to the realization of the individual life, and yet at the same time will bring the individual into organic relation with the spiritual life of the whole.

The progress of civilization since Christ expresses the advancing conquest of human life and society by these great formative impulses.

The history of civilization is but the history of men in their struggle to grasp these great truths.

It is true that men have but imperfectly embodied them into the structure of society.

It has taken centuries for the impulse of spiritual liberty to work itself out into human life.

It will take centuries more for the deeper impulse of spiritual integration to realize itself in human society.

The world is waiting for that spiritual evolution wherein God's freemen shall be made perfect in one.

The demand of Christendom to-day is for an ecclesiastical organism that will sacredly preserve the liberty of the individual, and yet will fuse the many into oneness of life.

A connectionalism that fosters individualism is the social ideal of the gospel.

The Methodist Protestant Church is unique in its effort to realize the goal of the future.

None who have espoused the cause of spiritual liberty ever struck braver blows for this heritage of Christianity than did the men who founded the Methodist Protestant Church.

The opposition which they met in their advocacy of lay delegation compelled them to seek for a justification of their right to follow their convictions.

They therefore investigated the principles which lay at the foundation of freedom of conscience, and the right of private judgment in matters of religion.

When they came to frame the polity of the Methodist Protestant Church they laid it upon the foundation of spiritual liberty.

This great truth of spiritual liberty is the logical outgrowth of the fundamental New Testament doctrine of regeneration through faith.

The gospel teaching of the new birth—the liberation of man from bondage to sin, to flesh and to the world, through the transforming power of a new life born in the human soul—is the mother-truth of Christianity.

This transforming power can only be attained by allying the human will with God.

The free spirit of man lays hold of divine energies of life through the power of faith that worketh by love.

Human life thus augmented by life—forces from the fountains of unseen life need no longer be chained to inherited disposition, nor hopelessly bound by the iron bands of habit.

Man thus through faith is emancipated into the liberty "wherewith Christ hath made us free."

This inward freedom of the soul is attained through the supreme attachment of the human will to God.

It is only when the human spirit is thus absolutely free—free from the fear of men—free from the domination of outward things—that the supremacy of God in human life is possible.

This is why liberty has become so sacred a word in human history.

This is why the right of private judgment in matters of religion was made the battle cry of the Reformation.

It is the passage-way through which human life has access to God. It is the citadel of the soul's security.

Only through the absolute supremacy of the moral life of the individual soul over every form of external power and authority is the spirit of man enabled to give his whole allegiance to God.

This is the very atmosphere of the soul's life.

Methodism under Wesley grasped this great truth in its application to individual life and experience.

The power of Methodism was due to its reassertion in more definite form, of the great doctrine of birth into new life through the power of faith in Jesus Christ.

Methodism was the reaffirmation of the doctrine that the soul of man may have access to new life through a living faith.

It affirmed that the unseen fountains of life may be unlocked by the human will.

It maintained that the first duty of man is to live thus in the presence of the invisible.

It reminded us that to "as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God."

It testified that "the Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirits that we are the children of God."

It affirmed that religion essentially consists in demonstration of the spirit and power.

Methodism conceived clearly the application of this truth to the individual life.

Yet Wesley's work was incomplete. Not only must the individual life of man be reconstructed in the light of this truth, the social relations of men must be readjusted to conform to this great principle.

The civil and ecclesiastical relations of men must be so regulated that they supply those conditions of spiritual liberty essential to the regenerated life.

The church must progress toward those conditions which provide for the freest and most perfect development of the divine life in man.

The state must strive to surround the individual with those influences that awaken and cherish the self-respect of a divinely inspired manhood.

Whatever church or state stands in the way of the perfection of that life which proceeds from companionship with God must pass away.

Whatever tends to strengthen and build up this life of the soul will remain.

It is in the application of this doctrine to ecclesiastical polity that Methodist Protestantism has its distinctive characteristic.

The polity of the Methodist Protestant Church was consistently framed in recognition of this principle.

The founders of this church constructed an ecclesiastical organization in recognition of the truth that the outward visible church must be subordinated to the maintenance of the inward divinely inspired life.

Methodist Protestantism maintains that it is the first duty of God's church to supply the conditions for the maintenance of His life in the hearts of His children.

She has carried this doctrine forward from its application to individual life to the higher ground of its application to social life.

She has recognized the supremacy of God's life in the human heart by vesting all authority of government in the people.

Representative democracy is the only form of social relation, whether civil or ecclesiastical, that is consistent with this great truth.

Any other form of government tends to suppress and to destroy the supremacy of moral conviction, that God puts into men's hearts.

Whenever the Church or the State ceases to recognize that its authority is derived from the moral conviction and conscientious preferences of the free spirits which compose it, it ceases to nourish that inward life in which the soul draws its energies from God.

When men are dominated by an outward control in which they have no voice, fear drives out the life of God from the heart.

It is only when the social life of men reflects the free unhindered movement of God's Spirit upon men's hearts, working out the unity of his purpose through the moral convictions of men, that God's Kingdom is established in this world.

Any arbitrary power or artificial restriction that prevents the social life of men from registering the movements of God's spirit upon their hearts is a foe to the true life of the soul.

Methodist Protestantism has recognized this sovereignty of the soul's life. She has discovered the truth that if God dwells in man, then manhood is exalted and becomes sacred.

She has discerned that if God condescends to reveal himself in the human soul—if through his Spirit He takes up His abode in human consciousness—if He imparts to us a life wherein His "Spirit witnesses with our Spirits that we are the children of God"—then it follows that human life takes to itself new dignity and value.

This union of the divine life with the human in Christian experience

gives an authority to moral conviction growing out of the spiritual experience of men that is second only to the revealed will of God.

It puts the crown of self-respecting manhood upon the human brow.

If God has taken man into His family and fellowship, then man need bow down to no other master.

This embodiment of the democratic spirit in our church polity provides for growth and progress.

A church or state that is always prepared to respond to the moral convictions wrought by God's Spirit in the hearts of His children must be progressive.

When the outward church is a reflex of the life which God produces in the hearts of men, then it becomes a flexible instrument for accomplishing his purposes. It drinks from the fountain of eternal youth.

When ecclesiasticism chokes the utterance of God's Spirit moving upon men's hearts, then the church ceases to be plastic in His hands.

It ceases to move forward with the rhythmic steps of progress.

It is a useless agency for the outworking of God's purposes.

It is a dead branch through which the sap has ceased to flow, and God will cut it away.

I truly believe that an analysis of the spiritual aims conserved by our denomination shows that Providence has committed to us the embodiment of spiritual impulses of which the world yet stands in need.

We have endeavored to bring into harmony the two deepest impulses of the spiritual life.

We have recognized the reciprocal relationship of individualism; and connectionalism of freedom and fraternity; of liberty and love.

I cannot think that any future combination of circumstances will ever call upon us to abandon that which is our rightful heritage.

That the denominations which have considered the matter of co-operation with us share with us to a large degree the spiritual aims that animate us in a hopeful and cheering indication.

It reduces the question of organic union largely to one of expediency and practical adjustment.

But whatever may be the outcome of the present movement, we have a heritage whereof we need not be ashamed.

Holding fast to these foundation truths we can well afford to yield much in the way of names, forms and expedients, for the sake of that increased influence which united effort brings.

Looking backward, as a church, we have much to be profoundly grateful for. Looking forward, we have everything to inspire hope and confidence.

That God has given us a work to do becomes clearer as the years roll by.

That God will assist and guide us in the accomplishment of this work so long as we are true to Him, becomes more and more evident.



With the prayer that we may be faithful to the trust committed to us, I now declare the nineteenth session of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church duly open for business.

After the delivery of the address President Stephens appointed the following Committee on Credentials:

T. M. Johnson, N. C.; S. J. Geddes, Iowa; Joseph B. Watson, W. Va.

Upon motion the Conference shall convene at 9.30 A. M., and be in session until 12 M. Recess from 12 M. to 2 P. M., and adjourn at pleasure.

An exception was made for this day when Conference shall convene at 1.30 P. M.

Upon motion the rules of the session of 1900 were adopted with the following amendments:

Rule 20—Amend to read“Shall be presented at the convenience of the President.”

Rule 6—Substitute “ten minutes” for “twenty minutes.”

The bar of the house was fixed as all of the main floor not extending under the galleries.

Upon motion of J. D. Kinzer, 2.30 today be the hour for the election of Conference Officers.. Amendment offered by J. W. Hering “provided Committee on Credentials shall have reported.” (Time extended 5 minutes.)

Upon motion 3.00 o'clock for the election was substituted for 2.30, and the motion as amended passed.

Recess.

#### Afternoon.

The printed report of the Board of Foreign Missions was presented; also certain recommendations to the Board. Both were referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

On motion of T. H. Lewis, the Secretary read the revised list of members of the Conference, and it was accepted as a partial report of the Committee on Credentials.

On motion of Daniel Baker, the Conference spent 30 minutes in devotional exercises.

W. A. Bunch nominated F. T. Tagg for the Presidency of the General Conference, seconded by C. L. Queen, S. B. Tred-

way, W. R. Graham, J. W. Gray, J. H. Clarke and J. P. Morgan.

Daniel Baker nominated T. H. Lewis, seconded by Dr. E. B. Fenby. Tellers, W. W. Lineberry, C. L. Queen, G. B. Moore.

Result of the first ballot was the election of F. T. Tagg, 97 votes. T. H. Lewis received 42, Daniel Baker 2, and G. C. Sheppard 1.

J. W. Hering and C. D. Sinkinson escorted to the Chair the President elect, who made an address of acceptance.

H. L. Elderdice nominated F. C. Chambers as Secretary. On motion, the Secretary cast the ballot of the Conference for his election, and he was escorted to the table by T. H. Lewis and S. J. Geddes.

Adjourned.

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## SECOND DAY.

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Saturday, May 21st, 1904.

Conference was called to order by President Tagg. Devotional services were conducted by M. L. Smith, of West Virginia.

The roll was called.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

On motion, Rule 20 was suspended, and D. S. Stephens, D.D., Chancellor of the Kansas City University; David Wilson, M.D., Chaplain U. S. Army, and S. B. Sutherland, of the Maryland Conference, were made honorary members and invited to seats within the bar of Conference.

Secretary Elderdice submitted his financial report, which upon motion, was referred to the following Auditing Committee: S. R. Harris of North Carolina, and J. S. Addis of Illinois.

The Women's Board of Home Missions submitted a report, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

On motion, George R. Brown of West Virginia, and J. McD. Radford of Georgia, were elected Assistant Secretaries.

On motion, Tuesday, at 10 o'clock A. M., was made the order of the day for hearing addresses from Rev. Washington Gladden, D.D., of the Congregational Church, and Rev. W. M. Weakley, of the United Brethren Church, on Church Union.

The committee appointed to audit the account of the Secretary, reported that they find the account correct, and on motion the report was adopted.

On motion, the President was authorized to refer all papers and reports to appropriate Committees without reading.

The report of the President of Western Maryland College was submitted and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Trustees of Adrian College submitted a report which was referred to the Committee on Education.

The Secretary was granted leave of absence for the day.

F. T. Little presented a paper adopted by the Maryland Conference relative to an overture from the Baltimore Conference M. E. Church on the subject of Church Union, which was referred to Committee on Church Union.

The report of the Committee on Pulpit Supply submitted a report which was adopted.

The partial report submitted by the Committee on Credentials was adopted.

On motion, the Conference adjourned at 12 o'clock to Monday morning at 9.30 o'clock.

Benediction by H. L. Elderdice.

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### THIRD DAY.

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Monday, May 23rd, 1904.

The Conference was called to order by the Secretary.

Devotional exercises were conducted by E. S. Brown, of Iowa.

Roll call.

Minutes approved as read.

The President, F. T. Tagg, announced the list of Committees.

On motion the Roll of the Conference was referred to the

Committee on Credentials for correction, and that a correct list of names of the members of this Conference be furnished for its use. Carried.

On motion, the Chair was empowered to appoint and name a Committee on Moral Reform.

On motion, the Chair was empowered to appoint and name a Committee on Church Union to consist of 15 members, 8 ministers and 7 laymen.

Several communications on the Secretary's desk were presented and referred to the proper Committees by the President.

On motion, the order of the day for 3.00 P. M., Thursday, be for the election of Editors, Secretaries and Agents. Carried.

Dr. J. E. Gilbert, Secretary of the American Society of Religious Education was presented to the Conference, and addressed it for ten minutes on the subject of loving and studying the Bible to the end that the people may have spiritual life and growth.

Motion was made and carried that we appoint a Committee of three to meet the Secretary of A. S. R. E., and receive such information as he may have to put into its hands.

The President appointed on Moral Reform: J. H. Clarke, J. D. Christian, E. S. Adkins; and on Religious Education: W. R. Graham, C. H. Hubbell, J. W. Hering.

The following named were invited by vote of the Conference to honorary seats in the sessions: J. C. Berrien, T. P. Revelle, C. E. Wilbur, J. R. Moody, A. S. Beans, J. W. Gray, T. O. Crouse, B. W. Poisell, U. S. Murphy, Misses Forrest, Kuhns and Williams, Mrs. Murphy, Prof. Douglass and Bro. White.

Rev. Dr. Weakley, Secretary of Board of Church Extension of the United Brethren Church, presented to the Conference.

Rev. Bertner, resident pastor, presented to the Conference.

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer of Board of Home Missions was presented by G. E. McManiman, and referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

Motion made that a Committee be appointed to prepare an order of business for use of the Conference. Carried, and the

President named: C. F. Swift, J. F. McCulloch and W. B. Goucher.

Motion made that the order of business for 3.00 P. M., Thursday, (election of Editors and Secretaries) be reconsidered. Carried.

Motion made that 2.00 P. M., Monday, be the time for election of Editors. Carried.

There being no objection, the Arkansas delegation was excused until 2.00 P. M.

Motion that the election of General Agents and Secretaries be held immediately after the election of Editors Monday afternoon.

This motion was amended to read Thursday, leaving hour open and the motion as amended carried.

W. C. Adamson stated that he had just come from the White House, and that President Theodore Roosevelt tendered an informal reception for Thursday, 2.30 P. M., at the White House; and he had taken the liberty to say that the invitation would be agreeable to the Conference. Upon motion of G. E. McManiman we accept with thanks the President's invitation, and that the following committee be appointed to make the necessary arrangements: W. C. Adamson, A. N. Ward, George Shaffer.

The Committee on Credentials submitted a partial report on the case of M. P. Richardson.

On motion, the time of session was extended ten minutes to hear report of Committee on "Order of Business." Report submitted and adopted.

#### **Afternoon Session.**

Conference re-assembled at 2.00 P. M.

The hour for the election of Editors having arrived, announcement of same was made by the President, and the Conference proceeded with the election. Dr. Hering was called to the Chair, and presided during the elections.

Nominations: W. M. Strayer, of Maryland Conference, nominated F. T. Tagg, D.D., as Editor of the Methodist Protestant.

This nomination was seconded by many personally, and for their delegations, and upon motion the Secretary was instructed to prepare and cast the ballot for F. T. Tagg, D.D., for Editor of the Methodist Protestant. The ballot was cast, and Dr. Tagg declared by the Chair elected.

C. F. Swift placed the name of M. L. Jennings, D.D., before the Conference for Editor of Methodist Recorder, and the nomination was seconded by a number. The Secretary was again instructed to cast the ballot for Dr. Jennings, which was done, and he was declared by the Chair duly elected.

B. W. Anthony nominated C. E. Wilbur, D.D., for Editor of the Sunday School periodicals, and the Secretary directed to prepare and cast the ballot for Dr. Wilbur, which was done, and he was declared by the Chair duly elected.

T. H. Lewis presented a paper for the consideration of Conference, which paper if published in our Discipline as a preface would present a historical sketch of the origin of our church.

The President of the Westminster Theological Seminary, H. L. Elderdice, A.M., D.D., submitted a report of that institution. Report referred to the Committee on Education.

The following motion made by J. D. Kinzer, and seconded by D. C. Coburn, was carried.

“Beginning Wednesday evening, this Conference will hold evening sessions, opening at 7.30 o'clock.”

On motion, Conference adjourned until 9.30 Tuesday morning.

Benediction by F. T. Little.

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#### FOURTH DAY.

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Tuesday, May 24th, 1904.

Conference convened on time.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. C. F. Swift.

Roll called as revised.

On motion of J. D. Kinzer, the Conference agreed to omit Roll Call hereafter, unless question of quorum is raised.

Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Report of the Board of Publication was submitted and referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

The hour of the Day—the address of Rev. Dr. Gladden, of the Congregational Church, and of Dr. W. M. Weakley, of the United Brethren Church. Dr. W. Gladden, representing the Joint Committee on Church Union, presented the syllabus as agreed upon, and addressed the Conference on the subject of Union.

Dr. Gladden was introduced by the President, and addressed the Conference at length on Church Union.

Dr. W. M. Weakley, of the United Brethren Church, was introduced and addressed the Conference on the subject of Church Union.

Dr. E. T. Tagg responded briefly to the addresses.

On motion of S. B. Tredway, the addresses of Drs. Gladden and Weakley were ordered published in the Methodist Protestant and Methodist Recorder.

Maps showing the locations of M. P., Congregational and United Brethren Churches in the United States were presented from G. A. Ogg, of the N. Y. Conference, through G. E. McManiman, and on motion were accepted, and a vote of thanks extended to Bro. Ogg for his courtesy.

On motion of T. H. Lewis, the Conference took recess for the purpose of extending an informal reception to Drs. Gladden and Weakley.

#### **Afternoon Session.**

Conference re assembled at 2 o'clock.

The Secretary-Treasurer, J. C. Berrien, of the Board of Ministerial Education, submitted his report for the Quadrennium, and it was referred to the Committee on Ministerial Education.

The President announced the Committee on Church Union.

A letter from Bishop E. B. Kephart, of the U. B. Church, was read and referred to the Committee on Church Union.

Moved that the syllabus presented in the address of Dr.

Washington Gladden, prepared by the Joint Committee, be referred to the Committee on Church Union.

E. H. Van Dyke, messenger from the Japan Conference, submitted a paper which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

W. L. Wells, President of Lafayette College, submitted reports of the West Lafayette College, and on motion it was referred to the Committee on Education.

C. O. Stubbs, President of Westminster Texas College, submitted a report of the College, Tehucana, Texas, and on motion it was referred to the Committee on Education.

Secretary submitted several papers and communications, which were referred to appropriate Committees.

M. L. Jennings made a statement relative to union between the M. P. and Primitive Methodist, and Rev. G. A. Ogg was granted permission to present a report of the Committee to the Conference.

Report of Committee on Moral Reform submitted, read and adopted.

On Motion of Dr. Lewis, the President was authorized to appoint a Committee of three as delegates to the inter-church Conference on Marriage and Divorce.

On motion of J. W. Hering, Friday at 2 o'clock, was made the special hour for election of General Agents and Secretaries.

T. A. Murray granted leave of absence for Wednesday.

A memorial from the 12th Annual Convention of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the M. P. Church referred to Committee on Y. P. S. C. E.

Adjournment at 3:10 P. M.

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### FIFTH DAY.

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Wednesday, May 25th, 1904.

Conference convened on time.

Devotional services were conducted by S. B. Tredway.

Roll call dispensed with.

Minutes read, corrected and approved.





Several papers and memorials were presented and referred to appropriate Committees.

Motion of W. A. Bunch, the present Committee on Certificates was discharged, and on motion the standing committee on Certificates was stricken from the list of Committees.

Y. P. S. C. E. reported progress.

Religious Education not ready.

The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Missions submitted a partial report. W. H. Bently moved the adoption of the report.

On motion, the time of adjournment was extended for ten minutes.

The partial report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was adopted.

Rev. Dr. Southerland, of the Maryland Conference, the oldest Methodist Protestant preacher living, was presented to the Conference.

On motion, the Committee on Church Union was granted permission to hold sessions without asking for leave of absence for each session.

M. L. Jennings presented a communication from the National Federation of Churches and Christian Workers, and it was referred to Committee on Fraternal Relations.

Conference took a recess until 2 o'clock.

#### **Afternoon Session.**

2:00 P. M.

Roll call of Committees resumed.

Report of Committee on Boundaries submitted, and on motion considered seriatim.

Item 1 Adopted.

Item 2 Adopted.

Item 3 Adopted.

Item 4 Adopted.

Item 5 Adopted.

Item 6 Adopted.

Item 7 Adopted.

Item 8 Adopted.

Item 9. Adopted.

On motion the report was adopted as a whole.

Report of the Kansas City University was submitted, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Committee on Religious Education submitted a report, which on motion was adopted.

Several papers were submitted and referred to appropriate Committees.

Rev. G. A. Ogg, of the New York Conference, was presented, and offered a report of the Committee appointed at the last session of the General Conference on the proposed union with the Primitive Methodist Church. On motion, the report was referred to the Committee on Church Union.

Motion that hereafter all Chairmen of Committees will place calls for meeting of Committees in the hands of the Secretary 15 minutes before adjournment, to be read.

Adjourned 3:30 P. M.

Benediction by F. T. Little.

### Evening Session.

Conference called to order by the President at 7:30 o'clock.

The President called J. W. Hering to the Chair, and asked the Conference for leave of absence for the night session, which was granted.

Minutes read and approved.

Communication from German Methodist Protestant Church, Chicago, Ills., referred to Committee on Boundaries.

Committee on Sunday Schools submitted a report, which was adopted.

Several papers were presented and referred to appropriate Committees.

Committee on Sabbath submitted a report, which was adopted.

Moved by T. H. Lewis that the General Conference take its final adjournment on Saturday at 12 o'clock. Adopted.

Moved by M. C. Jackson that no new business be introduced to this body after 10 o'clock A. M., Friday. Adopted.

President named: C. F. Swift, J. F. McCulloch and W. B. Goucher.

Motion made that the order of business for 3.00 P. M., Thursday, (election of Editors and Secretaries) be reconsidered. Carried.

Motion made that 2.00 P. M., Monday, be the time for election of Editors. Carried.

There being no objection, the Arkansas delegation was excused until 2.00 P. M.

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The Committee on Credentials submitted a partial report on the case of M. P. Richardson.

On motion, the time of session was extended ten minutes to hear report of Committee on "Order of Business." Report submitted and adopted.

#### **Afternoon Session.**

Conference re-assembled at 2.00 P. M.

The hour for the election of Editors having arrived, announcement of same was made by the President, and the Conference proceeded with the election. Dr. Hering was called to the Chair, and presided during the elections.

Nominations: W. M. Strayer, of Maryland Conference, nominated F. T. Tagg, D.D., as Editor of the Methodist Protestant.

The substitute offered by T. H. Lewis in Item 4 of the Report was lost.

The item (Item 4 of the report of Publishing Interests) was adopted.

Daniel Baker offered his resignation as a member of the Baltimore Book Directory, which, on motion of J. M. Gill, was accepted.

Motion that the report of the Committee on Publishing Interests be recommitted. Committee on Boundaries reported. Report adopted.

On motion Mr. Evans be heard immediately after opening to-night.

Mr. Hicks, of North Carolina, granted leave of absence for remainder of Session.

On motion the Conference took a recess to 7:30 P. M.

Benediction by J. F. McCulloch.

#### **Night Session.**

Conference re-assembled at 7:30 P. M.

Mr. Evans, representing Mr. H. J. Heinz, was introduced to the Conference and presented a report of Mr. H. J. Heinz relative to the Kansas City University. D. S. Stephens, Chancellor of Kansas City University, was introduced and spoke relative to the work of the University.

Committee on Church Union made a partial report through its Chairman, J. L. Mills. The report was read by A. L. Reynolds, Secretary of the Committee.

W. C. Adamson moved the adoption of the report, and at the request of the Committee, spoke at length on the subject of Church Union.

S. J. Geddes, of Iowa; S. R. Harris, of North Carolina; E. H. Van Dyke, of Japan; J. W. Hering, G. E. McManiman, of Ohio; W. W. Lineberry, J. W. Gray, T. A. Murray, of West Michigan; W. L. Wells, of Ohio; J. P. Morgan, of Alabama, spoke on the question of Church Union. Motion to adjourn was voted down.

J. F. McCulloch, of North Carolina, called for the reading of the report of the Committee.

Motion that when we adjourn it be to meet at 8:30 o'clock, Friday morning, was voted down.

The first partial report of the Committee on Church Union was adopted by a unanimous standing vote at 10:08 P. M., Thursday, May 26th, 1904.

T. H. Crenshaw and S. M. Hall granted leave of absence.

Bros. Lane and Miller excused from further sessions of Conference.

On motion, Conference adjourned at 10:10 P. M.

Benediction by G. P. Miller, of Central Texas Conference.

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## SEVENTH DAY.

### Morning Session.

Friday, May 27th, 1904.

Conference was called to order by the President.

Religious services were conducted by Bishop Mills, of the United Brethren Church in Christ.

Bishop Mills introduced to the Conference, and on motion of C. F. Swift, he was invited to a seat within the bar of the Conference.

On motion of H. L. Elderdice, 11 o'clock to-day was fixed for hearing Bishop Mills, of the United Brethren Church in Christ.

Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Paper submitted by Samuel McClain and others was referred to a special Committee of three. Adopted.

The Board of Publication submitted a report.

The Committee on Publishing Houses submitted a report. Report considered by items.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted.

Item 3. Adopted.

On motion, the name of D. B. Usselton was substituted on Baltimore Book Directory in place of Daniel Baker, resigned. Dr. J. W. Hering declined to accept the election to a position on the Baltimore Book Directory.

On motion of W. M. Strayer, the name of C. R. Durbin, of West Virginia was substituted for that of J. W. Hering, on Baltimore Book Directory.

Item 5. Adopted.

Item 6. Adopted.

Item 7. Adopted.

Item 8. Adopted.

Item 9. Adopted.

On motion report was adopted as a whole.

Motion of W. M. Strayer that Item 15 on page 124 line of Discipline be so amended as to read: "These reports shall be made up and submitted according to the form adopted by the General Conference." Adopted.

Committee on Publishing Houses excused for the purpose of meeting.

Committee on Course of Study submitted a report.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted.

On motion of Daniel Baker the "English Bible as text book" was added to each year's course of study. Adopted.

Time was extended.

Motion to amend as follows: That the phrase "or Roberts' Rules of Order" be added immediately after the word "Cushing."

Report adopted as amended.

Order of the hour.

Bishop J. L. Mills, Annapolis, Pa., Bishop of U. B. Church, addressed the Conference.

Y. P. S. C. E. submitted a report.

The report of the Committee was adopted.

A memorial from the Denominational C. E. Union was presented through the Committee on Y. P. S. C. E.

On motion, the President of the Denominational C. E. Union was invited to speak on the memorial above submitted.

On motion, time of adjournment fixed for 12:30 to-day.

President announced the Committees on Inter-Church Conference, and to adjust differences between the New York and Pennsylvania Conferences.

The memorial from the Denominational Union Y. P. S. C. E. was adopted.

Rev. Dr. Scott, of the Baltimore (Col.) Methodist Protestant Conference, was presented to the Conference.

Committee on Boundaries submitted a supplementary report, which on motion was adopted.

Committee on Statistics submitted a report, which on motion was recommitted with instructions to insert statistics furnished at the last General Conference from Conference failing to report to this Conference.

Leave of absence granted representatives of the S. C. (Col.) Conference for remainder of session.

Pulpit Committee submitted a report. Adopted.

On motion, took recess until 2.00 o'clock.

#### **Afternoon Session.**

Conference re-assembled at 2.00 P. M.

Motion to proceed at once to election Corresponding Secretary Board of Ministerial Education.

F. C. Chambers placed in nomination J. C. Berrien for Corresponding Secretary Ministerial Education.

Rev. G. R. Brown nominated for Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of Board of Ministerial Education, M. D. Helmick, of West Virginia.

Tellers were appointed as follows: J. P. Morgan, R. T. Tyson. The ballot was taken and resulted as follows: J. C. Berrien, 79; M. D. Helmick, 59.

On motion of M. D. Helmick the election of J. C. Berrien was made unanimous.

J. M. Wills, of Michigan, placed in nomination J. W. Gray, of Michigan, for Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Mission.

W. C. Adamson, of Georgia, placed in nomination T. J. Ogburn, of North Carolina, for Secretary and Treasurer of Board of Foreign Missions. The ballot was taken and resulted as follows: T. J. Ogburn, 97; J. W. Gray, 40; Blank, 1.

On motion J. W. Gray, T. J. Ogburn's election was made unanimous.

W. C. Adamson, of Georgia, placed in nomination G. E. McManiman for Corresponding Secretary Home Missions.

On motion of T. A. Murray, of Maryland, the Secretary cast the ballot of the Conference for G. E. McManiman for Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions. The ballot was cast and G. E. McManiman declared elected.

George C. Shaffer placed in nomination F. W. Pierpont for Agent of the Pittsburgh Board of Publication.

J. R. Lenhart, of Indiana, placed in nomination the name of W. W. Lineberry, of Indiana, for Agent Pittsburgh Board of Publication. The ballot was taken as follows: F. W. Pierpont, 78; W. W. Lineberry, 53; Blank, 1.

W. W. Lineberry, of Indiana, moved to make the election of F. W. Pierpont unanimous. Adopted.

J. W. Hering, of Maryland, placed in nomination the name of T. R. Woodford for Agent of the Baltimore Board of Publication.

On motion, the Secretary cast ballot of Conference for T. R. Woodford for Agent Baltimore Book Directory.

S. B. Tredway, T. A. Murray, J. L. Barclay granted leave of absence for remainder of the session.

The Committee on Church Union submitted a final report.

Item 1. Relative to proposed union with the Primitive Methodist Church was adopted.

Item 2. Adopted.

Item 3. Adopted.

The report of the Committee on Church Union adopted as a whole.

W. C. Adamson, of Georgia, granted leave of absence after to-day's session.

On motion, took recess until 7.30 P. M.

Benediction by J. D. Kinzer.

#### **Night Session.**

Conference re-assembled.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions was submitted. and on motion the report was considered item by item.



## QUINQUENNIAL SESSION

... was granted extra time in  
... Report of Committee on Foreign  
... permission to speak to the re-

... submitted a report, which, on mo-  
... Relations submitted a report,  
... submitted a report, which was  
... Education submitted a report,  
... Secretary, of Georgia, granted leave  
... of the session,  
... M.

## SIXTH DAY.

### Morning Session.

Saturday, May 28th, 1904.

... by the President.

... conducted by M. C. Jackson.

... and approved.

... report which was adopted

... charged.

... Houses submitted supplementary

Report of Special Committee to adjust differences between the New York and Pennsylvania Conferences submitted a report. Adopted.

Committee on President's report submitted a report.

Motion of C. F. Swift that the final item of the report of the Committee on President's report be laid on the table. Adopted. On motion the balance of the report of Committee on President's report was adopted.

Committee on Statistics submitted a report. On motion the report was adopted.

Committee on Temperance reported. Report amended by inserting the clause "the use of tobacco in all its forms." Report adopted as amended.

Committee on Home Missions submitted a report.

W. M. Strayer submitted resolution relative to work among the colored people as represented by our Mission Conference in the South which was added to report of the Committee on Home Missions.

The report adopted as amended.

Committee on Ritual reported. Considered item by item.

Item 1. On motion of J. D. Kinzer this item was referred to the Board of Publication.

Item 2. Stricken out.

Item 3. Lost.

Item 4. Lost.

Motion of W. M. Strayer to lay on the table all items of the report except the one referred to the Board of Publication. Adopted.

Motion of J. W. Hering that the Preface in the Burial Service, on page 170 of the Discipline, be referred to the Board of Publication.

On motion of W. D. Helmick, the Secretary was instructed to cast the vote of the Conference for the election of J. H. Claney, J. W. Knott, W. S. Walker, George R. Brown, J. H. Clarke, as the Board of Ministerial Education. Ballot cast and the election declared.

BIENNIAL SESSION

the following resolution, which was

Thanks of this General Confer-  
ence of the daily press for the full  
report as furnished to their respect-

submitted a report.

Methodist Church South, and  
Church, introduced to the Confer-

extended to 12.30 o'clock.

Resolution adopted.

Resolution adopted.

the following resolution:

General Conference request the Presi-  
dents, whose dates conflict, to take  
an agreement, whereby the time of  
sessions may be so adjusted that the Gen-  
eral Conference may be enabled to visit as many  
as possible and thereby render their service to  
the Church. Adopted.

submitted a report.

Resolution on Education adopted as a whole.

The matter of the formation of a Board of Education was referred to the next General Conference.

Conference took recess.

#### **Afternoon Session.**

Opened at 2.00 P. M.

On motion, the Board of Publication be authorized to print the usual number of minutes.

On motion, the place of meeting of the next session, or called sessions of the Conference, shall be left to the direction of the President, and Board of Publication.

On motion, that cuts of the Publishing Houses and Educational Institutions be put into the printed journal.

Resolved: That it is the sense of this General Conference that a full and accurate report from all the General Boards and Institutions responsible to this General Conference, should be prepared, and ready to be submitted to it on the first day of its session. A. L. Reynolds.

On motion, a Committee be appointed by the President to work out the question of securing a Board of Education for our College institutions. The President to appoint, and publish names of Committee in the Church papers.

The following Boards on Examination were appointed:

Examining Board for West Lafayette, Ohio: W. L. Wells, R. B. Thomas, L. E. Wolfe, S. S. Fisher, C. E. Sheppard.

Examining Board for Westminster College, Texas: H. H. Price, B.D.; C. O. Stubbs, A.M.; Prof. B. F. Sage, G. W. Sanders.

The following motion prevailed:

\*That when this General Conference adjourns, it adjourns subject to the call of the President, as recorded in report of Church Union last submitted.

Minutes read, corrected and approved.

Session closed with prayer by J. D. Kinzer.

F. T. TAGG, President.

F. C. CHAMBERS, Secretary.

### From Report of Committee on Church Union.

\*"Your Committee would recommend thus: when this General Conference adjourns, it adjourn to meet, subject to the call of the President, when requested to do so by any Commission on Church Union appointed by the General Conference, the time and place of holding such called meeting shall be fixed by the President of the General Conference in conjunction with the Board of Publication, as per Discipline, page 89, Section 3.

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## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

### (A). Report of Committee on Publishing Interests.

*To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church:*

Your Committee on Publishing Interests respectfully begs to submit the following report:

1. The Pittsburgh Book Directory.

We have carefully examined the report of the Pittsburgh Directory to the Board of Publication and find it complete as to items, except that it fails to give the names of the salaried officers and employees, who received the salaries specified as the discipline requires, according to your Committee's interpretation: otherwise, it is a full and lucid statement of the affairs of said Book Directory, and it is to be commended for its completeness and clearness. The report discloses a very satisfactory condition of the Directory's business, and shows the net assets of the concern to be \$103,069.94, an increase during the quadrennium of \$44,215.94, which we are assured does not fully indicate the actual gain, owing to the fact that real estate is not usually listed at its face value.

2. We nominate and recommend for election as members of the Pittsburgh Directory the following named brethren: Rev. J. H. Lucas, D.D., Rev. C. E. Sheppard, Messrs. W. H. Siviter, F. K. Brierly and Prof. U. S. Fleming.

3. The Baltimore Book Directory.

The report of the Baltimore Directory is not complete, and does not comply in your Committee's opinion with the requirements of the Discipline. It appears that part of said report (unintentionally we are assured) has been left out in making up the report, and your Committee has taken steps to have the missing parts supplied at an early day, and begs permission of Conference to embody the result of these efforts in a supplementary report. The affairs of the Directory seem to be in a promising condition. The Directory has a home of its own, thanks to the kind generosity of the Maryland Conference, and this will shortly be a source of considerable revenue to it. We see no reason why this Directory should not show substantial increase in profits and effectiveness during the next quadrennium.

4 We nominate and recommend for election as members of the Baltimore Directory: Rev. J. L. Mills, D.D., Rev. C. D. Sinkinson, D.D., Messrs. W. B. Usselton, W. C. Adamson and C. R. Durbin.

5 We submit herewith the report of the Pittsburgh Directory and recommend its adoption.

6 We submit herewith the report of the Board of Publication and recommend its adoption.

7 We recommend that the word "year" be substituted for "quadrennium," p. 122, item 7, line 3, of the Discipline.

8 We recommend that the accompanying form be used by both Directories in making reports so as to have uniformity.

9 We recommend the adoption of the proposed changes and additions in the Sunday School Literature, and such other improvements as may seem wise to the Board of Publication.

W. L. WELLS,

E. E. MASSEY,

CHAS. A. BENJAMIN,

W. M. STRAYER,

A. L. MCKEEVER,

J. ALLEN HOLT,

J. J. BARGE,

G. E. MCMANIMAN,

*Committee.*

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Your Committee on Publishing Interests begs to make the following supplementary report:

We nominate and recommend that Rev. J. H. Lucas, D.D., be elected President of the Board of Publication, and that Rev. J. L. Mills, D.D., be elected Secretary of said Board.

W. L. WELLS, *Chairman,*

J. ALLEN HOLT, *Secretary.*

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#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Board of Publication presents the following report to the General Conference for the quadrennium ending March 1st, 1904:

The Board held a meeting at Pittsburgh, Pa., April 11th, 1901, at which the Committee on Hymn Book, appointed by the General Conference, presented the manuscript, with proposals from certain publishers for the printing and binding of the book.

After careful consideration, and after accepting the size, shape, style of binding, paper, etc., the Board authorized the Committee to proceed with the publication of the book at the expense of the Directories in Baltimore and Pittsburgh, which was done to the satisfaction of the Church, and 50,000 copies have been published, nearly all of which have been disposed.

The Church in Montgomery, Ala., finding itself unable to entertain the General Conference at its present session, the Board in separate session at Baltimore and Pittsburgh, in connection with the President of the Gen-

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted.

On motion, E. H. Van Dyke was granted extra time in which to finish speech on Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.

U. G. Murphy was granted permission to speak to the report of the Committee.

Item 3. Adopted.

Item 4. Adopted.

Item 5. Adopted.

Item 6. Adopted.

Item 7. Adopted.

Item 8. Adopted.

Adopted as a whole.

Committee on Journals submitted a report, which, on motion, was adopted.

Committee on Fraternal Relations submitted a report, which, on motion, was adopted.

Committee on Judiciary submitted a report, which was adopted.

Committee on Ministerial Education submitted a report, which was adopted.

J. J. Barge and R. S. McGarity, of Georgia, granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

Motion adjourned at 10.15 P. M.

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## **EIGHTH DAY.**

### **Morning Session.**

Saturday, May 28th, 1904.

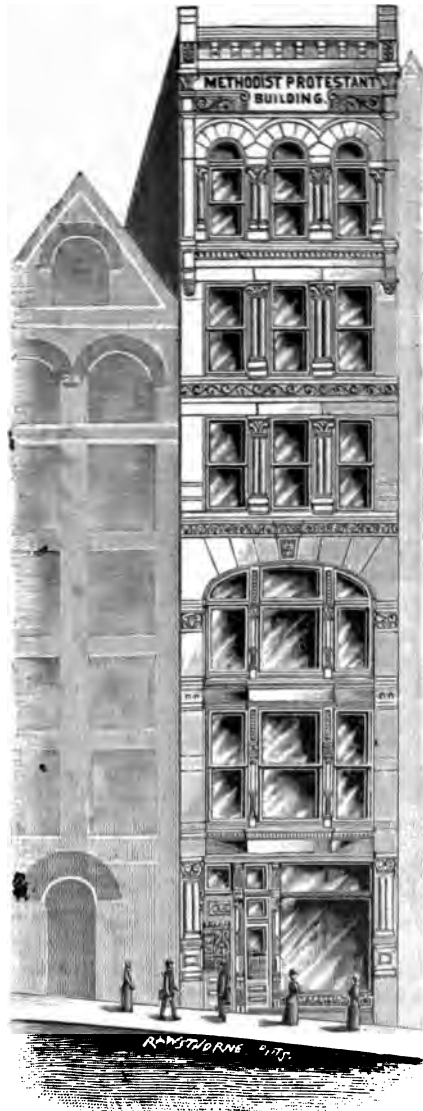
Conference called to order by the President.

Devotional services were conducted by M. C. Jackson.

Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Committee on Finance submitted report which was adopted and the Committee was discharged.

Committee on Publication Houses submitted supplementary report. Adopted.



**Methodist Protestant Book Rooms.  
Pittsburgh, Pa.**



rennium show an increase of practically 200% although the actual increase in business was but little over \$7,000.00. The increase in profit being due to greater economy in the management of the business. The profit given above is the actual cash profit accruing from the publishing business and does not include the very gratifying profit arising from the increase in the value of our real estate. This increase is put down at the actual increase on which taxes are being paid and amounts to \$28,000.00. The property four years ago was valued by the city for taxation at \$79,000.00, this year it was assessed \$107,000.00, the actual value of the property, however, is far in excess of this amount.

During the quadrennium the interest bearing debt, in the shape of the mortgage on the publication building, has been materially lessened; \$9,000.00 having been paid toward its reduction, and in addition, two notes for \$2,500.00, given for the equipment of the building at the time of its erection, have been paid in full. Also, notes given for the typesetting machine for \$2,300.00 were paid. With this material lightening of the interest bearing burden, and the plans that have been matured for increasing our income, the next four years should see our building practically free from debt. At present we have in bank \$3,000.00 which will be applied to the still further reduction of the mortgage at the proper time.

*Methodist Recorder.* The circulation of the Methodist Recorder has been vigorously pushed during the quadrennium, and as a result, the subscription list has been about doubled. We believe the paper has now a larger circulation than ever before in its history. The Recorder from a literary and typographical standpoint compares favorably with the very best of its religious contemporaries, while its entrance into so many Methodist Protestant homes cannot fail to have an uplifting influence, broadening their spiritual views and bringing them into closer touch and warmer sympathy with the work and general interests of the Church at large. We hope to still further improve the paper and plans are now matured which it is believed will increase its circulation and sphere of influence.

*The Sunday School Publications* continue to be, as in the past, the chief source of profit. The circulation of the various publications has materially increased in some lines and slightly fallen off in others. There seems to be a demand for an Intermediate Quarterly and for a paper for young people that shall be more mature in its nature than the Morning Guide. It is therefore recommended that at as early a date as possible an eight paged paper for young people be substituted for our Morning Guide to be called the New Guide to contain among other features one devoted to the interests of the Christian Endeavor Union. It is also recommended that the children's paper known as "Our Children" be slightly enlarged, the lesson feature simplified and more space devoted to pictures and entertaining reading matter. The new Intermediate Quarterly will then take the place of "Our Children" in the preparation of the Sunday School lesson. It will

be 32 pages in size and give a fuller exposition of the lesson than has heretofore been possible in the limited space afforded by "Our Children."

*The New Church Hymnal* authorized by the last session of the General Conference has been successfully issued during the quadrennium. It has met with universal approval throughout the Church and has had a most flattering sale. There have been published up to date 50,000 copies nearly all of which have been sold. There was but one style of book published, the music edition, the price of the book being placed so low that it was thought best not to print a word edition. When we compare the fact that in the first fifteen years after the appearance of the old *Tribute of Praise* but 31,000 copies of the music and 21,000 of the word editions were sold, we can appreciate the hearty reception given to the new book by the Church. To the Committee in charge of the compilation of the work and especially to its chairman, Dr. T. H. Lewis, on whose shoulders fell a large part of not only the preparation of the book but also its publication, much credit is due for the thoroughness and promptness with which the task was accomplished.

F. W. PIERPONT, *Agent.*

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION, MARCH 1ST, 1904.

*Assets.*

Book Room Property .....	\$116,123 03	
Stereotype Plates .....	582 17	
Linotype Machine .....	3,694 75	
Engravings .....	186 75	
Printing Material .....	992 17	
Store and Office Fixtures.....	1,091 72	
Suspended Accounts .....	296 43	
Copyrights .....	485 00	
Stocks .....	40 00	
Bills Receivable—Rent .....	651 50	
Hymnal Plates .....	555 76	
Accounts Receivable, Books.....	\$2,052 01	
Accounts Receivable, Advertising.....	92 10	2,144 11
Books and Merchandise, Inventory.....	3,876 89	
Cash on Hand and in Bank.....	4,974 69	
		\$135,694 97

*Liabilities.*

Mortgage .....	\$ 31,000 00
Thomas New Fund .....	1,224 37
Accounts Payable .....	400 66
	\$ 32,625 03

*Stock.*

Balance—Net Capital March 1st, 1903.....	\$ 72,543 30	
Profit for year.....	30,526 64	
		<u>\$103,069 94</u>
		<u>\$135,694 97</u>

## RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

*Receipts.*

Methodist Recorder Subs .....	\$ 9,174 44	
Methodist Recorder Adv.....	2,438 97	
		<u>\$ 11,613 41</u>
Sunday School Periodicals Subs.....	\$14,420 50	
Sunday School, Tagg, Agt.....	4,252 71	
		<u>18,673 21</u>
Books, Sales, &c.....	6,805 33	
Rents .....	6,425 04	
Interest and Discount .....	10 68	
Waste Paper .....	8 77	
Book Room Property (Increase).....	28,000 00	
Total Receipts .....		<u>\$ 71,536 44</u>
Books and Mdse. on Hand March 1st, 1904.....		3,876 89
Total .....		<u>\$ 75,413 33</u>

*Disbursements.*

Books and Mdse. bought.....	\$ 5,612 68	
Paper, Meth. Rec.....	\$ 1,951 08	
Paper, S. S. Per.....	3,458 21	
		<u>\$ 5,409 29</u>
Press Work Meth. Rec.....	\$ 1,200 26	
Press Work S. S. Per.....	2,106 53	
		<u>\$ 3,306 79</u>
Composition Meth. Rec.....	\$ 1,786 91	
Composition S. S. Per.....	893 46	
		<u>\$ 2,680 37</u>
Editorial Salary Meth Rec.....	\$ 2,000 00	
Editorial Salary S. S. Per.....	2,000 00	
		<u>\$ 4,000 00</u>
Business Departm't Salary Meth. Rec.	\$ 1,289 16	
Business Departm't Salary S. S. Per..	1,289 17	
Business Departm't Salary Books.....	300 00	
		<u>\$ 2,878 33</u>

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.

Postage Meth. Rec.....	\$ 504 77	
Postage S. S. Per.....	600 94	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,105 71
Mailing Expense Meth. Rec.....	\$ 370 00	
Mailing Expense S. S. Per.....	370 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 740 00
Engravings Meth. Rec.....	\$ 166 31	
Engravings S. S. Per.....	46 68	
	<hr/>	\$ 212 99
Electrotyping S. S. Per.....		120 36
Printing Material .....		110 24
Traveling Expenses .....		273 43
Expense .....		1,599 94
Stamps .....		530 45
Commission on Recorder.....		1,501 15
Store and Office Fixtures.....		57 45
Bad Accounts .....		98 81
Interest on Mortgage.....		2,306 33
Taxes and Insurance.....		1,842 60
Building Expense .....		3,201 50
Printing Department, Gas.....		9 75
Rent Commission .....		64 29
Rebates S. S. Per.....		82 76
Maps S. S. Per.....		40 00
Copyrights .....		250 00
Circulating Agent .....		800 00
Delinquent Recorder Subs.....		231 75
Rents .....		2,000 00
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Total .....		\$ 41,066 97
Mdse. on Hand March 1st, 1903.....		3,819 72
Loss and Gain (Gain).....		30,526 64
		<hr/>
		\$ 75,413 33

THE METHODIST RECORDER, MARCH 1ST, 1904.

*Debtor.*

Meth. Rec. Paper Inv. March 1st, 1903. \$	96 87	
Meth. Rec. Paper Bought.....	1,854 21	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,951 08
Press Work .....		1,200 26
Copyright .....		250 00
Rent .....		750 00
Printing Material .....		55 12

eral Conference, accepted the invitation from the North Carolina Avenue Church, Washington, D. C., to hold the said session of the Conference at that place.

The next joint meeting of the Board was held in Washington, D. C., May 20th, 1904, to close up its business for the quadrennium.

We submit herewith the reports of the Baltimore and Pittsburgh Directories, marked A and B, showing the business of each during the four years ending March 1st, 1904, and the present condition of each. We include the same as a part of our report, and we refer you to them for full details.

The Board with deep regret would note the death during the quadrennium of one of the members of the Board, Capt. Wm. P. Herbert, a faithful, efficient member of the Pittsburgh Directory; also of the death of Mr. W. J. C. Dulany, who, for a quarter of a century was our publishing agent at Baltimore.

Upon the death of Mr. Dulany, the Directory elected Dr. F. T. Tagg temporary agent, it being understood that the additional burden should rest upon him only until such time as the Directory could secure a suitable person for the office. We took possession of the building, No. 316 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md., last July, and after the hot weather was over, the work of securing some one for agent was begun, and in February the Directory elected Rev. T. R. Woodford to the position, his duties beginning April in 1904.

The Pittsburgh Directory filled the vacancy, occasioned by the death of Capt. Herbert, by the election of Mr. H. W. Reeves as a member of that Directory.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. LUCAS, *President pro tem.*

F. T. LITTLE, *Secretary.*

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#### REPORT OF THE PITTSBURGH DIRECTORY OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, FOR THE FOUR YEARS ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1904.

The Pittsburgh Directory takes pleasure in submitting the following report, in order that the Board of Publication, the General Conference and the Church at large may have a full and concise statement of the condition of the publishing interests at Pittsburgh.

The receipts for the four years were as follows:

The year ending March 1st, 1901, .....	\$ 39,617 70
The year ending March 1st, 1902, .....	41,059 61
The year ending March 1st, 1903, .....	42,689 59
The year ending March 1st, 1904, .....	43,536 44

The total receipts were \$166,903.32 on which there was a profit of \$16,215.94. The total receipts for the preceding quadrennium were \$159,722.10, with a profit of \$5,416.92. So that the profits for the present quad-

*Credit.*

Subscriptions .....	\$ 14,420 50	
Tagg, Agent .....	4,252 71	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 18,673 21

BOOKS.

*Debtor.*

Books Inventory March 1st, 1903.....	\$ 3,819 72	
Books Bought .....	5,612 68	
Rent .....	500 00	
Business Department Salaries .....	500 00	
Stamps .....	132 71	
Expense .....	319 98	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 10,685 09

*Credit.*

Book Sales .....	\$ 6,805 33	
Inventory March 1st, 1904 .....	3,876 89	
Profit and Loss (Loss) .....	2 87	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 10,685 09

PROFIT AND LOSS.

*Debtor.*

Store and Office Fixtures .....	\$ 57 45	
Bad Debts .....	98 81	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 156 26
Methodist Recorder .....	2,407 73	
Books .....	2 87	
Building Expense .....	979 68	
Balance to Credit of Stock .....	30,526 64	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 34,083 18

*Credit.*

Book Room Property .....	\$ 28,000 00	
Waste Paper .....	8 77	
Interest and Discount .....	10 68	
Sunday School Periodicals .....	6,063 73	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 34,083 18

*Actual Expense Sending Out One Copy Recorder.*

For Year Ending March 1st, 1901.....	\$ 2 35
For Year Ending March 1st, 1902.....	2 41
For Year Ending March 1st, 1903.....	1 82
For Year Ending March 1st, 1904.....	2 00

## NINETEENTH QUADRENNIAL SESSION

## RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

MARCH 1ST, 1900, TO MARCH 1ST, 1904.—FOUR YEARS.

*Receipts.*

Meth. Rec. Subs. year ending March 1st, 1901....	\$ 5,686 87
Meth. Rec. Subs. year ending March 1st, 1902....	5,410 45
Meth. Rec. Subs. year ending March 1st, 1903....	6,665 54
Meth. Rec. Subs. year ending March 1st, 1904....	9,174 44
	\$ 26,937 30
Increase 18 1-6 per cent.	
Meth. Rec. Adv. year ending March 1st, 1901....	\$ 2,702 92
Meth. Rec. Adv. year ending March 1st, 1902....	2,197 04
Meth. Rec. Adv. year ending March 1st, 1903....	2,206 96
Meth. Rec. Adv. year ending March 1st, 1904....	2,438 97
	\$ 9,545 89
Decrease 30 9-10 per cent.	
§ § Subs. year ending March 1st, 1901.....	\$ 18,787 39
§ § Subs. year ending March 1st, 1902.....	18,799 28
§ § Subs. year ending March 1st, 1903.....	18,886 70
§ § Subs. year ending March 1st, 1904.....	18,673 21
	\$ 75,146 58
Increase 5 7-10 per cent.	
Books and Misc. Sales year ending Mar. 1st, 1901.	\$ 5,908 64
Books and Misc. Sales year ending Mar. 1st, 1902.	8,159 05
Books and Misc. Sales year ending Mar. 1st, 1903.	8,353 18
Books and Misc. Sales year ending Mar. 1st, 1904.	6,805 33
	\$ 29,226 20
Decrease 11-10 per cent.	
Rents year ending March 1st, 1901.....	\$ 6,377 87
Rents year ending March 1st, 1902.....	6,493 79
Rents year ending March 1st, 1903.....	6,495 45
Rents year ending March 1st, 1904.....	6,425 04
	\$ 25,792 15
Interest and Discount .....	77 55
Waste Paper .....	27 65
Sunday School Periodical Advertising .....	150 00
Total .....	\$166,903 32
Books and Misc. on Hand March 1st, 1904.....	\$ 3,876 89
Paid on Mortgage .....	9,000 00
Loans .....	2,000 00
Increase of Valuation of Property .....	28,000 00
Unpaid Pledges .....	555 76
Advance on Cash .....	230 00
	43,662 65
	\$ 210,565 97

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RECEIPTS BY YEARS.

Year Ending March 1st, 1901.....	\$ 39,617 70
Year Ending March 1st, 1902.....	41,059 61
Year Ending March 1st, 1903.....	42,689 57
Year Ending March 1st, 1904.....	43,536 44
	<hr/>
	\$ 166,903 32

DISBURSEMENTS.—FOUR YEARS.

Books and Mdse .....	\$ 22,153 03
Printing Paper Meth. Rec.....	\$ 6,815 23
Printing Paper S. S. Per.....	12,791 36
	<hr/>
	\$19,606 59
Press Work Meth. Rec.....	\$ 3,579 47
Press Work S. S. Per.....	7,866 09
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	\$ 11,445 56
Composition Meth. Rec.....	\$ 7,065 89
Composition S. S. Per.....	3,532 92
	<hr/>
	\$ 10,598 81
Editorial Salaries .....	15,999 85
Business Department Salaries.....	11,543 33
Postage and Mailing Expense.....	5,889 21
Engravings .....	859 68
Electrotyping .....	415 02
Printing Material .....	520 91
Traveling Expense .....	773 82
Expense, Sundries .....	5,813 61
Expense Operating House .....	12,342 82
Stamps .....	1,825 37
Commissions, Meth. Rec.....	3,246 23
Store and Office Fixtures.....	243 32
Bad Accounts .....	334 55
Interest on Mortgage .....	7,706 33
Taxes and Insurance .....	8,206 46
Sundries, Maps, etc.....	384 10
Rebates, S. S. Per.....	345 83
Circulating Agents, Meth. Rec.....	1,200 00
Delinquent Meth. Rec. Subs.....	231 75
Rents .....	8,000 00
Interest and Discount .....	284 02
	<hr/>
Total Disbursements .....	\$ 149,970 20
Books and Mdse. on Hand March 1st, 1900.....	4,012 85
Meth. Rec. Paper on Hand March 1st, 1900.....	\$ 107 72
S. S. Per. Paper on Hand March 1st, 1900.....	473 50
	<hr/>
	\$ 581 22



*Stock.*

Balance—Net Capital March 1st, 1903.....	\$ 72,543 30	
Profit for year.....	30,526 64	
		<u>\$103,069 94</u>
		<u>\$135,694 97</u>

## RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

*Receipts.*

Methodist Recorder Subs .....	\$ 9,174 44	
Methodist Recorder Adv.....	2,438 97	
		<u>\$ 11,613 41</u>
Sunday School Periodicals Subs.....	\$14,420 50	
Sunday School, Tagg, Agt.....	4,252 71	
		<u>18,673 21</u>
Books, Sales, &c.....		6,805 33
Rents .....		6,425 04
Interest and Discount .....		10 68
Waste Paper .....		8 77
Book Room Property (Increase).....		28,000 00
Total Receipts .....		<u>\$ 71,536 44</u>
Books and Mdse. on Hand March 1st, 1904.....		3,876 89
		<u>\$ 75,413 33</u>

*Disbursements.*

Books and Mdse. bought.....	\$ 5,612 68	
Paper, Meth. Rec.....	\$ 1,951 08	
Paper, S. S. Per.....	3,458 21	
		<u>\$ 5,409 29</u>
Press Work Meth. Rec.....	\$ 1,200 26	
Press Work S. S. Per.....	2,106 53	
		<u>\$ 3,306 79</u>
Composition Meth. Rec.....	\$ 1,786 91	
Composition S. S. Per.....	893 46	
		<u>\$ 2,680 37</u>
Editorial Salary Meth Rec.....	\$ 2,000 00	
Editorial Salary S. S. Per.....	2,000 00	
		<u>\$ 4,000 00</u>
Business Departm't Salary Meth. Rec. \$	1,289 16	
Business Departm't Salary S. S. Per..	1,289 17	
Business Departm't Salary Books.....	300 00	
		<u>\$ 2,878 33</u>

Engineer .....	900 00
Elevator Boy .....	208 00
Foreman Printing Department .....	1,456 00
Printer .....	1,248 00
Circulating Agent .....	800 00 and 10%

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AUDITORS' REPORT.

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J. H. LUCAS.

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Paid on Mortgage .....		9,000 00
Increase of Book Room Property.....		28,000 00
Loans .....		2,000 00
Hymnal Plates .....		555 76
Addressograph .....		230 00
Net Profit Year Ending March 1st, 1901.....	\$ 3,858 07	
Net Profit Year Ending March 1st, 1902.....	5,340 99	
Net Profit Year Ending March 1st, 1903.....	4 490 24	
Net Profit Year Ending March 1st, 1904.....	2,526 64	
		<u>16,215 94</u>
		\$ 210,565 97

## CIRCULATION OF PERIODICALS.

	TOTAL PRINTED.	AVERAGE.
Bible School Quarterlies .....	1,144,000	71,500
Bible School Lesson Leaf .....	856,000	17,834
Bible School Teachers' Journals .....	134,500	8,406
Our Morning Guide .....	685,700	14,285
Our Children .....	1,321,300	27,110
	<u>4,141,500</u>	<u>139,135</u>
Total .....	4,141,500	139,135

## STOCK ACCOUNT.

Balance Net Capital March 1st, 1900.....		\$ 58,854 00
Net Gain Year Ending March 1st, 1901.....	\$ 3,858 07	
Net Gain Year Ending March 1st, 1902.....	5,340 99	
Net Gain Year Ending March 1st, 1903.....	4 490 24	
Net Gain Year Ending March 1st, 1904.....	2,526 64	
		<u>16,215 94</u>
Net Profit for four Years .....		\$ 16,215 94
Net Increase in Book Room Property.....		28,000 00
		<u>103,069 94</u>
Balance to New Account (Net Capital March 1st, 1904).....		\$ 103,069 94

*Salaries.*

Methodist Recorder, Editor, Year.....	\$ 2,000 00
Sunday School Per., Editor, Year.....	2,000 00
Agent, Year .....	1,900 00
Book-keeper, Year .....	960 00
Clerk, Year .....	600 00
Clerk, Year .....	316 00
Clerk, Year (Office Boy).....	260 00
Janitor .....	788 00

Engineer .....	900 00
Elevator Boy .....	208 00
Foreman Printing Department .....	1,456 00
Printer .....	1,248 00
Circulating Agent .....	800 00 and 10%

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F. W. PIERPONT, *Publishing Agent.*

BOOK ROOM AND PUBLISHING HOUSE, 422 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

## BALTIMORE BOOK DIRECTORY, MARCH 1ST, 1904.

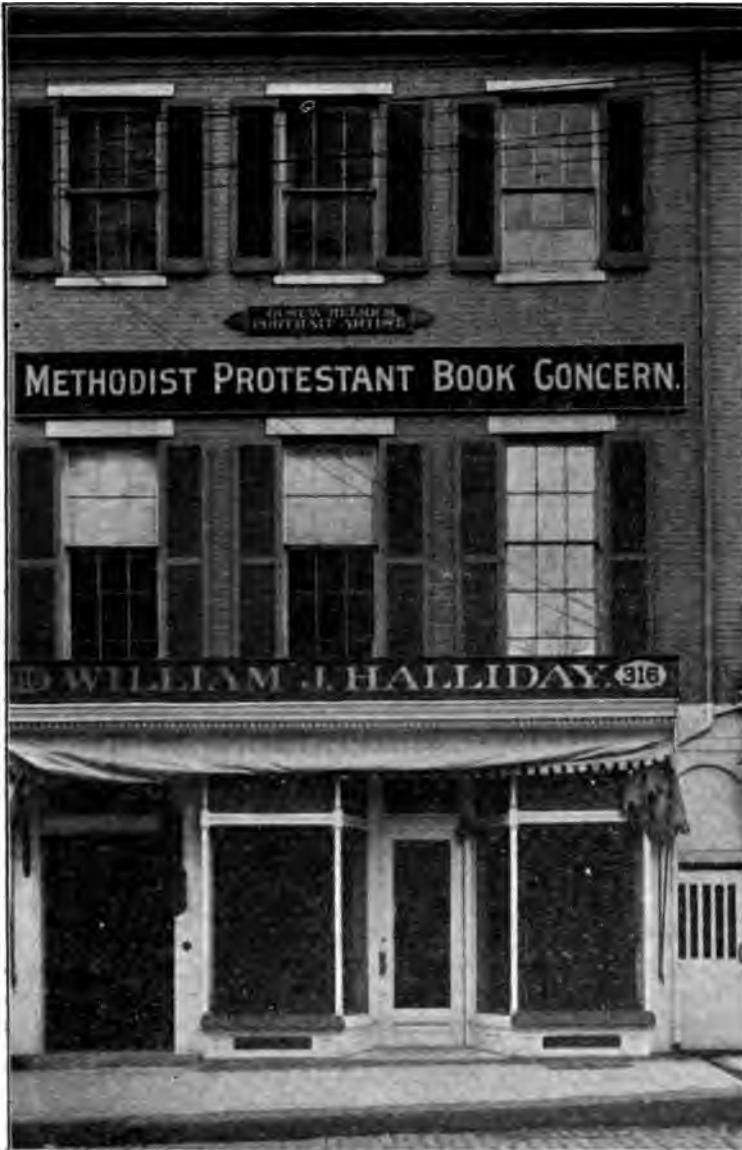
## ASSETS.

Real Estate—actual value.....	\$	—	—
Office Furniture and Store Fixtures.....		325	00
Merchandise—Books, Stationery, P't'g, Pap., etc..		3,392	93
Type, Electros, Engravings, etc.....		1,700	00
Due from Subscribers to Methodist Protestant at 12½c. per month.....		1,091	00
Due from Advertisers for Insertions Given.....		205	25
Doubtful Accounts, Actual Value 20%.....		83	00
Loans .....		5,164	10
Accounts Receivable .....		1,734	16
Cash on Hand and in Bank.....		1,055	62
			\$ 14,751 06

## LIABILITIES.

Mortgages .....	\$	—	—
Borrowed Money .....		—	—
Bills Payable for Merchandise .....		250	61
Accounts Payable .....		598	64
Due to Subscribers to Methodist Protestant at 12½c. per month.....		1,443	65
Due to Subscribers to S. S. Periodicals yearly rates .....		429	30
			\$ 2,722 20
			\$ 12,028 86

\*Deceased.



**Methodist Protestant Book Rooms.  
Baltimore, Md.**

## DISBURSEMENTS—4 YEARS—MARCH 1ST, 1900, TO MARCH 1ST, 1904.

Books, Stationery, etc.....	\$ 9,312 74	
Print Paper .....	4,133 37	
Presswork .....	2,159 38	
Composition .....	7,381 43	
Editorial Salary .....	4,800 00	
Business Department Salaries.....	4 465 52	
Postage and Mailing Expenses.....	5,592 71	
Travelling Expenses .....	369 06	
Interest .....	331 05	
Commission and Discounts .....	2,095 98	
Other Expenses .....	1,332 60	
S. S. Periodicals .....	18,760 17	
Rent, Fuel and Light.....	1,500 00	
Account Wm. J. C. Dulany Co's. Sales which do not appear on our books.....	6,328 38	
		<u>\$ 68,562 39</u>

## SALES—MARCH 1, 1901, TO MARCH 1, 1904.

Methodist Prot'nt ending Mch. 1, 1901. \$	6,004 47	
Methodist Prot'nt ending Mch. 1, 1902.	5,811 29	
Methodist Prot'nt ending Mch. 1, 1903.	4,777 41	
Methodist Prot'nt ending Mch. 1, 1904.	4,731 11	
		<u>\$ 21,324 28</u>
Advertising ending March 1, 1901.... \$	1,219 11	
Advertising ending March 1, 1902....	878 53	
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Advertising ending March 1, 1904..	800 27	
		<u>\$ 3,632 74</u>
S. S. Periodicals ending March 1, 1901. \$	6,888 48	
S. S. Periodicals ending March 1, 1902.	7,049 45	
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S. S. Periodicals ending March 1, 1904.	7,430 83	
		<u>\$ 28,641 81</u>
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Books and Mdse. ending March 1, 1904.	3,033 24	
		<u>\$ 14,375 97</u>
Interest ending March 1, 1901..... \$	154 96	
Interest ending March 1, 1902.....	140 00	
Interest ending March 1, 1903.....	140 00	
Interest ending March 1, 1904.....	152 63	
		<u>\$ 587 59</u>
		<u>\$ 68,562 39</u>

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CIRCULATION—MARCH 1, 1904.

Methodist Protestant, March 1, 1904.....	3,340	
Methodist Protestant, March 1, 1903.....	3,281	
		59
Gain .....		59
New names during the year.....	486	
Discontinued in default of renewal, and because of delinquency.....	427	
		59
		59
S. S. PERIODICALS.		
March 1, 1904 .....	34,330	
March 1, 1903 .....	35,250	
		920
Loss .....		920

[Form to be used by Methodist Recorder and Methodist Protestant Book Concerns.]

STATEMENT OF CONDITION.

MARCH 1ST.

*Assets.*

Book Room Property .....	\$ — —
Stereotype Plates .....	— —
Linotype Machine .....	— —
Engravings .....	— —
Printing Material .....	— —
Store and Office Fixtures .....	— —
Suspended Accounts .....	— —
Copyrights .....	— —
Stocks .....	— —
Bills Receivable—Rent .....	— —
Hymnal Plates .....	— —
Accounts Receivable—Books .....	— —
Accounts Receivable—Advertising .....	— —
Books and Merchandise—Inventory .....	— —
Cash on Hand and in Bank .....	— —
	\$ — —
Total Assets .....	\$ — —

*Liabilities.*

Mortgage .....	\$ — —
Thomas New Fund .....	— —
Accounts Payable .....	— —
	\$ — —



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Delinquents .....	_____	—
Printing Department—Gas .....	_____	—
Traveling Expense .....	_____	—
Mailing Expense .....	_____	—
Business Department—Salaries .....	_____	—
	_____	—
		\$ _____

*Credit.*

Subscriptions .....	\$ _____
Copyright (Money Returned) .....	_____
Advertising .....	_____
Profit and Loss .....	_____
	_____
	\$ _____

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

*Debtor.*

Printing Paper .....	\$ _____
Press Work .....	_____
Expense .....	_____
Stamps .....	_____
Printing Department—Gas .....	_____
Postage .....	_____
Traveling Expense .....	_____
Mailing Expense .....	_____
Business Dept. Salaries (state to whom paid) .....	_____
Electrotyping .....	_____
Editorial Salary to _____ Editor .....	_____
Composition .....	_____
Printing Material .....	_____
Engravings .....	_____
Rent .....	_____
Maps .....	_____
Sundries—Rebates .....	_____
Profit and Loss (Profit) .....	_____
	_____
	\$ _____

DISBURSEMENTS.

Books and Mdse. bought .....	\$ _____
Paper .....	\$ _____
Paper, S. S. Per. ....	_____
	_____
	\$ _____

*Stock.*

Balance—Net Capital, March 1st, .....	\$ _____	
Profit for Year .....	_____	
	_____	\$ _____

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

*Receipts.*

Subscriptions .....	\$ _____	
Advertising .....	_____	
	_____	\$ _____
Sunday School Periodicals Subs.....	\$ _____	
Sunday School Agent .....	_____	
Books, Sales, etc .....	_____	
Rents .....	_____	
Interest and Discount .....	_____	
Waste Paper .....	_____	
Book Room Property .....	_____	
Total Receipts .....	_____	
Books and Mdse. on Hand March 1st, —.....	_____	
Total .....		\$ _____

THE METHODIST RECORDER OR PROTESTANT.

MARCH 1ST.

*Debtor.*

Paper Inv. March 1st.....	\$ _____	
Paper Bought .....	_____	
	_____	\$ _____
Press Work .....	\$ _____	
Copyright—Returned .....	_____	
	_____	\$ _____
Rent .....	\$ _____	
Printing Material .....	_____	
Composition Salary .....	_____	
Editorial Salary .....	_____	
Engravings .....	_____	
Expense .....	_____	
Stamps .....	_____	
Postage .....	_____	
Premiums and Com .....	_____	
Circulating Agent .....	_____	

Circulating Agent .....	_____	
Delinquent Subs .....	_____	
Rents .....	_____	
Total .....		\$ _____
Mdse. on Hand March 1st.....	_____	
Loss and Gain .....	_____	
		_____
Total .....		\$ _____

*Credit.*

Subscriptions .....	\$ _____
_____ Agent .....	_____
	_____
	\$ _____

BOOKS.

*Debtor.*

Books, Inventory March 1st, — .....	\$ _____
Books Bought .....	_____
Rent .....	_____
Business Department, Salaries .....	_____
Stamps .....	_____
Expense .....	_____
	_____
	\$ _____

*Credit.*

Book Sales .....	\$ _____
Inventory, March 1st, — .....	_____
Profit and Loss (Loss) .....	_____
	_____
	\$ _____

PROFIT AND LOSS.

*Debtor.*

Store and Office Fixtures .....	\$ _____
Bad Debts .....	_____
	_____
	\$ _____
Methodist Recorder or Methodist Protestant.....	\$ _____
Books .....	_____
Building Expense .....	_____
Balance to Credit of Stock .....	_____
	_____
	\$ _____

Press Work .....	\$	—	—
Press Work, S. S. Per.....		—	—
		—	—
			\$ — —
Composition .....	\$	—	—
Composition S. S. Per .....		—	—
		—	—
			\$ — —
Editorial Salary .....	\$	—	—
Editorial Salary, S. S. Per.....		—	—
		—	—
			\$ — —
Business Department Salary .....	\$	—	—
Business Department Salary S. S. Per.....		—	—
Business Department Salary, Books .....		—	—
		—	—
			\$ — —
Postage .....	\$	—	—
Postage, S. S. Per .....		—	—
		—	—
			\$ — —
Mailing Expense .....	\$	—	—
Mailing Expense, S. S. Per.....		—	—
		—	—
			\$ — —
Engravings .....	\$	—	—
Engravings, S. S. Per .....		—	—
		—	—
			\$ — —
Electrotyping S. S. Per.....	\$	—	—
Printing Material .....		—	—
Traveling Expense .....		—	—
Expense .....		—	—
Stamps .....		—	—
Commission .....		—	—
Store and Office Fixtures .....		—	—
Bad Accounts .....		—	—
Interest on Mortgage .....		—	—
Taxes and Insurance.....		—	—
Building Expense .....		—	—
Printing Department—Gas .....		—	—
Rent Commission .....		—	—
Rebates S. S. Per.....		—	—
Maps S. S. Per .....		—	—
Copyrights .....		—	—

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Rents year ending March 1st, —	.....	\$ — —
Rents year ending March 1st, —	.....	— —
Rents year ending March 1st, —	.....	— —
Rents year ending March 1st, —	.....	— —
		—————
		\$ — —
Interest and Discount .....		— —
Waste Paper .....		— —
Sunday School Periodical Advertising .....		— —
		—————
Total .....		\$ — —
Books and Mdse. on Hand March 1st, —	.....	\$ — —
Paid on Mortgage .....		— —
Loans .....		— —
Increased Valuation of Property .....		— —
Hymnal Plates .....		— —
Addressograph .....		— —
		—————
		\$ — —

RECEIPTS BY YEARS.

Year ending March 1st, —	.....	\$ — —
Year ending March 1st, —	.....	— —
Year ending March 1st, —	.....	— —
Year ending March 1st, —	.....	— —
		—————
		\$ — —

DISBURSEMENTS—FOUR YEARS.

Books and Mdse. ....	.....	\$ — —
Printing Paper Meth. Rec. or M. P. ....	.....	— —
Printing Paper S. S. Per. ....	.....	— —
		—————
		\$ — —
Press Work Meth. Rec. or M. P. ....	.....	\$ — —
Press Work S. S. Per. ....	.....	— —
		—————
		\$ — —
Composition Meth. Rec. or M. P. ....	.....	\$ — —
Composition S. S. Per. ....	.....	— —
		—————
		\$ — —
Editorial Salary .....	.....	\$ — —
Business Dept. Salaries .....	.....	— —
Postage and Mailing Expense .....	.....	— —
Engravings .....	.....	— —
Electrotyping .....	.....	— —

*Credit.*

Book Room Property .....	\$ _____
Waste Paper .....	_____
Interest and Discount .....	_____
Sunday School Periodicals .....	_____
	_____
	\$ _____

ACTUAL EXPENSE SENDING OUT ONE COPY RECORDER OR METHODIST PROTESTANT.

For Year Ending March 1st, — .....	\$ _____
For One Year Ending March 1st, — .....	_____
For One Year Ending March 1st, — .....	_____
For One Year Ending March 1st, — .....	_____

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

MARCH 1ST, —, TO MARCH 1ST, — 4 YEARS.

*Receipts.*

Meth. Rec. Subs. year ending March 1st, — .....	\$ _____
Meth Rec. Subs. year ending March 1st, — .....	_____
Meth Rec. Subs. year ending March 1st, — .....	_____
Meth Rec. Subs. year ending March 1st, — .....	_____
	_____
	\$ _____

Increase — per cent.

Meth. Rec. or Meth. Prot. Ad. year end. Mar. 1, —	\$ _____
Meth. Rec. or Meth. Prot. Ad. year end. Mar. 1, —	_____
Meth. Rec. or Meth. Prot. Ad. year end. Mar. 1, —	_____
Meth. Rec. or Meth. Prot. Ad. year end. Mar. 1, —	_____
	_____
	\$ _____

Decrease — per cent.

S. S. Subs. year ending March 1st.....	\$ _____
S. S. Subs. year ending March 1st.....	_____
S. S. Subs. year ending March 1st.....	_____
S. S. Subs. year ending March 1st.....	_____
	_____
	\$ _____

Increase — per cent.

Books and Mdse. Sales year ending March 1st....	\$ _____
Books and Mdse. Sales year ending March 1st....	_____
Books and Mdse. Sales year ending March 1st....	_____
Books and Mdse. Sales year ending March 1st....	_____
	_____
	\$ _____

Decrease — per cent.

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Balance Net Capital March 1st, —, .....		\$ ——— —
Net Gain Year ending March 1st, —, .....	\$ ——— —	
Net Gain Year ending March 1st, —, .....	—————	
Net Gain Year ending March 1st, —, .....	—————	
	—————	\$ ——— —
Net Profit for Four Years .....	—————	
Net Increase in Book Room Property .....	—————	
	—————	
Bal. to New Account (Net Capital, March 1, —)		—————

SALARIES.

Meth. Rec. or M. P. Editor, Year.....	\$ ——— —
Sunday School Per. Editor, Year.....	—————
Agent, Year (state name) .....	—————
Book-keeper, Year (state name) .....	—————
Clerk, Year (state name) .....	—————
Clerk, Year (state name) .....	—————
Clerk, Year (office boy) .....	—————
Janitor .....	—————
Engineer .....	—————
Elevator Boy .....	—————
Foreman Printing Department .....	—————
Printer .....	—————
Circulating Agent .....	—————
	\$ ——— —

AUDITORS' REPORT.

The undersigned, appointed to audit the books and accounts of the Agent, are pleased to report that the books are.....  
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**(B). Report of Committee on Course of Study.**

Your Committee on Course of Study for Annual Conferences reports as follows:

We recommend that paragraph 36 on page 83 of the Discipline as revised by the General Conference of 1900 be changed to read as follows:

The Annual Conference shall not receive a person into its itinerancy until he has passed a satisfactory examination in English Grammar, United States History, Practical Arithmetic, Geography, Smith's Scripture, First His-



tory, Binney's Compend and the Constitution and Discipline of the Methodist Protestant Church or their equivalent.

2. The following course of study shall be mandatory upon all conferences not having a more advanced course.

First year. The English Bible as a text book; Wesley's Systematic Theology; Drinkhouse's History of Methodist Reform, and Methodist Protestant Church, Rhetoric and Fisher's Church History.

Second year. The English Bible as a text book; Miley's Systematic Theology; Fisher's Church History; Phelps' Theory and Practice of Preaching, or Broadus on the Preparation and Delivery of Sermons; Nichol's Helps to the Reading of the Bible; Drinkhouse's History of Methodist Reform and Methodist Protestant Church and Moral Science; Cushing's or Roberts' Manual of Parliamentary Law and General History.

Third year. The English Bible as a text book; Miley's Systematic Theology; Phelps' Theory and Practice of Preaching, or Broadus on the Preparation and Delivery of Sermons; Mental Science; Cushing's Manual of Parliamentary Law, and General History; Barrow's Sacred Geography and Antiquities.

It is recommended that selection be made from the following list for additional reading, and that a written sermon be required in each year of the course:

Systematic Theology—Wakefield, Pope, Lee, Watson, Summers.

Old Testament Theology—Oehler (Weidner's Edition.)

New Testament Theology—Stevens.

Natural Theology—Paley, Chadbourn, Diman.

Mental Science—Porter, Hickok, Wayland, Upham, Sully.

Moral Science—Hopkins, Calderwood, Hickok.

Homiletics—Porter, Hoppin.

Church History—Hase.

History of Doctrines—Shedd.

Pastoral Theology—Hoppin, Shedd.

W. W. LINEBERRY, *Chairman.*

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### (C). Report of Committee on Boundaries.

The Committee on Boundaries respectfully offers the following:

1. We have carefully examined all the questions submitted to us concerning the various boundary lines of the different conferences, and report as follows:

Concerning the application of the church at Paris, Illinois, we recommend that the City of Paris, Illinois, be included in the North Illinois Conference, and that the boundary line of the North Illinois Conference in all other respects remain as it is.

2. We recommend that the names of the North Georgia and the South Georgia Colored Conferences be dropped from the list of annual conferences, and that the Georgia Colored Conference include the States of Georgia and Florida.

3. We recommend that the boundaries of the New Jersey Conference remain unchanged.

4. We recommend the change of the boundaries of N. C. and S. C. Conferences so as to add Chesterfield, Anderson and Yarbrough's Stations to the N. C. Conference.

5. We recommend that the boundaries of the Texas Conference, and the Northwest Texas Conference be changed so as to include Grayson county in the Northwest Texas Conference, and that Tehuacana be in the Texas Conference.

6. We recommend that the Oklahoma Annual Conference as now constituted be stricken from the list of Annual Conferences, and that the boundaries of the Southwest Oklahoma Conference be changed so as to include all of the territory of Oklahoma, and that part of the Chickasaw Indian Territory lying west of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad, including the towns on said railroad, and that the name of the Southwest Oklahoma Conference be changed to the Oklahoma Annual Conference.

7. We recommend the organization of the Choctaw Indian Mission Conference in the Indian Territory to be bounded as follows: On the north by the Choctaw Railroad; on the east by the Arkansas and Indian Territory line; on the south by Red River, and on the west by the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad.

8. We recommend that the boundaries of the Arkansas Colored Conference be so changed as to include the State of Louisiana.

9. We recommend the boundaries of the Mississippi district to be as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of Noxubee county, running along the northern boundary to the northwest corner; thence northwest to the northeast corner of Montgomery county; thence with the Georgia Pacific Railroad west to Greenwood; thence down the Mississippi River to the Gulf; thence east along the coast to the Alabama line; thence north along the line between Mississippi and Alabama to the southwest corner of Choctaw county; thence east to the Bigbee River; thence north to Sumpter county; thence west to the northwest corner of Choctaw county; thence north along the line of Mississippi and Alabama to the beginning, all of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. GLADDEN,

F. T. LITTLE,

RICHARD PACEY,

J. W. FONDA,

W. B. GOUCHER,

A. A. HICKS,

T. J. OGBURN.

The Committee on Boundaries begs leave to file the following supplemental report:

1912 SESSION

Resolved, That the following be placed under the consideration of the Conference, in whose territory they are located:

- 1. W. B. GOUCHER,
- 2. A. A. HICKS.

Resolved, That the following supplemental resolutions be adopted: Northwest Texas and the other Territories are worthy of full standing in the Conference as would authorize such action.

- W. H. GLADDEN,
- RICHARD PAGE,
- T. J. OGBURN.

Resolved, That the Genesee Conference and the other Conferences be merged into one Conference.

A. A. HICKS, *for the Committee.*

**Report of Committee on Revision.**

Resolved, That the Historical Sketch of the Origin of the Conference be substituted for the Historical Sketch of the Conference.

Resolved, That the "State of Church Membership" be substituted for the "State of Church Membership" to be considered.

Resolved, That paragraph 15, p. 75. We do not concur. We do not concur in paragraph 15, p. 75. We do not concur in paragraph 15, p. 75. We do not concur in paragraph 15, p. 75.

Resolved, That the proposed change Art. 9, paragraph 2, p. 75, was presented. We do not concur.

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- W. C. KAY,
- J. M. MOORE,
- A. S. SHERBURN,
- A. B. TOWNSEND,
- C. L. WHITAKER,
- A. L. REYNOLDS,
- G. B. MOORE,
- F. A. MURRAY,
- E. M. ALLEN.

**(E). Partial Report of Committee on Credentials.**

Genesee—E. G. Coe, lay representative.

Indiana—J. L. Barclay instead of W. H. Green; S. W. Dungan instead of J. M. Eades.

Louisiana—J. E. Gaar, sub. for J. M. Beard.

Maryland—J. D. Cathell for Coleman.

Michigan—J. W. Gray, Josiah Tompkins, F. A. Grinnell.

North Carolina—R. T. Pickens.

South Carolina—J. M. Knowles, Watson McLaughlin.

Texas—H. M. Price, Benjamin F. Sage.

West Michigan—J. A. Moray, Barber Mead.

West Virginia—A. J. Allmon for J. J. Poynter.

North Illinois—Richard Pacey, J. S. Addis.

Missouri—L. A. Smith, J. F. Howell.

**(F) Partial Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.**

1. We recommend that Article 1 be so changed as to read: The General Conference at each quadrennial session shall elect five persons, and each Annual Conference having two thousand members, excepting the Annual Conference already represented in the Executive Committee, shall elect at its session next succeeding the meeting of the General Conference one person who shall constitute the Board of Foreign Missions. They shall hold their office for the term of four years. The office of the Board shall be located in Springfield, Ohio, but meetings may be called at any other place.

2. We recommend other changes in the Constitution to conform with the above as follows: Article 3 to read: The Board shall meet annually in the month of February, and shall make a full and complete report to the General Conference. Article 5: Strike out Section 1 as unnecessary. Make Section 2 Section 1, and insert the following:

Section 2. The five persons named by the General Conference as members of the Board shall be the Executive Committee of the Board.

The Executive Committee shall meet quarterly and oftener when necessary. They shall have such powers and transact such business as may be committed to them by the Board, and they shall submit a report of all their proceedings at each annual meeting of the Board. The Corresponding Secretary shall be ex-officio a member of the Executive Committee. Until the first meeting of the Board in 1965, the Executive Committee shall exercise full power over all matters belonging to the Board. Amend Section 3 to read: "Under the direction and supervision of the Board, missionaries shall engage in such religious, evangelical and educational work as will best promote the glory of God, the salvation of souls and the upbuilding of believers."

We recommend that the Chicago German Mission be placed under the fostering care of the North Illinois Annual Conference, in whose territory it is located.

W. H. GLADDEN,            W. B. GOUCHER,  
J. W. FONDA,            A. A. HICKS.  
F. T. LITTLE,

The Committee on Boundaries submits the following supplemental report:

That this General Conference recognize the Northwest Texas and the Oklahoma Mission Conferences as Conferences worthy of full standing in this body, they having developed to such a degree as would authorize such recognition.

W. H. GLADDEN,  
RICHARD PAGE,  
T. J. OGBURN.

A request for Potter County, Pa., be included in the Genesee Conference, and that the Genesee and Onandago Conferences be merged into one conference, was not passed.

A. A. HICKS, *for the Committee.*

#### (D). Report of Committee on Revision.

We recommend that the paper entitled "Historical Sketch of the Origin of the Methodist Protestant Church" be substituted for the Historical Preface.

2. In a proposition to change "Certificate of Church Membership" to "Certificate of Removal," p. 205, we do not concur.
3. A proposition was made to strike out paragraph 15, p. 75. We do not concur.
4. A proposition to change paragraph 15, p. 75, was presented. We do not concur.
5. In a proposition to hand down overture to change Art. 9, paragraph 1, we do not concur.
6. In Order of Business for Quarterly Conferences, p. 70, place "Incidental Business" next before "Benediction." We concur.
7. In a proposition to add the following to paragraph 2, p. 130, we concur. "No member of an annual conference shall have the right to enter the territory of any other annual conference to work or to preach within the bounds of that conference, if the President of the Conference to which he comes objects to his presence and work."

J. W. GRAY,            A. L. REYNOLDS,  
J. L. MILLS,            G. B. MOORE,  
J. A. SELBY,            F. A. MURRAY,  
A. B. PURDY,            E. M. ALLEN.  
C. L. WHITAKER,

We recommend the election of the following ladies as the Executive Committee of the Society: Mesdames F. A. Brown, D. S. Stephens, J. R. Lenhart, E. C. Chandler, J. E. Palmer, J. J. Murray, S. E. Anderson, C. E. Wilbur, A. N. Waldo, Henry Hupfield, M. A. Calhouer, J. C. Brownfield, and that these be authorized to elect an additional member who shall be Treasurer.

C. D. SINKINSON,	A. E. LEARY,
W. R. GRAHAM,	M. C. JACKSON,
M. L. JENNINGS,	C. W. WATERMAN,
J. W. HERING,	J. W. KIDD,
S. J. GEDES,	J. F. McCULLOCH.

FORM OF CONTRACT.

THIS ARTICLE OF AGREEMENT, Between the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Protestant Church, located at....., and ..... of ..... and entered into this ..... day of ..... 190..,

WITNESSETH: 1. That the said Board of Foreign Missions has this day employed the said ..... and appointed him a Missionary to the Empire of Japan to serve under the direction of the said Board and the Japan Mission Annual Conference.

2. The said Board of Foreign Missions agrees to pay all necessary expenses involved in the transportation and passage of the said..... and family from ..... to ..... and as a compensation for his services a salary of Eight Hundred Dollars (United States money) per annum, from date of his embarkation.

3. The said Board further agrees that the said..... shall not be required, during the first two years, to perform any duties which, in the judgment of the President of the Japan Mission Annual Conference, will unreasonably interfere with his acquisition of the Japanese language.

4. If the said ..... passes the first two years of the Japan Mission Conference course of language study his salary shall be increased to Nine Hundred Dollars per annum.

5. The said Board further agrees that during the third and fourth years the said ..... shall not be required to do the full work of a Missionary unless he has made sufficient progress in the language. If at the expiration of the fourth year he passes satisfactorily the examination in Japanese as required by the Faculty of Instruction of the said Japan Conference, his salary shall be increased to One Thousand Dollars per annum, but if, at the end of the fifth year, his examinations in Japanese are below the required grade he shall be returned home.

6. The said Board further agrees to furnish the said ..... a suitable residence, and to pay the necessary moving expenses of himself and family to and from the fields of labor to which he is assigned by the said Japan Conference.

7. It is further agreed that if the health of the said ..... shall become impaired to the extent of rendering it impracticable for him to remain in Japan and prosecute his work—such fact to be determined by a competent physician after careful examination, whose certificate of such disability, together with the endorsement of at least two missionaries in the field shall be necessary and sufficient proof of the same—the said Board shall pay the necessary expenses of the said ..... and his family in returning to .....

8. It is furthermore agreed that if the health of the family of the said ..... shall be thus adjudged and certified to be such as to require their return to ..... the Board will pay their return expenses, and the sojourn of the said ..... in America shall be considered as his regular vacation, if his return to Japan in a reasonable time seems assured.

9. The said ..... on his part hereby enters into agreement with the said Board of Foreign Missions, and accepts the appointment as a Missionary to Japan as his life work upon the conditions herein set forth.

10. The said ..... further agrees that after his arrival in Japan he will enter upon and faithfully prosecute his work as said Missionary under the direction and the instruction of the said Board of Foreign Missions, and the appointment and the actions of the said Japan Mission Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and also to harmonize and co-operate with such other Missionaries as are now, or may hereafter be in the employ of said Board, and to use his best efforts in every way to promote the interests of the work committed to his care, and to report the same to the said Board quarterly through the regular channels of the said Conference, and annually direct to the said Board.

11. It is further mutually agreed that the said ..... upon the completion of seven years of missionary service in Japan shall have a vacation of not less than six months in America under regular salary, and shall have a similar vacation after every following period of eight years of service, the expense of transportation of the said ..... and his family to be paid by the said Board of Foreign Missions.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands this .....  
 day of ....., 190..  
 In his own behalf, In behalf of the Board,  
 .....  
 Missionary. President.  
 .....  
 Recording Secretary.

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 QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MIS-  
 SIONS TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE  
 METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH  
 FOR THE QUADRENNIUM, MAY 1,  
 1900—APRIL 30, 1904.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

- REV. W. L. WELLS, D.D., of the Muskingum Conference.  
 REV. T. H. LEWIS, D.D., of the Maryland Conference.  
 REV. F. C. KLEIN, of the Maryland Conference.  
 MR. F. F. BRIERLY, of the Pittsburg Conference.  
 MR. U. S. FLEMING, of the West Virginia Conference.  
 REV. T. J. OGBURN, *ex-officio*, of the North Carolina Conference.

OFFICERS.

- REV. W. L. WELLS, D.D., *President*.  
 MR. U. S. FLEMING, *Recording Secretary*.  
 REV. T. J. OGBURN, *Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer*.

MISSIONARIES EMPLOYED BY THE BOARD.

- REV. E. H. VAN DYKE, Shizuoka, sent out January, 1890. Re-employed  
 May, 1897.  
 REV. U. G. MURPHY, Nagoya, President of the Japan Conference. Sent  
 out August, 1893.  
 REV. H. L. LAYMAN, Tokyo. Sent out September, 1895.  
 MR. J. P. RICHARDSON, Nagoya, Professor Anglo-Japanese College. Sent  
 out September, 1897.  
 REV. J. W. FRANK, Yokohama, President School of English. Sent out  
 September, 1899.  
 REV. F. A. PERRY, Nagoya. Sent out September, 1902.  
 REV. FRANK TOTTEN, Shizuoka. Sent out September, 1902.

QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

*To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, in Session  
 at Washington, D. C., May 20, 1904:*

The Board of Foreign Missions respectfully submits this report of its  
 work and of the interests in its hands for the quadrennium, May 1, 1900,  
 to April 30, 1904.



The Board met in Atlantic City, N. J., May 26, 1900, and was organized by electing Rev. W. L. Wells, D.D., President, and Mr. U. S. Fleming, Recording Secretary. The regular quarterly meetings have been held, and all the business coming before them has been conducted carefully. The Board may have erred sometimes; but never has it acted in disregard of the law and discipline. In the discussion of every question, the purpose has been the highest good of the cause committed to its hands, secured in obedience to the law of the Church and in accordance with the will of the General Conference. We trust you will examine carefully and with some degree of pleasure this simple, unvarnished record of the Board's work.

Annual Reports of the Board's work, with a summary of receipts and disbursements, and a synopsis of minutes of the Japan Mission Annual Conference have been published and distributed free for general information, also a short history of our foreign missionary work.

Since July, 1900, salaries and appropriations for Japan have been sent in monthly payments; and the treasurer's accounts, with all vouchers, have been duly audited and found correct. These accounts show a reduction in the per cent. of receipts and disbursements in home expenses as compared with the preceding quadrennium. The amount spent in salary, traveling expenses, etc., at home was, in the preceding quadrennium, 20 per cent. of receipts and 19 per cent. of disbursements; in 1900-1, 16.42 per cent. of receipts and 18.54 per cent. of disbursements; in 1901-2, 17.2 per cent. of receipts and 16.7 per cent. of disbursements; in 1902-3, 14.12 per cent. of receipts and 13.52 per cent. of disbursements; in 1903-4, 12.17 per cent. of receipts and 11.1 per cent. of disbursements; for the whole quadrennium, 15.16 per cent. of receipts and 14.88 per cent. of disbursements.

The amount judged necessary to carry on the work of foreign missions has been apportioned to the several Annual Conferences, as the discipline requires. But some of the Conferences disregard or set aside the Board's assessment, apportioning to their charges a much smaller one of their own. The demoralization of the work caused by this course suggests the propriety of some action by this General Conference, either changing the law or else securing a better observance of it as it now stands.

The General Conference at its last session recommended the formulation of a specific and definite contract with candidates for employment and the extension of the term of engagement to fifteen years, with vacations at intervals of five years, if such vacation were necessary. Such a contract has been formulated (and is submitted herewith), excepting that the term of service is made seven years, with a vacation at expiration of the term, on regular salary, if employment for another term is contemplated. This new form is made the basis for all future contracts. The special form discontinued by the Committee on Foreign Missions four years ago, guaranteeing a salary to one of the missionaries if he or his wife should fail in health, has, upon the liberal offer and with the consent of this missionary, been changed to conform to the new contract. Your attention is called to

the fact that one of our missionaries is now at home with an afflicted wife, and his regular salary has been ordered paid until the sitting of the General Conference.

The Board requires all candidates to pass an approved examination by competent medical authority, and without a certificate of good health none may be employed.

The Board was authorized and instructed by the General Conference of 1900 to confer with learned counsel in view of making any necessary changes in its charter, and of changing its location if such change should be found advisable. The counsel consulted advised against the change of location, and any change in the charter.

#### MISSIONARIES.

Elsewhere in this report may be found the names of our missionaries, together with the dates of their employment and their locations.

Rev. F. A. Perry, of the West Michigan Conference, educated at Olivet College, was sent out, with his wife and child, to work at Nagoya, September, 1902.

At the same time, Rev. Frank Totter, of the Michigan Conference, and a graduate of Adrian College, was sent, with his wife, to Shizuoka.

Rev. T. A. Cairns resigned his work and left the Methodist Protestant Church in May, 1900.

Revs. E. H. Van Dyke and U. G. Murphy are now in this country, the former with a seriously afflicted wife, the latter on vacation—both expecting to serve again in the foreign work.

Mr. Jas. P. Richardson, Principal of the Nagoya College, is expected to come home soon, and the Board is seeking for a worker to take his place.

Mr. Van Dyke was appointed President of the Japan Conference year after year until one year ago, when Mr. Murphy was appointed to this office. During Mr. Murphy's absence from the field, Mr. Layman has been appointed acting president, to succeed Mr. Van Dyke, who had been assigned this position before leaving Japan.

The Board has more and more recognized the necessity and propriety of leaving the foreign department of the work, as largely as possible, to the supervision of the missionaries and their helpers in Japan. It is pleasant to feel that this confidence is not misplaced, and that these representatives of the Church in a foreign land are worthy the confidence of our people.

#### THE FIELD.

Important, needy and inviting as other fields appear to be, and ready as the Board may be to open work in them when the men and means become available, the Board yet considers it its duty, as it has been its purpose, to continue the work now carried on in Japan with all the aid at present possible. The opinion held by some that Japan has become a Christian nation is far from correct. Idolatry, superstition and atheism largely prevail. The great mass of the population has not become deeply impressed with

Christian teaching. Leaving out the great cities, where missionary operations are based, there is scarcely one Christian worker for every one hundred thousand of the population. The work of Christianization has barely begun. Only a small fraction of the nation has been Christianized. The work accomplished should encourage us to increase our efforts, not relax them. The great missionary conference of all the missions in Japan, at Tokyo, October, 1900—since which date conditions have not materially changed—requested the missionary authorities at home to maintain and re-enforce the workers then on the field. It is believed by many that the evangelization of Japan would greatly facilitate and hasten the evangelization of China, that Japan is the best base of attack for conquering China, the battle-ground of missions of the twentieth century. Japan is the key to unlock the East and open the Asiatic world to evangelization, and our work in this interesting country has needed all the men and means at the Board's disposal.

#### METHODIST UNION IN JAPAN.

Your body will be expected to consider the question of the union of the Methodist bodies in Japan. Our missionaries there favor such a union, as do all the other Methodist missionaries and the native members. But the Board has all along advised our missionaries "not to take too much for granted as if the union were an assured fact, but to await patiently the action of the General Conference." The union spirit prevails in Japan as in no other country in the world. The Presbyterian mission churches of the United States, Canada and Scotland have been united into a single "Church of Christ in Japan;" while Episcopalians of every name have come together under one name. In January, 1900, the various Methodist bodies met and agreed to take steps to organize themselves into one "Japan Methodist Church." A standing committee of co-operative Christian missions in Japan has been appointed. A union edition of "One Hundred Hymns" has been published for use by all the churches except the Episcopal. Sunday School helps are issued for the use in common of Congregationalists, Baptists, Presbyterians and Methodists. There is hearty co-operation also in temperance, Christian Endeavor and general evangelistic work.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Church in Canada, in their General Conferences, have acted favorably on this question of Methodist union in Japan, appointing commissioners to meet like commissioners from the other interested Methodist bodies to consider and devise a plan of union acceptable to all.

With earnest prayers for the Spirit's guidance and blessing in all the work you are to do, we respectfully submit this report.

W. L. WELLS, *President.*

U. S. FLEMING, *Secretary.*

## A BRIEF SURVEY OF THE WORK.

## EVANGELISTIC.

The Japan Conference enrolls thirteen ministers and twelve preachers, besides having three candidates in the hands of the president. Of this force, seventeen are serving as many of the nineteen pastoral charges in the Conference; one, the Rev. I. Inanuma, is General Secretary of the Y. P. S. C. E. work in Japan, and three others assist in the educational work.

There are four sub-districts in the Japan Conference, having nineteen charges, with twenty-three appointments, and an enrollment of 794 members, and 1,387 scholars in the 32 Sunday Schools.

There are eight church buildings and three parsonages, valued at \$9,393.00.

## EDUCATIONAL.

## YOKOHAMA NIGHT SCHOOL OF ENGLISH.

From May 31, 1900—Mr. Cairns having resigned the position—until September, 1901, when Rev. J. W. Frank was appointed to the place, Mr. J. P. Richardson was president of the night school. The teaching force is President Frank and three teachers—"Methodist Protestants and active Christian workers." Two of the students of this school have been sent to foreign countries by the Imperial government—one in the regular service, the other to study in Russia. Others have desirable positions because of their proficiency in English. Among the lectures given before this school was an impressive one by Mr. H. J. Heinz.

The value of this school property is about \$13,500. The enrollment has been: 1901, 115; 1902, 197; 1903, 285; 1904, 345. The average attendance has varied from 39 in 1901, to 99 in 1904. Conversions: One teacher and nine students during the past year.

## NAGOYA ANGLO-JAPANESE COLLEGE.

This institution is believed to be now in a very promising condition. Efforts are being made to secure Government recognition of the school, and the Government has promised such recognition. This will remove the restrictions that have hampered the school and will secure such advantages as will make it more attractive and popular: such as favor in competitive Government examination of students and freedom from army conscription, and the like. The promise of such recognition has increased the attendance beyond all precedent, and the college is doing better work than ever. But this recognition has involved unexpected outlay for teachers, apparatus, an outside chapel for public worship, the purchase of more land to enlarge the college lot, and various other improvements necessary to put the school on its present basis—the best it has ever enjoyed. The Board believes this extraordinary outlay was necessary and justifiable. The enrollment has been: 1901, 95; 1902, 90; 1903, 101; 1904, 126. Average attend-

ance from 50 to 93. Y. M. C. A. members, 25; C. E. members, 19. In the year 1902-3 twenty students decided for Christ, and four resolved to enter the ministry. There were four conversions last year. Four students graduated at the recent commencement, the sixth in its history. Several former students are now filling places of honor and trust with credit to themselves and to the school—living witnesses of the good work being done. Mr. G. Maruyama now succeeds Mr. J. P. Richardson as President. He has a teaching force of several teachers. Value of property, \$15,500. The new chapel was dedicated April 23, and adds much to the appearance of the grounds and the religious influence of the school.

For awhile, on account of some discouraging features, some of the missionaries favored closing the college and devoting the money appropriated to it to evangelistic work. But the Board deemed it best not to discontinue the college work, and resolved "to continue it with all the aid possible." The encouraging success recently attending the college amply justifies the Board's position.

The Theological Seminary Department of the Nagoya A. J. College was discontinued in 1900, the students being too few to justify the money and men required to run it. The theological candidates were ordered placed under the care and instruction of the sub-district chairmen. A few, however, have attended the seminary or seminaries of other denominations.

#### PROPERTY.

Our mission property, consisting of a college and a school building and eight churches and three parsonages, seems to be in good condition, and is valued at \$30,303.00, U. S. gold, with no indebtedness. The Board has authorized the organization of a "Board of Trust" in Japan to hold our property there in accordance with the laws of the country, and has appropriated \$500 to defray the expense of such organization, which is not yet completed. Such organization has become possible since the ratification of the treaties a few years ago, and is evidently necessary for the security of property held by any foreign corporation. The location of the Yokohama First Church had for some years been unfavorable, but the Board had not had the funds available for its removal. Through the generosity of "A Friend" name to be withheld—the \$1,000 necessary has been secured, and the church will soon be in a better location. Efforts are being made towards a church building in Tokyo, some \$1,200 having been subscribed in this country to be paid when the Tokyo members shall have provided \$500. The Nagoya College lot has been enlarged by the addition of \$900 worth of land, and other improvements have been made. A new church building is reported in course of erection, to accommodate a very promising membership at Yokosawa.

For further information concerning the work in Japan, reference is requested to the accompanying comparative statistics and following financial table.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS OF WORK AND INTERESTS IN JAPAN.

	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.
Sunday morning and mid-week services held .....	961	474	624	1,225
Average attendance .....	17	15	17	17½
Preaching and lecture services .....	1,193	2,015	2,061	1,045
Average attendance .....	22	26	30	22
Christian Endeavor services .....	58	85	52	131
Average attendance .....	93½	15	20	16
Sunday School sessions .....	1,191	1,361	1,371	1,175
Average attendance .....	23	28	29	35
Number of charges .....	18	19	19	20
Number of appointments .....	30	31	35	29
Visits made to homes .....	3,481	4,801	5,832	5,340
Visits received from inquirers .....	1,121	1,131	1,357	1,166
Women's meetings held .....	82	44	40	99
<b>MEMBERSHIP, ETC.—</b>				
Adults baptized .....	66	96	115	103
Children baptized .....	8	35	37	8
Total .....	74	131	152	111
Members received .....	85	231	223	129
Members on roll .....	453	619	722	704
Resident members .....	355	512	612	618
Y. P. S. C. E. members .....	19	37	75	81
Number of Sunday Schools .....	29	32	32	32
Number of Sunday School Scholars on roll .....	908	1,148	1,207	1,387
Number organized churches .....	7	8	8	10
<b>PROPERTY—</b>				
Number of church buildings .....	7	7	7	8
Number of parsonages .....	-	3	3	3
Value of church and parsonage property .....	\$ 7,625 00	\$ 8,775 00	\$ 9,075 00	\$ 9,393 00
Value of college and school property .....	29,000 00	29,000 00	29,000 00	30,000 00
Total valuation .....	\$36,625 00	\$37,775 00	\$38,075 00	\$39,393 00
<b>COLLECTIONS—</b>				
For all purposes .....	\$ 356 00	\$ 491 80	\$ 692 44	\$ 738 02
Contributions per resident member .....	58	88	116	\$1.20

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Genesee .....	117 42	116 93	137 28	134 18	505 81
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Indian Mission .....		5 00	1 50		6 50
Iowa .....	262 85	312 84	268 52	296 16	1,140 37
Kansas .....	139 56	204 49	* 214 16	226 84	785 05
Kentucky .....			4 20		4 20
Louisiana .....		47 20	167 13	135 66	349 99
Maryland .....	5,133 72	5,081 17	5,818 48	6,322 29	22,355 66
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Pennsylvania .....	40 13	34 10	36 06	45 72	156 01
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Southwest Texas .....	3 75	4 90	3 50	5 00	17 15
Tennessee .....	54 25	17 70	82 40	68 44	222 79
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Virginia .....	27 18	44 86	27 66	29 50	129 20
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Bequests .....	1,703 04		71 56		1,774 60
Paid on notes .....	54 95	150 00		130 00	334 95
Interest on notes .....	32 94				32 94
Int. on bank deposits .....	9 33	107 43	92 35	44 39	253 50
Col. by H. L. Layman .....		650 00			650 00
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E. H. VAN DYKE,

U. G. MURPHY.

#### REPORT OF THE W. F. M. S.

I have the honor to submit the report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church to the General Conference assembled.

Salaries.	1900-01	1901-02	1902-03	1903-04	Totals.
Evangelistic and Educational Work	5,242 78	5,908 84	7,674 47	9,330 24	28,156 33
Rev. G. Maruyama, voyage	265 79				
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Rev. F. A. Perry and family, voyage			476 23		
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Mrs. J. W. Frank and children, voyage				246 20	
Rev. E. H. VanDyke and wife, voyage				490 81	3,563 24
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Rev. U. G. Murphy, visiting and lecturing				150 25	
Rev. E. H. VanDyke, to Board Meeting				16 44	280 83
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H. L. Layman's Collections		650 00			
Removal of Yokohama First Church				1,000 00	
Purchase of Nagoya College land				900 00	
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Formation of Japanese Land Trust Company	500 00				
Yokosawa Chapel and Furniture			120 00		
Typhoon Damage Repairs	100 00				
Sunday School Supplies	15 85	6 29	50		
Ohio Conference C. E. Tokyo Fund	286 60	109 58	131 95	39 00	
Japanese Bo'k Mark Fund	20 30				4,177 57
Rev. T. J. Ogburn, Sec- Treasurer	1,200 00	1,200 00	1,200 00	1,200 00	4,800 00
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Meetings of the Board	241 05	311 40	165 50	220 60	
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Circle Cards	30 25	15 00	28 00	28 00	
Premium Photographs	4 00	14 00			
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Foreign Mission's History	18 00			27 00	
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*Provided.* First, that the basis of union submitted to this Conference by the Japan Mission Conference through the Board of Foreign Missions, be referred to a commission of five members, consisting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Second, that said commission shall be authorized to confer with other commissions appointed, or yet to be appointed, by the Methodist bodies concerned in such union movement, and shall be invested with full power and final authority to act in the adoption of a basis of union.

E. H. VAN DYKE,  
U. G. MURPHY.

#### REPORT OF THE W. F. M. S.

I have the honor to submit the report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church to the General Conference assembled.

Our Society celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary with the close of the current year.

In this time we have made considerable progress in the foreign field, and have developed an intelligent interest in our work at home.

At the beginning of our organization we were created an independent Board, but holding an advisory relation to the Board of Foreign Missions.

Harmonious relations have existed between the two Boards, our separate interests blending into one common aim, that of building up the Missionary interests of the Methodist Protestant Church in foreign lands.

We desire the same relations to continue that now exist. We are satisfied with the conditions and the powers assigned to us by the authorities of the Church and desire no change.

We have confined our work strictly to the field allotted to us, viz., the educating and Christianizing of women and children in foreign lands.

Missionary work at its best is somewhat difficult. Strange conditions of people, peculiar surroundings, entirely different restrictions in family life from those we are familiar with; all conspire to make complex questions which we have to solve. We may not always have shown the greatest wisdom in our work and plans, but we bespeak your forbearance.

We have done and are doing much to educate our people to an intelligent interest in foreign mission work.

Our auxiliaries are active in spreading literature, and in awakening a desire for greater activity in our missions. We have organized and in working order, branches in twenty-one Conferences, comprising over four hundred auxiliaries, with five thousand members.

In the past four years we have gleaned for our work the sum of \$46,628.22.

Our principal operations are carried on in Yokohama and Nagoya, Japan, and outlying districts. Our property in Yokohama is valued at \$12,000, and at Nagoya we have \$6,000 worth of property.

We now are supporting six missionaries in Japan; two in China, and employ a traveling Secretary in our own country.

In the past quadrennium we have received several bequests. One legacy will probably amount to \$3,000. This was left to us by Mrs. Eliza Tuthill Walker, of Eastport, New York.

The only missionary periodical in our denomination is published by our Society. It has been maintained by us for twenty years. It has a circulation at present of fifteen hundred, and is managed by Dr. J. F. McCulloch, and edited by Mrs. J. F. McCulloch.

We have made a beginning toward the establishment of a mission in China. The Christian Endeavor Societies of the Church have given us considerable assistance in this enterprise, and at present support one missionary under our control in Japan. They contemplate assisting our Society to a larger degree at an early date.

We have started out to raise a sum of \$10,000 as a silver Jubilee offering with which to celebrate, as a gift to our work, our twenty-fifth anniversary. While this has not yet been accomplished, we have excellent prospects of success in our purpose.

Our prayer is for kind relations one toward the other; harmonious fellowship, and a blending of love and loyalty in the building-up of mission work in our church for the glory of our common Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. D. S. STEPHENS,  
*Corresponding Secretary.*

### (G). Report of Committee on Journals.

We have examined the Journals sent to the Secretary of the General Conference, and have found that in the main the records have been in proper form, but we have discovered some irregularities, and we would recommend that each Annual Conference be very careful to see that its statistics and other records be kept in proper form, and that they be accurate.

The following conferences have not sent their Journals to the Secretary of the General Conference, as required by the law of the Church: Georgia Southern (Colored), Minnesota, North Mississippi, Alabama (Colored), Baltimore (Colored), Boston, California, North Georgia (Colored), Chickasaw, Dallas (Colored), Florida, St. Louis, Spring Creek (Colored), Texas Gulf and Japan.

We find that only three Conferences, the West Virginia, the Muskingum and the Indiana, have complied with the request of the General Conference of 1899, to have bound in one volume a copy of their four years' proceedings for General Conference use.

We would renew this recommendation and urge its observance upon every Annual Conference.

To secure a much desired uniformity in our statistics, we recommend that each Annual Conference use the blank reports ordered by the last General Conference.

We most respectfully recommend that the Secretaries of each Annual Conference send copies of their minutes, as required by law as soon as published to the Secretary of the General Conference, and that they be kept preserved and brought to the next session of this body.

W. H. BENTLEY,	J. D. CATHELL,
F. L. JEFFERS,	J. P. MORGAN,
F. A. GRINNELL,	C. A. CECIL,
J. W. MURPHY,	J. NORMAN WILLS.
J. R. LENHART,	

**(H). Report of Committee on Fraternal Relations.**

The Committee on Fraternal Relations would report their pleasure in having with us Dr. Washington Gladden, D.D., of Columbus, Ohio, and Rev. W. M. Weakley, D.D., of Dayton, Ohio, the accredited representatives of the general committee representing the Congregational, United Brethren and Methodist Protestant Churches, that during the year have been considering the subject of church union.

Their addresses were excellent, and were listened to with rapt attention by the Conference, whose frequent applause gave evidence of the spirit of union that prevailed in this body.

We were also favored with the presence of Bishop Mills, of the United Brethren Church, who spoke fluently and effectively upon the subject of Church Union, assuring us that he heartily endorsed the movement.

Your Committee would also mention with pleasure the presence of Rev. E. H. Scott, D.D., the President of the Baltimore Colored Conference of our Church, who bore to us the greetings of his Conference.

The Committee has considered a circular letter from the Committee of Correspondence of "The National Committee on Federation of Churches," requesting the appointment of a Committee of Correspondence by this Conference.

We would recommend that we express our sympathy with this movement, and that the President of the Conference be authorized to appoint said Committee.

We have also considered with much interest a letter from Rev. John Mason, Secretary of the General Conference of the Primitive Methodist Church, who was appointed to bear the greetings of his Conference to this body, but was unable to be present.

We regret that he could not be with us to give vocal expression to the kind regard and good will expressed in his communication.

We are assured that the bond of affection for us is getting stronger, and that the possibilities of the consummation of a union with our Church are greater than ever before.

We recommend that a Committee be appointed to carry the greetings of this body to their next General Conference.

We recommend the following resolution of thanks for adoption:

*Resolved*, That the members of this Conference do heartily appreciate the generous hospitality extended to us by the people of Washington.

We are grateful to Mr. H. B. F. McFarland, the President of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, for his words of kindest welcome to the Capitol City.

Also to Rev. W. M. Ferguson, D.D., of the M. E. Church, who, on the part of the pastors of the city, bid us welcome in words of truest Christian fellowship.



We feel ourselves under lasting obligations to Rev. A. N. Ward, the pastor of the church, and to his co-laborers, for the splendid manner in which they have provided for our entertainment and comfort during the continuance of the Conference.

We appreciate the honor conferred upon us in the reception given us by President Theodore Roosevelt, at the White House.

We recognize the courtesy of the Railroad Companies in granting reduced rates to the members of the Conference.

And we wish to commend Rev. F. T. Tagg, D.D., President of the Conference, for his faithfulness and fairness in the discharge of the duties of his office, and the Secretary and his assistants for the efficient and pleasant manner in which they have performed their arduous duties.

S. B. TREDWAY, *Chairman.*

E. W. PRICE, *Secretary.*

M. YINGLING,

A. J. ALLMAN.

### (I). Report of Committee on Judiciary.

A memorial from the North Carolina Conference, asking the General Conference to point out the law and the process by which the mandate "No member shall be expelled or deprived of church privileges without a fair and impartial trial."

Section 3, Article 14, p. 35 of the Constitution is to be made effective.

After a full investigation of the matter, your Committee would answer that the only way to make the law quoted effective, is for the accused to avail himself of all the privileges and rights granted him by the Constitution and Discipline, and to secure thereby an impartial trial.

Paper No. 2 asks: Whether a minister belonging to one Annual Conference going into the bounds of another Conference, and organizing a church there, and preventing it from joining either Conference, does not lay himself liable to charges. Your Committee would answer, "Yes."

Paper No. 3 asks: If charges be sustained against a preacher who holds Annual Conference license to administer the ordinances, and he desires to appeal his case, should he make his appeal to the Quarterly Conference, or to the Annual Conference, your Committee would answer, "To the body of which he is a member."

Paper No. 4 asks: Who has authority to determine what is proper or improper to be admitted into Methodist Protestant Churches and Pulpits as to meetings and teachers, your Committee answers, "The pastor."

Paper No. 4 asks: Have pastors the authority to call meetings of Boards of Parsonage or Church Trustees? If not, who has the authority? Your Committee answers, "Discipline, p. 137, Section 2, makes it the duty of Trustees to hold periodical meetings, and therefore the spirit of the Disci-

pline gives authority to the Boards to call meetings. The pastor has authority to call meetings only at the request or with the consent of the Boards, except in cases where charters otherwise order.

Paper No. 5 asks: If a preacher holding an annual license to administer the ordinances of the Church desires to remove from the Annual Conference District to another during the interim of the Conference, is it lawful to grant to him the transfer under the law governing the transfer of ministers? Your Committee answers, "No."

Paper No. 6 refers to a question of voting. A church voted with the necessary two-thirds vote to build a church; then a vote was taken to decide the site of the church. In this vote a majority voted to build upon a parsonage lot; the minority contend that a two-thirds vote was necessary to determine the site also. Your Committee answers: "That a two-thirds vote was necessary to authorize the Trustees to build, but not to determine the site that a majority vote was sufficient, unless the site was purchased."

Paper No. 6 asks: Whether a President of an Annual Conference, employing an unordained minister, but who has been examined during the interim of the Conference, has the right to give annual license to such person to administer the ordinances of the Church. Your Committee answers, "No."

Paper No. 7, asking the General Conference to organize a Court of Appeals. Your Committee is of the opinion that as no such Court is recognized in our Constitution, the General Conference has no power to frame regulations concerning it.

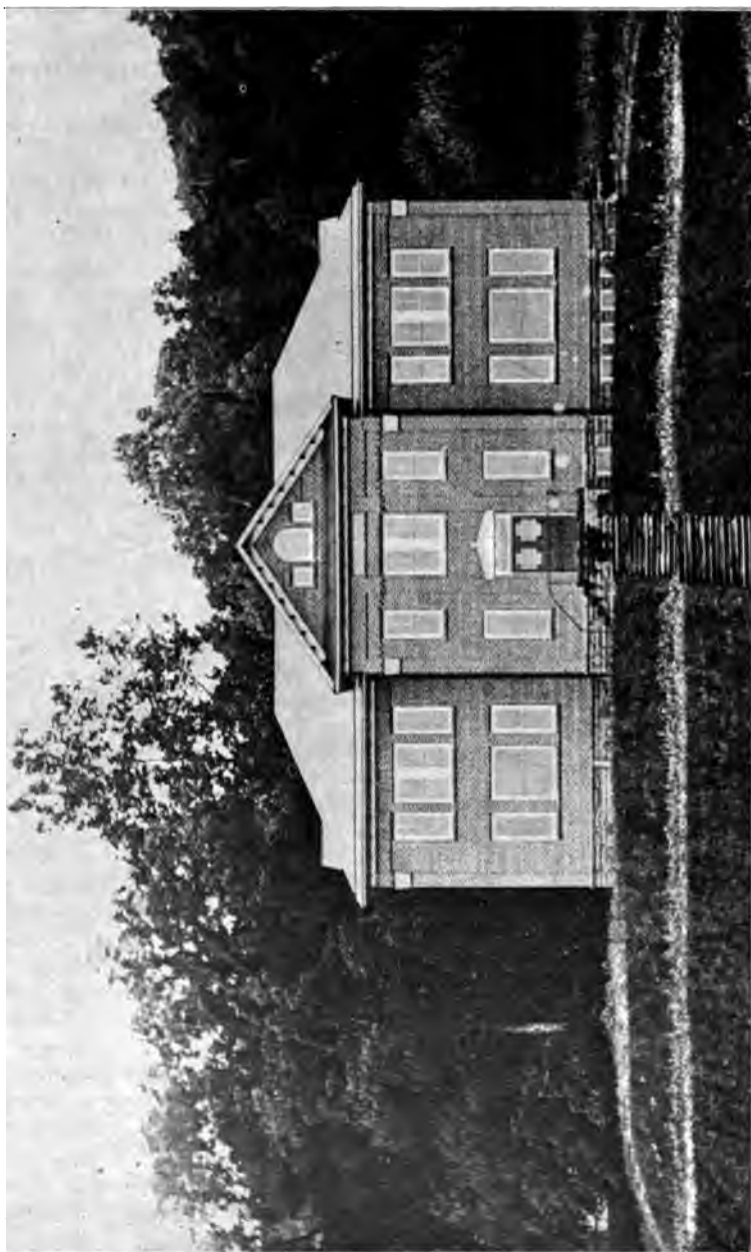
T. H. LEWIS, <i>Chairman.</i>	W. C. ADAMSON,
GEORGE C. SHEPPARD,	F. R. BRIERLY,
I. L. BARCLAY,	W. W. TAPP,
U. W. MORRISON.	T. P. FISHER.

### (J). Report of the Committee on Education.

Your Committee having made a careful examination of the reports of our educational institutions submitted to us, respectfully present the following report:

#### WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE.

The report of Western Maryland College submitted by the President, Dr. T. H. Lewis, is a very gratifying presentation of the condition and needs of said institution. The history of this College, from the small beginning in 1868 to the present, is a record of steady progress in all that goes to the establishment and perpetuity of an institution of learning. The material basis of the institution has been expanded and developed until now we have therein the ample grounds and the twenty buildings for school purposes, with residence property which cost us about \$250,000. College Hill has become the pride of Westminster and of Methodist Protestants throughout the State.



reasonably expected for this college will place it on a solid foundation and make actual a great success.

We recommend the election of the following named persons as Trustees:

- W. T. SEARING—New York Conference.
- F. BRIERLY—Pittsburg Conference.
- F. C. CHAMBERS—Muskingum Conference.
- J. E. BAILEY—Ohio Conference.
- J. F. HINKLE—Ohio Conference.
- F. E. PRIDDY—Michigan Conference.
- W. B. PRIDDY—Onondaga Conference.
- G. C. SHEPPARD—Pittsburgh Conference.
- G. R. SWIFT—Michigan Conference.
- J. R. LENHART—Indiana Conference.
- C. C. SHOWALTER—West Virginia Conference.
- B. S. JENNINGS—Michigan Conference.

Your Committee have a high appreciation of the able service rendered Adrian College by Dr. T. H. Lewis. During the two years of his presidency of that institution he has restored a confidence concerning her possibilities which must contribute largely to her future success. He has grasped the conditions existing with remarkable discernment, and his self sacrifice in this trying hour should never be forgotten by the Methodist Protestant Church.

#### KANSAS CITY UNIVERSITY.

Kansas City University is doing a good work. It is now, and is destined to remain, as we think, the leading institution of learning of our Church in the West. Its success is a matter of great concern to the lovers of Methodist Protestantism throughout our entire denomination. Located as it is on the further borders of the territory occupied by our Church in the middle West, and accessible to our western and southwestern conferences, and in the very heart of the rapidly increasing population of the United States; anything that this body, and indeed the whole Church can do to facilitate the much needed enlargement and equipment of this institution in keeping with the demands made upon it by the progressive people it is destined to serve, we emphasize the importance of its being done now.

The history of the origin and growth of this University is known to our people, and the valuable property there promises to be the pride of our church in that section of the United States. The fostering hand of some of our leading laymen in sustaining this institution through the financial difficulties it has encountered since its establishment, has saved it and that valuable property to our Church, and the generous deeds of these brethren deserves the highest commendation. And if they can secure the co-operation that this work deserves, success is most certainly assured.

The report of Dr. D. S. Stephens, Chancellor of the University, to this Conference, rings of the true metal, and assures the Church that he and his

co-laborers will leave nothing undone that energy and effort can do to bring the University safely out of the financial crisis that now threatens so seriously the progress of that institution.

We have learned with interest the report of the financial affairs of the University, as made by Mr. H. J. Heinz, former President of the Board of Trustees. We desire to express our appreciation of the wise leadership and generous support which Mr. Heinz has given this great enterprise of our denomination.

We recommend the following names for Trustees of the University:

B. W. ANTHONY,	GEORGE BAYLOR,
W. A. MANSARDT,	F. E. KNIGHT,
C. E. CUSTIS,	W. A. MORRIS,
DEXTER HORTON,	M. WEISENBAUM,
R. G. EVANS,	A. L. COOK,
R. T. TYSON,	IRA C. POST.

#### WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The report of Westminster Theological Seminary submitted by the President, H. L. Elderdice, gives an interesting and detailed account of the work of that institution during the quadrennium.

There has been steady progress in the improvement and enlargement of the property. The number of students has grown annually. The number for the past year was nineteen, being the largest enrollment for years.

Interest in the Seminary has grown among the Conferences till twelve contribute to the expenses while there are students representing eight Conferences.

Dr. Elderdice has associated with him men who are eminently qualified for the work of instruction and training young men for the ministry in the Methodist Protestant Church.

We believe the Church, as a whole, should unite in making the Seminary at Westminster a great centre of religious and theological training. We believe we have the right men in the responsible position of teachers and administrators of the affairs of the Seminary, and can give them large liberty in our pulpits and among our young men in promoting its interests.

Recommendations:

1. We recommend that our well-to-do laymen give serious consideration to the matters of Endowment and Free Scholarships; for the benefit of young men who are not able to meet the expense of a Seminary Course. The Seminary has received some generous donations, and some bequests; but the need in this direction is very great. Only by free scholarships, or ample endowment, can the way to theological preparation be opened for many men called to the ministry of the Gospel.

2. That the interests of the Seminary be kept before the several Conferences of the Church, and that a generous hearing be given to the President and other representatives of the Seminary.

3. That Rev. C. D. Sinkinson, of the New Jersey Conference, and Rev. C. L. Queen, of the West Virginia Conference, be elected ministerial members; and that W. T. Searing, of the New York, and F. R. Harris, M.D., and J. Norman Wills, of the North Carolina Conference, be elected lay members of the Board of Governors of the Westminster Theological Seminary for the ensuing quadrennium.

4. That all our Conferences render this, our denominational Seminary, whatever aid may be within their power, both by sending students to be trained for the ministry, and by contributing of their means.

5. That the pastors present the claims of the ministry to the young men of their charges; explain to them the nature of the call to preach, and hold in their churches special meetings for prayer that the Lord of Harvest may send forth more men to the fields already white.

#### WESTMINSTER COLLEGE, TEXAS.

We are pleased and truly gratified to learn of the flourishing condition, and the possibilities of Westminster College, located at Tehuacana, Texas. Situated as it is in the far South-west, it will no doubt meet the demands for the education of those who would be otherwise deprived of mental training and higher culture in our denominational schools, owing to the great distance of similar institutions.

We therefore, recommend an official recognition of this institution by the General Conference, and ask all the contiguous Conferences to aid this college in its various departments whenever opportunities offer, and would recommend that this institution at Tehuacana, Texas, change its name if convenient and possible, in order that it may not be confused with the name of Westminster Theological Seminary of Maryland, already established.

#### WEST LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.

We have before us the annual catalogue of West Lafayette College, an institution of learning established by the Muskingum Annual Conference.

The school is in a prosperous condition, and is doing an educational work for the Church in Central Ohio, that, were it not for this College, it would be done by schools of other denominations.

The increase in the number of the students is an evidence of the need of this institution. There is now an average attendance of between 100 and 125 students.

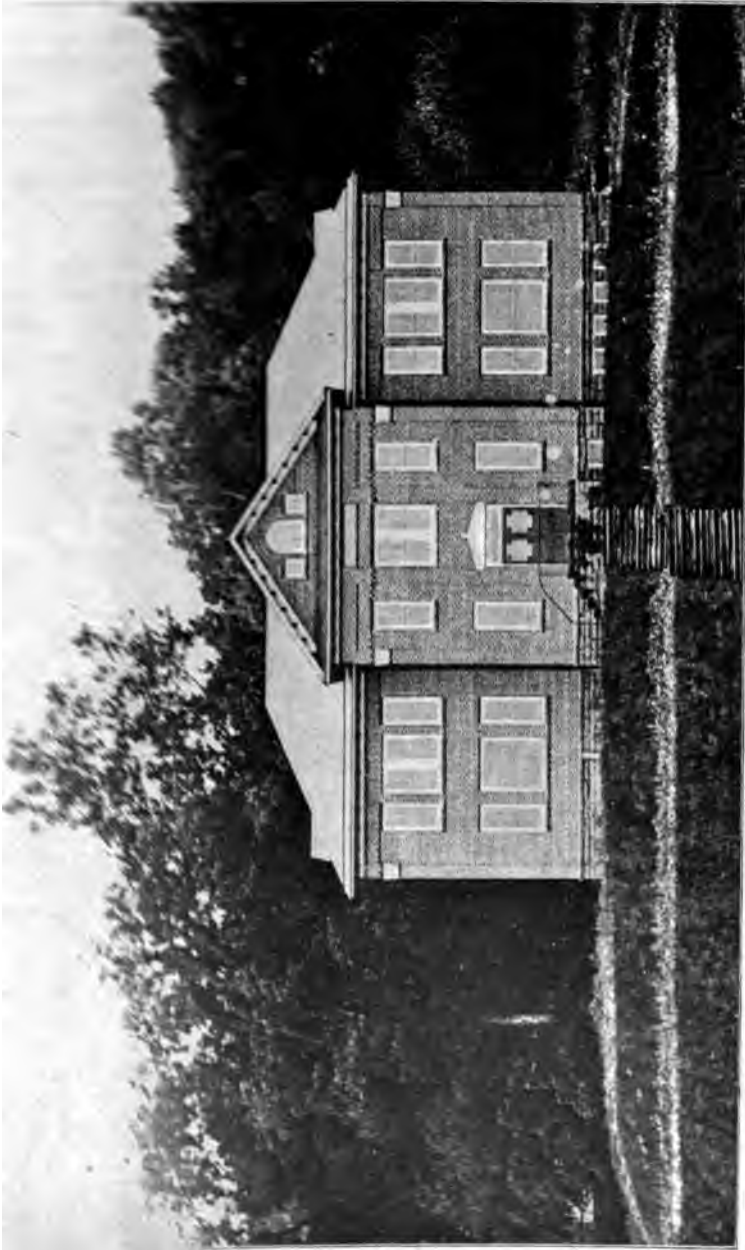
Its healthful financial condition; its location; its excellent course of study and competent instructors, fit it to do a great work for the Church.

We recommend that West Lafayette College be recognized as one of the official Colleges of the Methodist Protestant Church.

As we now have institutions of learning located geographically so as to be accessible to all parts of the Church, and if there is need of all these

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institutions, every one has its legitimate field of work, and in the judgment of the Committee, students and financial support should be sought chiefly in contiguous Conference districts.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. REYNOLDS, <i>Chairman</i> ,	M. D. HELMICK,
R. M. ANDREWS, <i>Secretary</i> ,	U. S. FLEMING,
J. D. KINZER,	R. T. PICKENS,
GEORGE SHAFFER,	W. C. FAUST.

*To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church:*

**BRETHREN:—**

With a view to saving and putting on a solid foundation the colleges we now have as a Church, encouraging all well-advised, and discouraging all ill-advised efforts to found new colleges for our Church; with a view to enlisting the support and patronage of our people generally to our Colleges, and thus through the power of education greatly advancing the prestige, influence, and usefulness of our denomination, we respectfully ask your attention to the following resolutions:

1. That this General Conference create a permanent Board of Education, which Board in the work of enlisting students and financial support for our Colleges shall have the service of a secretary elected by the General Conference, provided that this secretary shall at present be also Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education.
2. That the resolution just read be at once referred to a special committee of seven members on Board of Education, which committee shall more specifically define the duties of the Board of Education and its relation to the Board of Ministerial Education and to the various College boards, that now exist, or may hereafter exist.
3. That this special committee be instructed to report at 10 o'clock on Saturday, when it shall be made the order of the day to consider and act upon its report.

GEORGE SHAFFER,	J. F. McCULLOCH,
G. E. McMANIMAN,	C. D. SINKINSON,
M. L. JENNINGS,	W. L. WELLS.

### **(K). Report of the Committee on Ministerial Education.**

We your Committee on Ministerial Education, would submit the following report:

1. We have examined the report of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Board, which is herewith submitted, and desire to express our thanks to the Board and its Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. J. C. Berrien, for the full and accurate report furnished, and the business-like method in which they have carried on their work, and the increase that has



Rent of Safe .....	7 92
Salaries .....	4,775 00
Treasurer's Bond .....	102 00
Interest on Bailey Note .....	40 00
Paid to Permanent Fund .....	1,981 65
Balance on Hand .....	4,493 37
	\$21,972 31

## PERMANENT FUND.

As reported May 15, 1900 ..... \$16,529 64

*Additions.*

April, 1901, Mrs. T. A. Reese .....	\$ 50 00
March, 1903, Profits on sale of bank stock.....	5,335 00
Dec., 1903, Interest .....	18 16
From Distributive Fund .....	1,981 65
Contributions .....	369 83
	7,754 64
	\$24,284 28

*Recapitulation.*

To Balance .....	\$ 305 78
Total Receipts, Distributive Fund.....	21,666 53
Total Additions to Permanent Fund.....	7,754 64
Permanent Funds as formerly Reported.....	16,529 64
	\$46,256 59

*Total Expenditures.*

Including Payment of Permanent Fund.....	17,478 92
Investments (Permanent Fund) .....	24,284 28
Balance on Hand .....	4,493 39
	\$46,256 59

## PERMANENT FUND OF BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

*Donors.*

June 28, 1866—James Hicks, Cincinnati, O.....	\$ 2,000 00
1866—Daniel Horne, Cincinnati, O.....	500 00
1867—Mrs. Julia G. English, Pittsburg .....	700 00
1873—Dr. John Sargent, New Brighton, Pa.....	200 00
1877—John Whetstone, Cincinnati, O.....	1,000 00
1888—Mrs. John Sands, Bellevue, Pa.....	400 00
1890—Mrs. Tansey A. Reese, Easton, Md.....	100 00
1890—Mrs. R. B. Wilson, Emmonton, Md.....	5 00
1892—J. C. Hazlett, Keokuk, Iowa.....	125 00
1898—Estate of Rev. C. S. Evans, Cincinnati.....	200 00

wife, Clara Bailey, in 1891, has been paid and also a settlement made with the estate of Christopher Link, of Paris, Ill., for the mortuary note of \$1,000.00, given by him in January, 1891. The Board was able to sell its bank stock at a time when the market was in a peculiarly favorable condition, at a large profit, and the money was reinvested in carefully selected mortgages on real estate, thus adding materially to the Permanent Fund. We have been recently informed by the family that by the will of Bro. Gaven Spence, recently deceased, a well known and greatly respected layman of Newark, New Jersey, a bequest of five hundred dollars has been left to the Board, which will be paid within the year.

Notice has been received from the Probate Court of Marshall county, Illinois, that the Board is one of the legatees of the will of Elijah Holmes, of Saratoga township, of that county. In addition to all the receipts reported by the treasurer, the friends of Ministerial Education in our church have furnished scholarships for the benefit of students in the Seminary at Westminster, and large sums of money are given annually by individuals and churches, directly to students for the ministry in our several institutions, as gifts or loans, on terms that are mutually agreed upon.

The return payments of beneficiaries for the four years is \$1,837.54 greater than the preceding four years, being the largest amount of return payments received in any four years in the history of the Board.

These return payments have now become an important part of the resources of the Board, and the inducement to a generous support of the Board in its earlier years, that the contributions given to the work would in the future be returned again and again and thus be a self-perpetuating fund, are being realized. The majority of the brethren who have been aided by the Board heartily approve of the loan feature of this assistance, and many most gratifying letters have been received from them, expressive of their appreciation of both the assistance received, and the conditions under which it was given. A larger proportion of the students take the whole college and theological course now than formerly, and the majority of those receiving assistance from the Board come fully up to the expectations of those recommending them, and are now doing efficient work in some of the most important positions in the Church.

The great need of more candidates of the right kind, for the ministry in our Church, and how to secure their attendance at our institutions, has received the earnest consideration of the Board.

Pastors have been asked to preach upon this subject and by wise, persistent personal work, in connection with the Corresponding Secretary of this Board, seek to get the attention of the most gifted and promising of our young men to the claims of Christ upon them for service in the ministry.

J. C. BERRIEN,

*Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.*

STATEMENT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION OF  
THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH FOR THE FOUR  
YEARS ENDING MAY 20, 1904.

*Receipts.*

CONFERENCES.	June 30, 1901.	June 30, 1902.	June 30, 1903.	May 20, 1904.	Aggregate.
Alabama .....	\$45 25	\$31 49	\$45 85	\$36 86	\$159 45
Genesee .....	23 65	17 57	22 45	27 05	90 72
Georgia .....	13 15	7 15	20 32	16 95	57 57
Indiana .....	60 54	91 00	92 81	113 37	357 72
Iowa .....	67 82	59 89	47 29	53 84	228 84
Kansas .....	33 87	23 03	31 93	38 25	127 08
Maryland .....	514 66	516 42	573 30	533 00	2,137 38
Michigan .....	120 33	168 86	188 26	209 66	687 11
Missouri .....	10 00				10 00
Mis-issippi .....	2 15	5 00	7 65	7 00	21 80
Muskingum .....	266 46	213 12	206 80	297 50	983 88
Nebraska .....	18 75	14 90	20 6c	22 07	76 32
New Jersey .....	86 10	90 72	86 70	96 37	359 89
New York .....	79 22	160 82	101 14	115 37	456 55
North Carolina .....	120 88	201 98	208 78	235 06	766 70
North Illinois .....	120 06	132 70	128 66	80 59	462 01
North Missouri .....			5 70	9 00	14 70
Ohio .....	201 49	264 25	215 55	244 68	925 97
Onondaga .....	25 37	20 20	27 13	39 68	112 38
Pennsylvania .....			23 98	7 58	31 56
Pittsburgh .....	536 19	638 19	477 56	388 14	2,030 08
South Illinois .....	17 99	7 32	14 70	13 09	53 10
Tennessee .....	5 10				5 10
Virginia .....	3 78	2 25			6 03
West Michigan .....	29 50	37 31	42 84	38 67	148 32
West Virginia .....	49 15	46 72	49 60	51 51	196 98
Total receipts from churches .....	\$2,451 46	\$2,750 89	\$2,639 60	\$2,675 29	\$10,517 24
Interest and dividends .....	1,440 05	716 31	1,129 35	751 39	4,037 10
Return payments by beneficiaries .....	1,777 33	1,553 25	1,450 22	2,243 34	7,024 14
Miscellaneous receipts not enumerated above .....	26 52		8 98	52 55	88 05
Total receipts of distributive fund .....	\$5,695 36	\$5,020 45	\$5,228 15	\$5,711 55	\$21,666 53
Balance, May 10, 1900 .....					305 78
					\$21,972 31

*Disbursements.*

	May 15, 1900 to June 30, 1901	June 30, 1901 to June 30, 1902	June 30, 1902 to June 30, 1903	June 30, 1903 to May 20, 1904	Aggregate
<b>To Beneficiaries :</b>					
Adrian .....	\$1,492 57	\$1,115 84	\$1,132 00	\$680 00	\$4,420 41
Westminister .....	1,318 00	865 00	1,255 00	1,113 25	4,551 25
Kansas City.....	375 00				375 00
Traveling expenses.....	359 31	212 16	286 52	215 56	1,073 55
Postage and stationery, printing exchange, &c.	58 16	28 32	28 80	22 48	137 76
<b>Insurance :</b>					
Sharpsburg property..	14 40				14 40
Rent of safe .....		5 00	2 92		7 92
Salaries .....	1,275 00	1,200 00	1,200 00	1,100 00	4,775 00
Treasurer's bond.....	25 00	25 00	25 00	27 00	102 00
<b>Interest :</b>					
Baily mortuary note, paid .....			20 00	20 00	40 00
Savings bank dividends and transfers from dis- tributive fund to W. M. fund by vote of board..	577 18	535 78	109 57	759 12	1,981 65
	\$5,494 62	\$3,987 10	\$4,059 81	\$3,937 41	\$17,478 94
<b>Surplus :</b>					
Certificate of deposit..				500 00	500 00
Invested in mortgages..				3,058 01	3,058 01
<b>Balance in bank.....</b>					935 36
<b>Total.....</b>					\$21,972 31

DISTRIBUTIVE FUND.

*Receipts.*

To Balance .....	\$ 305 78
From Churches .....	10,517 24
Interests and Dividends .....	4,037 10
Return Payments, Beneficiaries .....	7,024 14
Miscellaneous Receipts .....	88 05
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	\$21,972 31

*Expenditures.*

Paid Beneficiaries .....	\$ 0,346 66
Traveling Expenses .....	1,073 55
Postage, Stationery, etc .....	137 76
Insurance .....	14 40

Rent of Safe .....	7 92
Salaries .....	4,775 00
Treasurer's Bond .....	102 00
Interest on Bailey Note .....	40 00
Paid to Permanent Fund .....	1,981 65
Balance on Hand .....	4,493 37
	\$21,972 31

## PERMANENT FUND.

As reported May 15, 1900 ..... \$16,529 64

*Additions.*

April, 1901, Mrs. T. A. Reese .....	\$ 50 00
March, 1903, Profits on sale of bank stock.....	5,335 00
Dec., 1903, Interest .....	18 16
From Distributive Fund .....	1,981 65
Contributions .....	369 83
	7,754 64
	\$24,284 28

*Recapitulation.*

To Balance .....	\$ 305 78
Total Receipts, Distributive Fund.....	21,666 53
Total Additions to Permanent Fund.....	7,754 64
Permanent Funds as formerly Reported.....	16,529 64
	\$46,256 59

*Total Expenditures.*

Including Payment of Permanent Fund.....	17,478 92
Investments (Permanent Fund) .....	24,284 28
Balance on Hand .....	4,493 39
	\$46,256 59

## PERMANENT FUND OF BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

*Donors.*

June 28, 1866—James Hicks, Cincinnati, O.....	\$ 2,000 00
1866—Daniel Horne, Cincinnati, O.....	500 00
1867—Mrs. Julia G. English, Pittsburg .....	700 00
1873—Dr. John Sargent, New Brighton, Pa.....	200 00
1877—John Whetstone, Cincinnati, O.....	1,000 00
1888—Mrs. John Sands, Bellevue, Pa.....	400 00
1890—Mrs. Tansey A. Reese, Easton, Md.....	100 00
1890—Mrs. R. B. Wilson, Emmonton, Md.....	5 00
1892—J. C. Hazlett, Keokuk, Iowa.....	125 00
1898—Estate of Rev. C. S. Evans, Cincinnati.....	200 00

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1898—Rev. S. P. Kezerta Memorial Fund from estate of Mrs. Sarah Kezerta, Sidney, Oregon.....	7,500 00
1899—Estate of Rev. S. M. Lowden, Greenfield, Ind....	175 00
1901—Mrs. Tansey A. Reese, Easton, Md.....	50 00
Jan. 1891, to May 15, 1904—Rev. J. B. Walker Memorial Fund..	5 242 12
Increase in gain of securities, Profits on sale of stock.....	6,069 00
Interest on Certificate of Deposit.....	18 16
Total .....	\$24,284 28
Additional subscriptions and pledges unpaid, of uncer- tain value .....	\$ 8,905 92

INVESTMENTS OF PERMANENT FUND.

Loan to C. D. Clancy on note.....	\$ 100 00
Loan to D. S. Stephens on note.....	200 00
Dr. John Sargent Fund, held by Adrian College.....	200 00
Cash on deposit, Miners and Mechanics Saving Bank, Steuben- ville, Ohio .....	906 62
Six shares paid-up stock Home Protective Savings and Loan Association, New Brighton, Pa .....	600 00
Loan on note Beaver County Building and Loan Association, New Brighton, Pa .....	5,000 00
Loan on note, Second Building and Loan Association, New Brighton, Pa .....	5,000 00
Loan on seven mortgages on real estate.....	12,232 00
Cash on hand awaiting investment .....	45 66
	<u>\$24,284 28</u>

BENEFICIARIES AIDED IN THE FOUR YEARS ENDING MAY 15, 1904.

*Adrian.*

Beck, Ezra D.....	\$ 18 34
Bolton, Orson W.....	250 00
Cartwright, Bliss B .....	368 18
Daly, J. A.....	43 00
Dark, Charles L.....	60 00
Evans, Arthur .....	406 68
Fee, Harry O.....	24 16
Feeman, Harlan L.....	60 00
Gladden, Thos. M.....	35 00
Harris, James E.....	330 00
Jones, Paul W.....	286 00

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Talbot, Oakey D.....	45 00
Tarr, E. E.....	300 00
Tuthill, John H.....	230 00
Weeks, Elwood C.....	203 00

\$4,551 25

*Kansas City University.*

Kopf, Charles E.....	125 00
Shipman, Alden H.....	125 00
Smith, Fred L.....	125 00

\$ 375 00

Total .....\$9,346 66

NAMES OF BENEFICIARIES AND CONFERENCES RECOMMENDING THEM.

John C. Walden .....	Genesee	George H. Miller.....	Michigan
Charles E. Kopf .....	Iowa	Oscar R. Stilson.....	Michigan
Albert L. Wilson.....	Indiana	Frank Totten .....	Michigan
Alden W. Shipman.....	Kansas	Milo N. Wood.....	Michigan
Charles L. Dark.....	Kansas	Ezra D. Beck.....	Muskingum
Robert H. Bartlett.....	Maryland	Charles A. Quinn....	Muskingum
George E. Brown.....	Maryland	Lemoine C. Wells....	Muskingum
Noah C. Clough.....	Maryland	Silvia L. Stowe.....	Muskingum
A. W. Davenport.....	Maryland	Frank L. Brown.....	New Jersey
Charles L. Elderdice....	Maryland	Samuel A. Hooker....	New Jersey
William L. Hoffman....	Maryland	Ward S. Ireland.....	New Jersey
George J. Hooker.....	Maryland	Clifford Kidd .....	New Jersey
G. J. Humphrey.....	Maryland	Edward C. Weeks....	New Jersey
T. P. Krauss.....	Maryland	Theodore W. Darnell..	New Jersey
R. S. Litsinger.....	Maryland	John H. Tuthill.....	New York
James L. Nichols.....	Maryland	George L. Curry.....	N. Carolina
E. E. Parsons.....	Maryland	Arthur Evans .....	North Illinois
Claybourne Phillips ..	Maryland	Harlan L. Feeman....	North Illinois
Harvey M. Phillips....	Maryland	Fred. L. Smith.....	North Illinois
F. J. Phillips.....	Maryland	Bliss B. Cartwright....	Ohio
Harry H. Price.....	Maryland	John N. Lackey.....	Ohio
Lewis E. Purdam.....	Maryland	Frank Neer .....	Ohio
James D. Smith.....	Maryland	Clark A. Robinson....	Onondaga
J. H. Straughn.....	Maryland	Orson W. Bolton.....	Pittsburg
E. E. Tarr.....	Maryland	Thomas M. Gladden....	Pittsburg
J. A. Daly.....	Michigan	George W. Ramsey....	Pittsburg
Harry O. Fee.....	Michigan	Paul W. Jones....	West Michigan
James E. Harris.....	Michigan	Oakey D. Talbot....	West Virginia
Andrew J. Martin.....	Michigan		



## NINETEENTH QUADRENNIAL SESSION

## RECEIPTS FROM OTHER SOURCES.

	1900-1	1901-2	1902-3	1903-4
Bequests .....	\$ 1,126 64			
Personal Contributions .....	125 14	35 00	1,228 00	60 00
Traveling Expenses Returned.	40 00		11 69	38 80
F. C. Chambers (Stationery)...	15 30			
German Paper and Ger. Work.		49 12		
Jos. Horne & Co., Advertising.			10 00	
Property Sold or Mortgage Pd.		493 50	1,444 63	665 00
Money Borrowed or Returned.	2,500 00	1,000 00	500 00	
Interest Received .....				140 00
Junior Endeavor Missionary..			91 16	140 00
Balance from old account.....	93 35	1,335 28	2,090 31	3,308 24
Grand Totals .....	\$11,018 47	\$10,755 44	\$13,023 94	\$13,477 92

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Salary of Secretary-Treasurer.	1,100 00	1,200 00	1,350 00	1,500 00
Secretary's Traveling Expenses.	370 00	540 00	380 00	590 00
Books, Printing, Stationery, &c	130 33	107 20	231 62	309 41
Sessions of Board & Ex. Com..	84 72	62 80	90 65	88 13
Interest Account .....	132 78	130 00	126 15	129 00
T. P. Revelle, Salary .....	300 00	300 00	300 00	
N. Carolina Ave., Washington.	300 00	250 00	250 00	250 00
Chicago, Ill., Salary .....	424 07	425 00	425 00	350 00
Canton, Ill., Salary .....	109 97	100 00	50 00	
Benj. Stout, Mortgage .....	1,327 00			
Chicago, Property .....	200 00		750 00	650 00
German Paper .....	20 00	13 13		
Sabbath School Supplies .....	38 71		17 28	
Supt. German Work .....	67 50	21 00	35 00	
Georgetown, Wash., Salaries..		650 00	600 00	712 00
Seattle Agent, for Property...	500 00	882 00	2,200 00	1,240 00
First Church, Seattle, Rent....			80 00	240 00
Loans Repaid .....	500 00	2,000 00		500 00
Green Lake, Salaries .....				911 68
Hancock, Michigan, Salaries..			200 00	200 00
Hancock, Michigan, Property..			30 00	236 19
Appropriations on Salaries ...	141 64	50 00	50 00	408 34
Appropriations on Mortgage..		925 00	2,500 00	3,500 00
Appropriations on Obligation..		693 50		
People's Church Debt, &c.....	3,020 00			
F. C. Chambers, Salary .....	316 52			
Insurance .....		18 00		
Office Furniture and Safe.....		207 50		
Total Disbursements .....	\$ 9,683 10	\$ 8,665 13	\$ 9,715 70	\$11,814 75

Total Receipts each year.....	\$11,018 47	\$10,755 44	\$13,023 94	\$13,477 92
Total Disbursements each year	9,683 10	8,665 13	9,715 70	11,814 75
Balance on hand each year....	\$ 1,335 28	\$ 2,090 31	\$ 3,308 24	\$ 1,663 17

**Report of Committee on Finance.**

Your Committee on Finance have had no papers submitted for its consideration.

Inasmuch as our several Boards do through their several agents provide methods for raising the funds necessary to their work, we have found nothing to do in this field.

We therefore respectfully ask to be discharged.

J. MCD. RADFORD, *Chairman.*

A. E. LEARY,

S. O. HOOPER,

WILL A. STRICKLER.

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**(M). Report of Committee on Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.**

The Committee on Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor submits the following report:

We are gratified to report that Christian Endeavor has grown and prospered throughout the world, and that our own denomination has shared in that growth during the quadrennium.

We find a substantial increase in the missionary and other General Interests among the societies, as is shown by their reports to the Conference and international denominational unions, as well as the increased spiritual awakening throughout the denomination where such societies are now organized.

We recognize that Christian Endeavor is the means at our command of reaching and enlisting the children, and young people in the various departments of the Church work, and training them for religious life and service, we therefore recommend to the pastors and members of the Church.

1. A careful study and application of Christian Endeavor principles in the organization of Senior, Intermediate and Junior societies wherever it is possible to do so.

2. We recommend a continuation of one or more pages as needed of the Methodist Protestant and Methodist Recorder, under the direction of the respective editors and presidents of the denominational union, until such time as the publishing Boards may find it practicable to publish a separate periodical for our young people.

3. We recommend that all possible encouragement be given to the Board of Publication in their efforts to establish a denominational periodical especially devoted to the needs of the young people, and we pledge such a periodical our hearty support.

4. We commend the inter-denominational fellowship of the Christian Endeavor movement, and recommend that our societies enter into and fos-

**(S). Report of Committee on Statistics.**

Your Committee on Statistics begs leave to submit the following:

We had for examination the minutes of all the Conferences except the Minnesota and Washington and six of the Mission Conferences. We have gone carefully through these minutes and have tabulated the statistics so far as we could gather them from the records in hand.

We recommend:

1. That a uniform blank form be used by all the Conferences in making the reports from the various charges, and that the form accompanying this report be the one adopted.

2. That our Board of Publication take into consideration the advisability of publishing a Quarterly Conference and Record Book; also a Class Register and Record Book.

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in any section of our Church, and the stranger within our gates should find it easy to enter into our form of worship; therefore, we recommend the habitual use of the order of worship prescribed by the General Conference.

We recommend that the Prayer in the Order of Administration of the Lord's Supper be divided into three paragraphs, that it may be more easily read, and we would recommend that there be added to the prayers of the Ritual: "Response by the people. Amen."

In the order of Infant Baptism, p. 144, amend so as to begin paragraph: "And they brought young children."

P. 146—Receptive into full membership. Strike out of answer to question No. 4 all except the words, "I will."

And we recommend that the foregoing changes be made in our Ritual as it shall be printed in the next edition of our Discipline, and whenever it shall be necessary to print another edition of our Church Hymnal, these changes shall be made in the Ritual as therein printed, to the end that all our Ritual may be uniform and harmonious.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. M. STRAYER, *Chairman.*

JAMES H. CLARKE, *Secretary.*

*Committee.*

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### (O). Report of Committee on Sabbath Observances.

Your Committee on Sabbath Observances would submit the following report:

WHEREAS, We recognize the fact that God, our worshipful Creator, has given to man as a creature of worshipping instinct, a day in which he may repair to his usual place of worship, or in the sanctity and quiet of his own home, give himself to prayer and meditation, the hearing of or the study of His word, or to works of mercy; and,

WHEREAS, The growing tendency of the times is to desecrate that day and privileges, both by transacting business with a view to secular gains, and the indulgence in pleasureable pursuits, the moral influence of both of which is to abrogate the Sabbath with its attendant blessings; and,

WHEREAS, The open saloon is the most formidable foe to the Sabbath, bringing with it a vast array of evils; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we, as a body of God-fearing men in General Conference assembled, do hereby most earnestly protest against the use of the Sabbath for any other purpose than that appointed by our Heavenly Father, which use will tend to increase our spirituality, and better acquaint us with our God.

*Resolved*, Second, that we discountenance on the Lord's day all such diversion as bathing, boating, buggy, horseback and bicycle riding, Sunday visiting, ball playing, and in fact all other games or amusements which do

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MISSION CONFERENCES.	Ministers and Preachers.	Unstationed Ministers and Preachers.	Members.	Probationers.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of Church Property.
Alabama (Col.) .....	7	4	500	.....	7	.....	\$ 1,000
Arkansas (Col.) .....	10	.....	114	1	6	.....	1,775
Baltimore (Col.) .....	16	.....	238	.....	10	7	.....
Boston .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
California .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charleston (Col.) .....	12	25	1,060	250	17	2	.....
Colorado-Texas .....	20	.....	1,133	18	9	2	1,300
Chickasaw .....	22	.....	650	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dallas (Col.) .....	9	.....	437	.....	.....	.....	.....
Florida .....	5	.....	165	25	.....	.....	1,100
Fort Smith .....	25	10	1,499	121	8	1	7,200
Indian .....	20	3	612	12	5	.....	1,600
Japan .....	25	.....	794	.....	8	3	9,393
North Georgia (Col.) ..	28	35	1,078	42	27	.....	11,950
Northwest Texas .....	28	.....	1,079	.....	6	2	4,126
Oklahoma .....	20	.....	231	.....	.....	.....	.....
Southwest Oklahoma ..	18	4	602	.....	1	.....	2,000
Oregon .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Southwest Texas .....	13	.....	406	.....	1	2	980
Spring Creek .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Texas Gulf .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	274	81	10,657	469	105	19	\$ 42,464

**(Q). Report of Committee on Home Missions.**

1. The cause of Home Missions occupies a deservedly large place in the thought and activity of the Christian Church. In the evangelization of our great country lies the pressing problem of Home Missions. In the large and constant co-operation of the churches lie the power of Home Missions. We are glad to believe that our own denomination is meeting more fully than ever before our growing responsibility to our country.

2. We have examined with careful interest the books and papers of the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, and the records of the Board. We find that the total receipts for the past quadrennium are \$48,275.77, more than twice the total receipts of the previous quadrennium. Thirty churches have been aided by the Board during the quadrennium, and the entire work appears to be in a flourishing condition. The total resources of the Board are \$53,928.67, showing the gratifying increase of \$41,962.32. We append a financial summary showing the results of the quadrennium.

We wish to commend heartily the neat, accurate and complete manner in which the books and records have been kept by the Corresponding Secretary. We find all titles, deeds and mortgages carefully filed and systematically recorded.

We desire to commend the untiring energy and the intelligent enthusiasm of the Corresponding Secretary. We congratulate Secretary McManiman, and the Board, upon the results of the quadrennium, and we trust that this great interest, so vital to our highest success, may occupy a still larger place in the life of our Church.

3. We recommend that every pastor put forth his utmost endeavor to meet the full assessment for Home Missions. The amount is so small compared with that of other churches, that the assessment in full is the minimum of our obligation.

4. We recommend that every Sunday School use the Home Mission Exercise, prepared by the Corresponding Secretary, and that the Easter offering be regarded as an additional contribution, not to be applied to the regular assessment.

5. We recommend that the Board of Home Missions shall pay special attention to our work among the colored people as represented by our Mission Conferences in the South, and that the Secretary of the Board visit all these Conferences and give them needed instructions and sympathy in their work.

6. We recommend the following named persons as members of the Board of Home Missions for the ensuing quadrennium: B. W. Anthony, Adrian, Michigan; J. M. Sheridan, Hanesville, Maryland; J. A. Selby, Mt. Vernon, Ohio; J. C. McCain, Frankfort, Indiana, ministerial, and F. C. Chambers, Steubenville, Ohio; H. W. Reeves, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania; J. G. Rockwood, Washington, D. C., lay.

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Alabama	\$ 178 30	151 26	107 02	107 86
Arkansas	25 92	74 83	60 00	45 00
Colorado-Texas	7 60			7 95
Central Texas	34 20	36 46	40 95	27 15
Florida	1 50	3 50	1 60	2 65
Fort Smith				3 50
Genesee	95 18	65 25	97 95	86 55
Georgia	145 81	83 05	77 56	82 27
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Indian Mission			1 25	5 00
Iowa	99 76	112 26	200 93	171 60
Kansas	182 42	170 94	148 94	128 59
Kentucky	3 00	4 10	7 00	
Louisiana		32 80	13 50	43 46
Maryland	1,205 14	1,629 98	1,823 50	1,973 08
Michigan	218 79	217 39	310 46	279 32
Mississippi	16 20	27 50	55 93	57 00
Missouri	11 94	28 55	28 52	14 73
Muskingum	1,245 26	1,082 82	965 61	1,328 63
Nebraska	66 65	60 22	38 47	63 09
New Jersey	133 28	178 62	191 43	295 63
New York	183 41	210 53	202 56	289 66
North Carolina	458 26	798 15	739 81	1,008 04
North Illinois	386 14	328 40	239 08	276 04
North Missouri	41 22	67 65	74 05	43 50
Northeast Arkansas			5 00	
North Mississippi			3 00	
Ohio	424 91	454 29	389 90	513 72
Onondaga	58 42	49 95	81 55	77 90
Oklahoma (Miss.)				2 25
Pennsylvania	1 50		30 04	41 19
Pittsburg	860 78	948 67	824 68	1,050 53
South Illinois	61 56	45 35	51 77	27 26
Southwest Texas (Miss.)	7 05	6 90	2 00	4 00
Tennessee	26 18	13 08	19 20	22 99
Texas	6 10	68 03	32 30	44 15
Virginia	39 40	31 65	16 00	0 40
Washington	9 20	3 00	10 00	8 10
West Michigan	88 55	97 21	105 32	105 05
West Virginia	327 27	272 27	222 04	257 47
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Tennessee .....	26 18	13 08	19 20	22 99
Texas .....	0 10	68 03	32 30	44 15
Virginia .....	39 40	31 65	16 00	0 40
Washington .....	9 20	3 00	10 00	8 10
West Michigan .....	88 55	97 21	105 32	105 05
West Virginia .....	327 27	272 27	222 04	257 47
Totals from Conferences.....	\$ 7,118 04	\$ 7,842 54	\$ 7,648 15	\$ 9,125 88

## RECEIPTS FROM OTHER SOURCES.

	1900-1	1901-2	1902-3	1903-4
Bequests .....	\$ 1,126 64			
Personal Contributions .....	125 14	35 00	1,228 00	60 00
Traveling Expenses Returned .....	40 00		11 69	38 80
F. C. Chambers (Stationery) .....	15 30			
German Paper and Ger. Work .....		49 12		
Jos. Horne & Co., Advertising .....			10 00	
Property Sold or Mortgage Pd. ....		493 50	1,444 63	665 00
Money Borrowed or Returned .....	2,500 00	1,000 00	500 00	
Interest Received .....				140 00
Junior Endeavor Missionary .....			91 16	140 00
Balance from old account .....	93 35	1,335 28	2,090 31	3,308 24
Grand Totals .....	\$11,018 47	\$10,755 44	\$13,023 94	\$13,477 92

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Salary of Secretary-Treasurer .....	1,100 00	1,200 00	1,350 00	1,500 00
Secretary's Traveling Expenses .....	370 00	540 00	380 00	590 00
Books, Printing, Stationery, &c .....	139 33	107 20	231 62	309 41
Sessions of Board & Ex. Com. ....	84 72	62 80	90 65	88 13
Interest Account .....	132 78	130 00	126 15	129 00
T. P. Reville, Salary .....	300 00	300 00	300 00	
N. Carolina Ave., Washington .....	300 00	250 00	250 00	250 00
Chicago, Ill., Salary .....	424 97	425 00	425 00	350 00
Canton, Ill., Salary .....	109 97	100 00	50 00	
Benj. Stout, Mortgage .....	1,327 00			
Chicago, Property .....	200 00		750 00	650 00
German Paper .....	20 00	13 13		
Sabbath School Supplies .....	38 71		17 28	
Supt. German Work .....	67 50	21 00	35 00	
Georgetown, Wash., Salaries .....		650 00	600 00	712 00
Seattle Agent, for Property .....	500 00	882 00	2,200 00	1,240 00
First Church, Seattle, Rent .....			80 00	240 00
Loans Repaid .....	500 00	2,000 00		500 00
Green Lake, Salaries .....				911 68
Hancock, Michigan, Salaries .....			200 00	200 00
Hancock, Michigan, Property .....			30 00	236 19
Appropriations on Salaries .....	141 64	50 00	50 00	408 34
Appropriations on Mortgage .....		925 00	2,500 00	3,500 00
Appropriations on Obligation .....		693 50		
People's Church Debt, &c .....	3,020 00			
F. C. Chambers, Salary .....	316 52			
Insurance .....		18 00		
Office Furniture and Safe .....		207 50		
Total Disbursements .....	\$ 9,683 10	\$ 8,665 13	\$ 9,715 70	\$11,814 75

Total Receipts each year .....	\$11,018 47	\$10,755 44	\$13,023 94	\$13,477 92
Total Disbursements each year .....	9,683 10	8,665 13	9,715 70	11,814 75
Balance on hand each year .....	\$ 1,335 28	\$ 2,090 31	\$ 3,308 24	\$ 1,663 17

RESOURCES OF BOARD.

Property Held by Deed .....	\$42 850 00
Mortgages .....	6 533 00
Trustee's Notes .....	1,775 00
Other Obligations .....	900 00
Office Furniture .....	207 50
Cash on Hand May 1st .....	1,663 17
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Total Amount of Resources .....	\$53,928 67
Net Resources May 1st, 1900.....	11,956 35
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Gain in Resources for Quadrennium .....	\$41,962 32
Liabilities—None.	

**(R). Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.**

The Sunday School we believe to be one of the most important auxiliaries of Church work; the nursery from which the strongest and best Christian character is developed, conditioned upon the qualification of officers and teachers. The officers and teachers should be Christians of undoubted character, "apt to teach."

The prime object should be the salvation of souls, and correct Bible teaching. Energetic efforts should be put forth to enlist parents, as well as children, in the good work—even more, enroll and interest all, if possible.

The pastor, above all others, should be active in this branch of Church work, and should look after the efficiency of teachers, especially as to their qualifications to teach the Holy Scriptures.

Thorough organization is very important, punctuality essential, and the teachers and officers in place before the arrival of classes.

We would recommend that all the departments of modern Sunday School paraphernalia be brought into requisition whenever practicable, and especially the Home Department, Cradle Roll, etc.

We further recommend teachers' meetings, and especially the Normal Course.

Last, but not least, we recommend that Sunday School rallies be held in connection with Annual Conferences, at which enthusiasm may be created; new inspiration given—an inspiration that shall overflow the schools and enthuse the people.

Use our own literature; enlist the young people; push the work, and win the victory.

Respectfully submitted,

G. P. MILLER,  
L. A. SMITH,  
J. M. KNOWLES,  
J. C. COONS,

H. E. MORELAND,  
J. SEITZINGER,  
D. A. HUFF,

*Committee.*

**(S). Report of Committee on Statistics.**

Your Committee on Statistics begs leave to submit the following:

We had for examination the minutes of all the Conferences except the Minnesota and Washington and six of the Mission Conferences. We have gone carefully through these minutes and have tabulated the statistics so far as we could gather them from the records in hand.

We recommend:

1. That a uniform blank form be used by all the Conferences in making the reports from the various charges, and that the form accompanying this report be the one adopted.
2. That our Board of Publication take into consideration the advisability of publishing a Quarterly Conference and Record Book; also a Class Register and Record Book.

C. H. STUBBS, *Chairman.*

J. W. KIRK,

FRED. H. SMITH,

G. W. JONES.

J. R. HUTTON.

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.

CONFERENCES.	Ministers and Preachers.	Unstationed Ministers and Preachers.	Members.	Probationers.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of Church Property.
Alabama	15	48	6,640	155	106	8	\$ 80,657
Arkansas	28	16	1,714	...	...	4	13,304
Colorado-Texas	23	13	1,157	...	10	7	8,540
Central Texas	16	15	1,090	29	21	5	23,200
Genesee	9	4	740	41	14	11	41,360
Georgia	25	8	3,703	...	52	3	36,914
Indiana	59	68	8,992	851	116	34	210,900
Iowa	21	15	2,747	1	58	21	102,500
Kansas	33	28	2,224	...	31	16	68,650
Kentucky	59	...	2,480	63	...	...	6,275
Louisiana	47	...	3,214	6	37	4	20,050
Maryland	142	70	24,121	1,161	287	104	1,676,556
Michigan	30	36	3,436	44	93	39	181,875
Mississippi	12	25	3,147	87	55	2	10,825
Minnesota	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Missouri	24	11	2,137	...	36	11	...
Muskingum	65	32	14,722	72	159	25	343,415
Nebraska	7	...	378	...	8	3	10,000
New Jersey	66	...	4,398	70	48	22	289,725
New York	20	2	2,045	79	26	14	161,900
North Carolina	115	...	19,005	251	212	28	210,077
Northeast Arkansas	18	16	1,714	...	45	4	13,304
North Mississippi	33	...	1,107	...	26	...	2,005
North Illinois	35	10	2,689	28	45	10	119,560
North Missouri	17	6	1,529	...	32	4	34,250
Ohio	42	16	8,208	166	99	95	229,950
Onondaga	32	19	2,436	65	41	28	123,100
Pittsburgh	65	22	9,491	124	68	23	1,703,250
Pennsylvania	12	8	930	...	23	6	25,700
South Carolina	12	1	517	16	10	...	6,300
South Illinois	36	12	2,595	...	54	8	50,600
Tennessee	16	10	1,027	19	40	6	19,650
Texas	24	55	4,703	67	35	16	26,368
Virginia	18	19	1,965	12	25	...	16,150
Washington	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
West Michigan	32	17	1,225	13	30	13	47,100
West Virginia	64	...	18,736	85	203	...	370,860
Mission Conferences	1,273	602	168,780	3,505	2,145	583	\$6,284,870
	278	46	10,536	427	87	16	42,464
Ministers and Preachers	1,551	648	170,316	3,932	2,242	599	\$6,327,334
Probationers	...	...	2,229	...	...	...	...
	...	...	3,000	...	...	...	...
Grand Total	...	...	185,445	...	...	...	...

## METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

MISSION CONFERENCES.	Ministers and Preachers.	Unstationed Ministers and Preachers.	Members.	Probationers.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of Church Property.
Alabama (Col.)	7	4	500		7		\$ 1,000
Arkansaw (Col.)	10		114	1	6		1,775
Baltimore (Col.)	16		238		10	7	
Boston							
California							
Charleston (Col.)	12	25	1,060	250	17	2	
Colorado-Texas	20		1,133	18	9	2	1,300
Chickasaw	22		659				
Dallas (Col.)	9		487				
Florida	5		165	25			1,100
Fort Smith	25	10	1,499	121	8	1	7,200
Indian	20	3	612	12	5		1,600
Japan	25		794		8	3	9,393
North Georgia (Col.)	28	35	1,078	42	27		11,950
Northwest Texas	28		1,079		6	2	4,126
Oklahoma	20		231				
Southwest Oklahoma	18	4	602		1		2,000
Oregon							
Southwest Texas	13		406		1	2	980
Spring Creek							
Texas Gulf							
	274	81	10,657	469	105	19	\$ 42,464

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS--1904.

	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	M. P. Periodi- cals Used.	Other Periodicals.	Money Raised.
Alabama	84	240	2,408	2,066	121	956 00
Arkansas	12	55	344	.....	.....	.....
Colorado-Texas	2	8	117	.....	.....	.....
Central Texas	18	118	1,004	163	.....	.....
Genesee	18	203	1,042	410	316	502 00
Georgia	33	122	1,145	.....	.....	.....
Indiana	119	1,112	8,307	9,406	.....	.....
Iowa	57	480	2,200	1,040	194	508 26
Kansas	45	451	2,149	1,343	.....	1,202 00
Kentucky	20	142	964	.....	.....	.....
Maryland	275	3,427	24,434	.....	.....	11,647 00
Michigan	118	1,190	5,521	2,329	1,223	2,475 00
Minnesota	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mississippi	25	56	942	.....	.....	67 00
Missouri	37	320	1,714	1,407	.....	.....
Muskingum	153	1,645	9,829	15,103	.....	6,618 00
Nebraska	10	88	370	210	75	244 44
New Jersey	45	693	5,344	7,809	.....	3,702 12
New York	29	400	2,615	2,034	390	2,273 62
North Carolina	192	850	11,560	1,126	.....	.....
North Illinois	44	334	2,879	3,671	633	1,567 00
North Mississippi	10	20	180	.....	.....	.....
North Missouri	20	313	1,314	.....	.....	324 45
Ohio	87	1,332	7,039	2,896	1,038	3,903 00
Onondaga	52	477	1,669	2,231	.....	480 40
Pittsburgh	69	987	7,069	9,704	2,310	5,794 00
Pennsylvania	24	204	1,132	385	.....	452 27
South Carolina	2	10	85	.....	.....	8 00
South Illinois	41	305	1,827	.....	.....	326 49
Tennessee	22	85	878	.....	.....	62 50
Texas	32	143	729	1,613	.....	343 06
Virginia	23	70	1,060	.....	.....	.....
Washington	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Michigan	41	429	1,930	643	451	727 04
West Virginia	145	1,296	13,075	14,768	.....	2,400 00
N. E. Arkansas	12	55	344	.....	.....	.....
N. E. Texas	5	24	90	.....	.....	.....
Louisiana	34	100	1,000	150	.....	197 95
S. W. Oklahoma	2	8	100	41	.....	.....
Oklahoma	9	30	185	.....	.....	87 00
Colorado-Texa (Col.)	11	30	475	.....	.....	.....
Arkansas Co.)	4	11	130	.....	.....	2 20
Ch ckasaw	13	47	205	.....	.....	.....
	2,003	18,122	125,924	80,448	6,751	\$47,272 80



## YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR STATISTICS.

ANNUAL CONFERENCES.	Number of Societies.	Number of Members.	Conversions.	Received in Church.	Money Raised.
Genesec .....	10	368	1		\$ 254 00
Indiana .....	48	1,591			
Iowa .....	15	208	17		309 05
Kansas .....	21	744			583 00
Maryland .....	170	6,157			
Michigan .....	26	692	72		664 00
Muskingum .....	50	2,131	94	76	1,532 00
New Jersey .....	58	1,725		110	1,433 27
New York .....	17	687	28		914 79
North Carolina .....	16	530			
North Mississippi .....	26	732			204 00
North Missouri .....	4	155			650 00
Ohio .....	87	1,894			1,027 00
Onondaga .....	21	694			343 00
Pittsburgh .....	41	1,400	44		144 00
Pennsylvania .....	5	106	9		32 50
South Illinois .....	8	300			44 90
Texas .....	3	110			38 00
West Michigan .....	10	290			188 30
West Virginia .....	23	569	30		335 00
Oklahoma Mission .....	1	42			6 50
Totals .....	660	21,125	295	186	\$8,703 31

## SUMMARY OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Adrian College .....	\$ 150,000
Baltimore Book Directory .....	34,000
Japan Mission Property .....	48,393
Kansas City University .....	200,000
Pittsburgh Book Directory .....	135,694
Publishing House, N. C. ....	15,000
Western Maryland College .....	250,000
Westminster College, Texas .....	81,061
Westminster Theological Seminary .....	15,000
West Lafayette College .....	40,000
Thosly College .....	10,000
Gittings Seminary .....	21,300
Board of Ministerial Education .....	24,284
Total Value of Churches .....	6,327,334

\$7,352,066

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**(T). Report of Special Committee on Moral Reform.**

Your Committee on Moral Reform has carefully considered the appeal and address of the Inter-Church Conference on Marriage and Divorce. We heartily approve and endorse the laudable efforts of this organization, representing fourteen religious denominations, to check the rapid increase of the granting of divorce.

We appreciate the fraternal consideration of the Inter-Church Conference, which has inspired them to say: "The Conference deemed it inexpedient to take further definite action on the general subject until a large representation is secured from the different churches of the country."

And now, because for many years the law of the Methodist Protestant Church has prohibited the celebration of marriage of divorced persons who have violated their marriage vows, we rejoice to learn that our brethren in other denominations have taken, or are about to take the same high stand.

Therefore, in order that we may do more effectual work for the maintenance of the sanctity of marriage, and the permanence of the home and family, we recommend that this General Conference elect three representatives to the Inter-Church Conference; and we recommend that the said representatives co-operate with the representatives of other churches in an effort to obtain ecclesiastical unanimity regarding marriage and divorce.

And further, that we as a Church co-operate in all proper efforts to obtain such State and National legislation as shall make for the perpetuation of the home life, and the development of social purity.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES H. CLARKE,  
E. S. ADKINS,  
J. D. CHRISTIAN,  
*Committee.*

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**(U). Report of Committee on Church Union.**

*Mr. President, and Members of General Conference:*

Your Committee on Church Union having under consideration the various papers referred to it, would respectfully submit the following report, relating to the subject of union with the Congregational and United Brethren in Christ churches:

We most heartily commend, and cordially appreciate the Christian fervor which inspired the labors of the Joint Committee, and the gracious spirit of fraternity and unity that characterize the paper known as the Syllabus, that excellent consensus of opinion of the Joint Committee.

The gratifying statements contained therein encourage us to hope for substantial and satisfactory results in the near future, binding the denominations mentioned therein not only in stronger fraternal relations, and

closer federation, but in the closer bonds of a vital, organic union, which will redound to our mutual good, and glorify God in enlarged powers for the salvation of the world.

According to the Syllabus, we recommend, first:

That the suggestion for a General Council or Joint Commission be adopted by this General Conference, and that such a General Council be ordered for the purpose of exchanging views; discussing conditions and principles involved, and formulating such a basis of union as may be agreed upon and submitted to their respective constituent bodies to be approved.

We recommend that one such Commissioner be elected by each Annual Conference at its next session following the adjournment of this General Conference.

When either of the religious bodies referred to in the Syllabus shall notify the President of this General Conference that it has constituted and appointed a Commission of like powers and purposes, he shall appoint a committee of three to co-operate with a similar committee from the religious body giving such notice, in making arrangements for the meeting of the General Council, or Joint Commission.

We recommend that in cordial fraternity and Christian courtesy the Commissioners of the Methodist Protestant Church assure their Associate Commissioners that while most sincerely and earnestly desiring the enlarged Christian fellowship and mutual advantages to be expected from such a union, and while we most devoutly pray and hope that substantial and enduring common ground may be found upon which these churches may unite, we would candidly and courteously express some things as vitally essential to such union:

First—A statement of the common, fundamental doctrines of the Christian Faith.

Second—A representative form of government, securing to the local Church the largest degree of liberty consistent with some form of connectionalism, that will conserve all the great interests of the Church, and most effectively promote the kingdom of God.

J. L. MILLS, <i>Chairman.</i>	W. C. ADAMSON,
A. L. REYNOLDS, <i>Secretary.</i>	GEORGE B. MOORE,
W. R. DRURY,	G. E. MCMANIMAN,
J. S. ADDIS,	T. PLINY FISHERS,
W. W. LINEBERRY,	S. R. HARRIS,
D. G. HELMICK,	B. F. JARRALL,
JOHN W. GRAY,	J. P. MORGAN,
JAMES H. CLARKE,	

*Committee.*

## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH UNION.

Your Committee would recommend that the report of the Committee appointed at the last General Conference on the matter of union with the Primitive Methodist Church, which report is hereto appended, be adopted, and its work approved; and the following overture be handed down to the Annual Conferences of the Methodist Protestant Church for approval at their next session:

**OVERTURE**—Shall the proposed terms of union with the Primitive Methodist Church be adopted?

In response to the memorial presented to this General Conference by the Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church as requested by the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church touching the subject of union, asking the appointment of a Commission to consider terms of union with the Methodist Episcopal Church, your Committee most heartily reciprocating the spirit of unity and fraternity so graciously manifested, would respectfully recommend that whenever the Methodist Episcopal Church shall have appointed such a Commission, the President of the General Conference is hereby authorized and instructed to appoint a similar Commission to consider terms of union.

Your Committee would recommend that when this General Conference adjourns, it adjourn to meet subject to the call of the President when requested to do so by any Commission on Church union appointed by this General Conference, the time and place of holding such called meeting shall be fixed by the President of the General Conference in conjunction with the Board of Publication, as per Discipline, p. 89, Sec. 3.

*By the Committee.*

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*To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, 1904:*

The following is the basis for union agreed upon by the Committee on Union of the Primitive Methodist and Methodist Protestant Churches, in joint sessions. It is hereby submitted for your consideration:

1. The adoption of all that is in common in the Books of Discipline.
2. Equal representation in all the courts of the church as in the Methodist Protestant Church.
3. The system of appointing pastors and supplying churches as in the Primitive Methodist Church, with the understanding that the General Conference of the united body may grant to the Annual Conferences the right to use other methods if they so desire.
4. The amalgamation of the interests and funds under separate heads, such as Foreign Missionary, Home Missionary, Church Extension, Educational and Superannuation, on equal basis. The conduct and government of such to be provided for by the first Conference or convention of the united body.

5. That all ministers and members of the new church stand as in their own previous to the union.

6. The selection of a name for the united church to be left to the first Conference or convention of the united body.

7. That this basis be laid before the Annual Conferences for a yes or no expression, and provided a two-third majority vote favorably to the union, the President of each General Conference is thereby authorized to call a special session of his General Conference, if necessary, for the purpose of consummating the union.

M. L. JENNINGS,  
G. A. OGG,  
S. K. SPAHR.

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CRISFIELD, MD., May 23d, 1904.

*Rev. F. T. Little, D.D., Representative to the General Conference, Methodist Protestant Church, Washington, D. C.:*

DEAR BROTHER—In compliance with resolution 10, adopted at the recent session of the Maryland Annual Conference, I herewith forward to the Maryland Conference Representatives of the Maryland Conference to the General Conference, through you, a copy of the Report of the Special Committee on Fraternal Greetings, &c., from the Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church:

The Committee to whom was referred the resolutions bearing the fraternal greetings of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to this Conference, beg leave to submit the following report:

*Resolved*, First, that we receive with sincere pleasure the hearty fraternal greetings brought to us by the special messengers from the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and assure them that we both appreciate and reciprocate their warm Christian greetings.

*Resolved*, Second, that we respond to their invitation, and request our representatives to the ensuing General Conference to memorialize said Conference to appoint commissioners to confer with the commissioners from the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church upon the terms of union.

J. D. KINZER,  
J. M. SHERIDAN,  
J. M. GILL,  
W. G. BAKER,  
T. A. MURRAY,  
*Committee.*  
W. S. PHILLIPS,  
*Secretary.*

**(V). Report of Committee on Religious Education.**

Your Special Committee on Religious Education submits the following:

We have heard with interest the statements of Dr. J. E. Gilbert, the Secretary of the American Society of Religious Education, who has brought to our attention the purpose and methods of said Society.

We learn that this Society seeks to increase a popular regard for the sacred Scriptures, and to promote a more general and profitable study of the Divine Word; to engage scholars in efforts to cultivate the spiritual life; to introduce improved methods in families, churches, Sunday Schools and institutions of learning, and to preserve full information of all systems of religious instructions.

We also learn that the Society is under the direction of a Board of twenty-one Regents, residents of Washington, D. C. These arrange the work of the Society in departments, and appoint councils to devise and execute plans according to their judgment under general regulations.

It is the aim of this Board to establish an auxiliary in each State to execute the plans to reach all communities.

As we are profoundly interested in all religious instruction that will increase Biblical knowledge and deepen and extend spiritual culture, we heartily commend the efforts of this Society and recognize it as an agency through which light may be shed on the whole subject of religious education, giving clearer views of the spiritual life and modes of promoting it, thereby strengthening the evangelical faith.

We, therefore, recommend that pastors and members, teachers and scholars in various Conference districts who desire to be better equipped for religious instruction and spiritual training, acquaint themselves with the work of this Society by becoming members or fellows and forward their names to the Secretary, Dr. J. E. Gilbert, Washington, D. C., who will impart all needed information.

W. R. GRAHAM,  
C. H. HUBBELL,  
J. W. HERING.

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**Report of Special Committee on Claim of Pennsylvania Conference.**

The Committee to which was referred a paper signed by Samuel McClain, A. J. Richardson, and W. H. Gladden, concerning a claim of the Pennsylvania Annual Conference, against the New York Conference for a sum of money amounting to more than Eight Hundred Dollars, which amount was allowed the said Pennsylvania Conference by a Committee of



The balance of Mr. Down's payment will be turned over to the General Fund for investment.

We expect to realize the Swift bequest in a short time and also \$1,000 from the Bassett estate. If our hopes are realized, we may decrease this debt still further by..... 5,000 00

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\$32,500 00

This would be a decrease in the debt since August, 1902, of \$7,159.00.

#### ENDOWMENT.

The Treasurer reported August, 1902, Endowment mortgages amounting to \$26,609.38.

Changes are constantly taking place in this fund by reason of mortgages being paid off from time to time, and it is sometimes impossible to reinvest just the same sum. It must also be borne in mind that the interest on our debt is greater than the income from our endowment, and taking in the interest on the life contracts, amounts to about \$1,100.00 more. So that there will be a steady shrinkage in endowment fund principal. We have done what we could to keep this fund intact, and have been aided very materially by the gift of the Trustees of the Allegheny Seminary Fund, whose contributions of the proceeds of their fund since December, 1902, has amounted to \$1,075. It will be remembered that this Board of Trustees gave us the promise that the income of their fund should be turned over to Adrian, and that the principal of their fund should be invested in our two per cent. bonds without interest, as soon as we were able to get the other \$14,000 subscribed for. The proceeds of this fund so far as received have all been turned into the current Endowment Fund and used in the payment of interest on the debt.

The present condition of the fund is as follows:

Mortgages placed as collateral with Commercial Savings Bank.	\$ 9,468 74
Lenawee Savings Bank .....	2,900 00
Adrian State .....	1,435 00
D. B. Morgan, trustee for Mrs. Whitney.....	5,520 00
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	\$19,303 00
Mortgages in hands of Treasurer .....	\$1,450 00
Cash .....	4,603 43
Land Contract .....	800 00—6,853 42
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	\$26,157 16

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M. P. Churches:

North Carolina Avenue—11 A. M., F. T. Tagg, D.D. 8 P. M., George Shaffer, D.D.

Congress Street—11 A. M., S. S. Fisher, D.D. 8 P. M., J. W. Gray.

Rhode Island Avenue—11 A. M., J. H. Lucas, D.D. 8 P. M., C. D. Sinkinson.

First Church—11 A. M., W. M. Strayer. 8 P. M., S. B. Tredway, D.D.

Alexandria, Va.—11 A. M., J. A. Selby. 8 P. M., T. P. Revelle.

Mount Tabor—11 A. M., C. L. Whitaker. 8 P. M., R. M. Andrews.

FOR SUNDAY, MAY 29TH, 1904.

M. P. Churches:

North Carolina Avenue—11 A. M., G. C. Sheppard. 8 P. M., A. L. Reynolds.

First Church—11 A. M., J. A. Selby. 8 P. M., C. L. Whittaker.

Rhode Island Avenue—11 A. M., George Shaffer. 8 P. M., S. S. Fisher.

Congress Street—11 A. M., C. L. Whitaker. 8 P. M., J. C. Berrien.

Mt. Tabor—11 A. M., Miss Forrest. 8 P. M., Wm. Porter.

Alexandria—11 A. M., W. R. Graham. 8 P. M., J. H. Clarke.

M. E. Churches:

Metropolitan—8 P. M., F. T. Tagg.

Wesley—11 A. M., D. S. Stephens. 8 P. M., W. L. Wells.

Wilson Memorial—8 P. M., J. P. Morgan.

Union—11 A. M., W. L. Wells. 8 P. M., J. E. Bailey.

N. Capitol—11 A. M., T. P. Revelle.

Grace—11 A. M., R. T. Tyson. 8 P. M., T. P. Revelle.

Waugh—11 A. M., C. H. Hubbell.

Gorsuch—11 A. M., J. S. Moray.

Douglas Memorial—8 P. M., D. C. Coburn.

—11 A. M., W. H. Bentley.

Mt. Pleasant—8 P. M., S. J. Geddes.

Mt. Vernon M. E., South—11 A. M., F. T. Tagg.

Epworth—11 A. M., T. M. Johnson. 8 P. M., U. W. Morrison.

Second Baptist—11 A. M., A. L. Reynolds.

(X). Financial Statement of Secretary of the General Conference.

1900.	
May 31—To Balance from Ex-Secretary, T. M. Johnson	\$60 07
1904.	
May 20—Stamped Envelopes sold H. L. Elderdice.....	3 93
Total .....	\$64 00

May 20—Telegrams, Stationery, Trunk Transfers.....	\$ 2 05	
May 31—Traveling Expense on Printing Business.....	1 36	
June 5—Telegram .....	36	
June 18—Dulany Co., Printing .....	16 06	
Dec. 14—J. H. Straughn, Copying Journal.....	20 00	
1901.		
Oct. 14—Telegrams .....	1 80	
1904.		
May 20 Trunk Transfer .....	25	
		\$41 88
Balance .....	22 12	
		\$64 00

By HUGH L. ELDERDICE.

### (Y). Report of the Trustees of Adrian College.

ADRIAN, MICH., May 20th, 1904.

The undersigned were appointed a committee by the Board of Trustees of Adrian College to present to this body a report of the College for the quadrennium. We do not understand that it is our duty to present a full financial exhibit of the work of the institution during that period, but to give a general account of the work of the College and Board.

The financial condition and operations of the institution we will get before you by incorporating in our report that of the President of the College for the year 1902-3, with such additions for the operations for the year 1903-4 as we may be able to secure in advance from the report the President is preparing for that year. We wish we might present in full the report of the President to the Board for the current year, but that is impossible, as the books of the College do not close until one month after the assembling of this body.

#### EDUCATIONAL WORK.

We are able to report that the high standard that has always been aimed at, and we believe, maintained in Adrian College, has been fully sustained and in some respects exceeded, because of the better material and intellectual equipment secured.

For the year now about to close the Faculty consisted of ten teachers, a physical director, the librarian, and the President. These are all teachers of high attainments and experience, and they have all done work that is highly satisfactory to the management.

Recognizing the great importance of the experimental sciences, the College has done what it could, with the limited means at its command, to keep the equipment of the physical, chemical, and biological laboratories abreast with the demands of the times; and while it has not been able to do all that appeared to be desirable, it has done something—some would say "much."

For physical development decided advance has been made. For some years the College has had a good equipment for out-door athletics, and a fairly good gymnasium for the young ladies has been in operation in Metcalf Hall, but no provision has been made for indoor work for the young gentlemen.

At the very beginning of his work as President, Dr. Lewis pointed out that the College needed nothing more severely than a gymnasium for the



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young men. This he succeeded in fitting up in the Museum Building, devoting the entire second floor to this purpose. He also secured a physical director. The gymnasium is now in full operation, and adds largely to the equipment of the College.

Some valuable additions have also been made to the Library and to the Music Department—to the latter, notably, a concert grand piano, which President Lewis secured during the year 1902-3, without draft on the resources of the college.

#### STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE.

The right a college has to existence is finally vindicated in the number, ability and character of its students and graduates. As to the ability and moral character of the graduates of Adrian College, there can be no reasonable question—drawn from the best homes of our Church, and encouraged

and stimulated by the high ideals of the institution, its graduates have been fully abreast of those of the great institutions of our country, while the strong moral and religious influence that has always prevailed in the College has maintained a high standard of Christian character.

The number of students in attendance has been influenced by both general and local conditions. Of the general conditions we will speak first.

An examination of the catalogues of the college for a few years past will show a gradual falling off in the number of students in the Normal and Preparatory departments, and an increase in the number of collegiate departments, while the other departments have shown no decided move in either direction. This decrease and increase is due to two conditions. The Normal department is depleted because of the fact that the requirements of teachers in the States in which we have our student patronage is so high that those who are seeking preparation for teaching seek the Normal school of their respective States, certificates from which give them certain advantages. We have tried to counteract this drain by affiliating with the Department of Education of the State of Michigan, and securing a diploma for our students that entitles them to equal privileges with the graduates of the Normal school; but while this has been good, it has not fully stopped the depletion.

The falling off in the preparatory department is largely due to the fact that throughout the middle-west the high schools in all towns of three thousand or more, have almost universally college preparatory departments. Consequently, parents retain their children at or nearly home until they are ready to enter college, not wishing to send them far from home at a tender age, and, perhaps also saving some financial outlay.

The final operation of these conditions has been to reduce the attendance at the college very materially; for while we have had a gratifying increase in the college department, it has not compensated in numbers for the loss in the other departments.

The loss, however, is not as great as appears on the surface, it is purely financial—a material one, while the gain is in the “finished output”—a spiritual one.

This general condition will, no doubt, continue, and will have to be reckoned with in all the operations of the college.

The local cause that has affected the attendance during the quadrennium has been the uncertainty existing in the minds of the friends and patrons of the college as to the continuance of its operations, on account of its depressing financial condition. This cause reached its culmination two years ago, when the trustees announced that the college would not be opened for the school year 1902-3, unless a guarantee fund should be raised. As a result that was anticipated, but few students presented themselves for matriculation, and there was a decided falling off in attendance.

We are pleased, however, to state that at the opening of the year 1903-4,

more than twice as many presented themselves for entrance, and this without other means being used than had heretofore been in operation. This shows a healthy reaction in our favor, and promises much, especially in view of the vigorous personal canvass for students now being made.

#### THE PRESIDENCY.

At the close of the college year 1902-3 President Jones offered his resignation to the Executive Committee. This was reluctantly accepted.

At the earnest solicitation of the Board, Dr. T. H. Lewis, already President of Western Maryland College, consented to become the head of the institution, and the trustees of the last named institution generously consented that he should divide his time between the two colleges.

This unique relation as President of two institutions has been maintained by him during the past two years. His work has been eminently satisfactory at Adrian, while we believe it has not at all suffered at Westminster.

Such a double relation could not be maintained for a great length of time; human strength is not sufficient to the strain. At the end of the first year President Lewis wished to retire from Adrian, but at the earnest solicitation of the Board of Trustees, consented to continue his administration another year, making the announcement that his connection with Adrian College must cease with the close of the current college year 1903-4.

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees, held March 25th, Dr. B. W. Anthony, a member of this body, was unanimously elected President of the institution, with the understanding that Dr. Lewis should continue in authority at the college until the close of the year, while Dr. Anthony should begin labor in the church at large for the college as soon as possible. This he did on May 1st, taking hold of the work with characteristic energy, intelligence and consecration. The Board considers itself especially favored in securing the services of Dr. Anthony, and hopes for much from his relation to the institution.

We feel in concluding on this subject that it should be pointed out that the church and college owe a decided debt of gratitude to Dr. Lewis, the retiring President, for his able and unselfish service at Adrian College. Let him be paid without stint with this offering, as it is the only compensation he will consent to receive. We are reminded again that the best things are "without money and without price."

#### FINANCIAL CONDITION.

For this in full we refer you to the report of President Lewis to the Board of Trustees for the year 1902-3, with additions for the year 1903-4, which we incorporate in our report. Yet something should be written that the situation may be fully before you.

Three years ago the endowment question was taken to the Maryland Conference and there received attention. An assessment was laid on the district and is to be continued. By additions to this sum from the earnings of the College and by savings set aside for the last fifteen years, we have now collected the sum of \$11,000, which is safely invested. If other annual conferences can be induced to help in this labor, and if private individuals will take the interest on their heart and consider its claims in disposing of their property, we may look forward with confidence to a speedy increase in this fund to such an extent that shall put this great possession of ours out of jeopardy by reason of any disaster likely to overtake such institutions. Surely it is not too much to expect that the Methodist Protestant Church having come into possession of this valuable property almost without expense to itself, and seeing this aggregation of values larger than any single institution the Church has ever possessed, will take measures to prevent its final loss.

#### STUDENTS.

One of the most flattering features of the work at Western Maryland College is the large patronage. It is sometimes easier to get property than to get students. But we have both to a degree that makes us feel that our work is a success. And yet our patronage is not as large as we want to make it; nor indeed is it as large as we have a right to expect it to be. Very many of our own people still send their children to schools of other churches, and it is impossible to get from them a good reason for so doing. However, we have something to be thankful for in this matter of patronage, and we are earnestly striving to bring the College more and more to the attention of all our people.

From the year 1867 to 1886, there were 971 students enrolled at Western Maryland College, counting each name but once. There was an average annual attendance of 115, and 168 were graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

From the year 1886 to June, 1903, 1,313 students have been enrolled, counting each name but once; there has been an average annual attendance of 233, and 396 have been graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

The whole number of students enrolled from the organization of the College to June, 1903, is 2,284, and the average annual attendance 174. Thirty-three classes were graduated in the same time with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, 564 in all, or an average of seventeen in each class.

During the last quadrennium we have had an average annual attendance of 242; we have graduated 118, or an average of twenty-nine in each class.

#### EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS.

Since the real value of a college lies in its educational work rather than in its material wealth or even in its student roll, something must be said of the condition of Western Maryland in this respect.

(B) ENDOWMENT.

I found mortgages in the hands of Mr. F. E. Priddy, Treasurer, to the amount of \$26,609.38. These mortgages were the invested funds of the endowment, bearing six per cent, interest. They were all pledged to secure the loans and mortuary obligations. The interest of the endowment is not quite sufficient to meet the interest on these obligations, and it has to be still further supplemented to meet the interest of \$1,200 on the bonds.

(C) CURRENT OPERATIONS.

An examination of the books disclosed the following result of the current operations of the College for the year closing June, 1902:

Current Expenditures .....	\$17,397 22
Current Income .....	8,503 66
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Deficiency .....	\$ 8,893 56

The deficiency was covered by the sale of endowment securities, and a balance of \$229.61 was turned over to me.

2. FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE COLLEGE, JUNE 23, 1903.

(A) DEBT.

Mortgage on College realty represented by bonds bearing interest at five per cent.....	\$24,000 00
Loans at six per cent .....	\$10,063 00
Loans at five per cent.....	4,500 00
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	14,563 00
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	\$38,563 00

Out of contributions received during the year, we have paid two notes aggregating \$1,200.05, and a note for \$185.95 has been donated to the College, making the aggregate reduction in the debt \$1,386.00.

(B) ENDOWMENT.

The Endowment Fund remains practically the same.

(C) CURRENT OPERATIONS.

*Receipts.*

Balance from preceding year.....	\$ 229 61
Collected from old accounts .....	225 58
Earnings of the year 1902-3.....	7,768 87
Emergency Fund contributions .....	3,920 45
Other sundry contributions .....	1,386 00
Conference collections .....	438 16
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	\$13,968 67



*Expenditures.*

Paid old bills .....	\$ 541 30
Paid on debt .....	1,386 00
Paid expenses of the year 1902-3.....	11,704 29
Balance in bank .....	337 08
	<u>—————</u> \$13,968 67

## 3. COMPARISON OF THE LAST TWO YEARS IN EARNINGS AND EXPENDITURES.

The year 1901-2 enrolled 131 students; 1902-3, 77. It is necessary to present the following exhibit to show what advantage has been gained by the work of the past year:

## (A) EARNINGS.

	For the Year 1901-02.	For the Year 1902-03.
Incidentals .....	\$1,178 62	\$1,533 50
Tuition .....	450 04	293 00
Room Rent .....	1,250 02	892 00
Board .....	3,722 28	3,634 72
Music .....	1,649 20	1,098 25
Elocution and Art .....		109 50
Laboratory Fees .....	192 50	142 90
Diploma Fees .....	61 00	65 00
	<u>—————</u> \$8,503 66	<u>—————</u> \$7,768 87

## (B) EXPENDITURES.

	For the Year 1901-02.	For the Year 1902-03.
Faculty .....	\$10,317 68	\$ 5,150 00
Domestic Supplies .....	3,375 53	2,555 75
Domestic Service .....	606 93	790 34
Room Supplies and Repairs.....	1,805 22	2,135 14
Sundries .....	1,291 86	1,072 06
	<u>—————</u> \$17,397 22	<u>—————</u> \$11,704 29

## (C) DEFICIENCY.

Expenditures .....	\$17,397 22	\$11,704 29
Earnings .....	8,503 66	7,768 87
	<u>—————</u> \$ 8,893 56	<u>—————</u> \$ 3,935 42

4. OUTLOOK FOR THE FINANCIAL RELIEF OF THE COLLEGE.

The Rev. Philip Swift, who died in February last, left \$4,000 to the College. This money will be paid during the next ten months. It is proposed to apply this to the redemption of endowment mortgages, and this will be virtually decreasing the debt.

A plan has been matured to refund the bonds now bearing interest at five per cent., by bonds bearing two per cent. interest. The Board of Trustees of the Allegheny Seminary Fund have agreed to invest their fund, amounting to \$10,000, in these bonds, and waive all claim for interest, provided the whole amount of \$24,000 is secured. This will require us to find friends of the College in sufficient numbers to take \$14,000 in these bonds. The Alumni Association has endorsed the plan and appointed a committee to co-operate with the committee of the Board of Trustees in placing the bonds. Already subscriptions to the amount of several thousand dollars have been promised, and it looks as if the whole matter might be closed up by the first of November. While this will not reduce the principal of the debt, it will give great relief since it means a reduction of annual interest charges of \$920.00.

The following is an extract from the report of President Lewis that he will make to the Board of Trustees for the College year 1903-4:

DEBT.

At the June meeting of the Board, the Treasurer reported the following debt:

Mortgage on College property represented by five per cent. bonds	\$24,000.00
Loans from Commercial Savings Bank .....	9,500 00
Loan from Mrs. Dorcas Whitney .....	4,500 00
Loan from Mrs. D. C. Thomas.....	500 00
Loan from Dr. McElroy .....	973 95
Alumni Association Note .....	185 95
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	\$39,659 00

Since that time we have paid:

Mrs. D. C. Thomas .....	\$500 00
Dr. McElroy .....	500 00
Alumni Association (contribution) .....	185 95—1,386 00
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	\$38,273 00

Having recently received from Mr. Jordan Downs payment of his mortuary note of \$1,000, we propose to apply it to the payment of:

Commercial Savings Bank .....	\$500 00
Dr. McElroy .....	273 00— 773 00
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	\$37,500 00

## HISTORICAL SKETCH.

The Kansas City University owes its origin to two circumstances: The consummation of the life-long purpose of Dr. Samuel Fielding Mather—an esteemed physician of Kansas City, Kansas—to establish an institution of learning by the bequest of his estate to this end; and, secondly, to the conviction of the conferences of the Methodist Protestant Church in the western States of the necessity of an institution of learning in that part of the country for the growth and prosperity of our denomination.

Through a strange combination of circumstances that would require too much time to be narrated here, these at first widely separated purposes were merged into one. Dr. Mather was a Congregationalist, and no doubt



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would have preferred that the institution to receive his valuable estate should have been of his own Church; but as Congregationalists already had one struggling institution at Topeka, in Kansas, they hesitated to undertake the establishment of another. Dr. Mather then settled upon the Methodist Protestant Church as the one which, in his judgment, would be most likely to receive and administer his trust in that spirit which would best realize the purposes and desires of the giver.

In May, 1895, a Board of Trustees, appointed by the Methodist Protestant General Conference, formally accepted an offer made by Dr. Mather, and entered upon the work of establishing the Kansas City University. This alliance of effort between a Congregationalist and Methodist Protestants seems prophetic of the later developments, although at that time no

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There is also a balance in the Treasurer's hands from the current Endowment Fund which may be used for interest or turned over to the General Endowment Fund, since it was taken from there .....	453 16
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	\$26,619 16
And if we also place the balance from Mr. Downs' payment to the same account .....	227 00
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	\$26,837 16

we shall have increased our fund by \$227.78 since August, 1902.

GENERAL REMARKS ON DEBT AND ENDOWMENT.

Two mutually opposing factors of the College life, which call for most pressing attention, are the debt and the endowment. To have either one without the other at this time would undoubtedly settle conclusively the future of the College. But we have them both, and our attention should so be given to them that we may bring out of this contact a condition of success.

Let us summarize the situation. We have a debt whose charges annually, taking certain life contracts in connection with these, amounting to .....	\$2,325 00
We have an Endowment Fund whose income is more or less variable from year to year, but which may be reckoned to average somewhere about .....	1,500 00
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Leaving a balance to be made good annually of..... 825 00

Studying the situation, it appears very clear that the first thing to do is to cut down the interest charges. The plan of issuing bonds bearing two per cent. interest was conceived in this intent, as the easiest way to meet the demand. Already it would appear as if a reasonable success had attended the plan. We have secured \$10,000 for this purpose, and it only remains for us to secure from the Church a subscription for \$14,000, and the plan is accomplished.

Nothing has been done in this direction for the reason that no man could be secured to go through the Church with it, and it is useless to present merely by circular. But I believe a few months' energetic canvass would show the whole plan accomplished. Still, if I am mistaken, and it should take a year or longer, I believe it is the best plan before us for reducing the debt. If you will calculate it, you will see by changing this five per cent. debt of \$24,000 into a two per cent. of \$14,000 (for that is what it would be so far as interest is concerned), our annual interest charges would drop at once from \$2,325 to \$1,400, or, in other words, it would come within the income from our Endowment.

It seems to me, therefore, that this simple plan is at once feasible and comprehensive. And it must also be taken into account that the present issue of bonds is due to mature in 1911, so that it will not be long before something must be done to provide for that part of the debt whether it is refunded or not, as I propose.

If I were going to give my whole time as President to Adrian, I would concentrate my whole financial energy on securing the issue of these bonds and let every other scheme of a financial nature alone until this was accomplished.

T. H. LEWIS,  
*President of Adrian College.*

Since the above was written, we have been informed of a bequest to the College of \$700.00, and have also learned that as the residuary legatee of the Phillip Swift estate, the College will receive \$1,200 more from that source, making nearly \$2,000 additional, that may be applied to the reduction of the debt.

In conclusion we wish to say that there is much of hope in the condition of the College, and in its relation to the Church. The confidence of the Church in the College has been regained, as is shown by the regular college collection, and by the generous response made for funds to meet current expenses, as well as by the increased number of students applying for admission last fall.

Dr. Lewis' report above shows a decided reduction in the current expenses of the College, a considerable reduction of the debt, and a small increase in the endowment, and a large gain in funds that may be used to meet interest charges on debt.

President Anthony will give his attention to field work for the securing of students and funds for the present; and from this much is anticipated. But the vital thing for Adrian College is students; if these are secured everything else can be secured. We believe the Church is now showing a desire to sustain the College.

G. C. SMITH,  
C. E. WILBUR,  
F. W. PIERPONT,  
*Committee.*

## (Z). Report of Western Maryland College.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

May 20, 1904.

*To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church,  
Washington, D. C.:*

I have the honor of submitting a report of the condition of Western Maryland College, one of the official colleges of the Church.

fell due, transferring them to himself, that our interests might be in friendly hands. The debt was further increased in 1896 by the necessity of providing from eight to ten thousand dollars in cash to meet the balance due on the erection of Mather Hall. We were not able at that time to collect in the cash on our pledges sufficient to pay contractors the balance due on the building. Our contract with Dr. Mather required that all outstanding bills with contractors be liquidated at that date. In this emergency Mr. Heinz personally advanced the money necessary to fulfill the terms of the contract. At various times since he has advanced funds to pay taxes that had accumulated on our properties, until now these advances by him amount to upwards of forty thousand dollars. Besides this, Mr. Heinz has contributed outright to the University at various times sums aggregating about twenty thousand dollars. The heavy burden thus assumed by Mr. Heinz have led him to desire to be assured that the Church really felt its need of this institution and was disposed to share this burden with him. To ascertain this fact, he notified the authorities of the University at its last annual Board meeting that some measures must be devised to meet current expenses and other necessities of the institution for the future, before the next annual meeting of the Board, which will be about the middle of next month. Mr. Heinz stated that in case no such provision was made, he would be compelled to withdraw his support from the institution, but that in case some such provision was made, and the Church proved by rallying to its support that the institution was needed, he would continue his financial and moral support of the institution in the future as he has done in the past.

In this emergency a plan was devised to create a fund that would meet current expenses for the next five years while our property is growing in value, and also provide for the erection of a much needed additional building or buildings. This plan was to secure two thousand pledges of twenty-five dollars each, payable in annual installments of five dollars each, for five years. This fund was designated the "Emergency Fund." We have now secured pledges on this fund of nearly \$8,000. We hope to go on with the work until we get something near to the amount we started out to reach.

Mr. Heinz and Mr. W. S. Wilson, of Ohio, Illinois, conjointly made a proposition a few weeks ago to give five thousand dollars to the University if we could raise a similar amount in cash by the fifteenth of June next. The purpose of this offer was to stimulate the work of securing contributions to the Emergency Fund and also to get on hand cash to meet some of the obligations of the institution that will be due in June. We have cash and equivalent to the amount of nearly two thousand dollars to apply on this last offer of Messrs. Heinz and Wilson. We are hopeful that we may in the short time yet remaining secure the balance needed, or at least come near enough to it to justify these brethren in extending the time of the proposition.

Our success in accomplishing the purposes of the present financial campaign will be the turning point in the history of the institution. If we succeed, we retain the important support of Mr. Heinz; we provide for the maintenance of the institution during the next five years, while our property is being put into a shape to be productive; we secure the greatly needed new buildings; and we enter upon a new career of hopeful conditions. If we finally fail, we shall lose Mr. Heinz's powerful support; we shall be confronted by trying financial problems; we shall not be able to secure additional buildings, and the future will be full of gloom indeed. But we simply must not and shall not fail.

While this enterprise has the interests of our Church in the West more directly in view, it is nevertheless an aggressive movement of denominational progress in which the church as a whole is interested. It is a movement toward Church Extension on a large scale, and should appeal to the missionary spirit of the Church. Its success means much for the vigor of our church life. We confidently appeal to this General Conference, therefore, to take such actions as will bring to the support of this movement that co-operation from the whole Church that is essential to its success.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. STEPHENS,  
*Chancellor Kansas City University.*

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**(BB). A Statement of the Condition of the Kansas City University.**

A statement of the condition of the Kansas City University made to the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, Washington, D. C., May, 1904, by H. J. Heinz:

"It has occurred to me several times during the past year that it would not be transgressing the bounds of propriety for me to appear before the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church and make a statement of the affairs of the Kansas City University; of my past relations to it, and of my position respecting it in future. I feel satisfied that this Conference, exhibiting the broad catholicity of thought that has characterized its predecessors, would open the way for me to be heard. However, my plans have been so formulated by considerations which I could not well disregard, as to require my absence from the country at this time. I have felt constrained, therefore, to commit to writing the comment I have to submit relating to the Kansas City University, and I respectfully ask the same kind consideration of and indulgence toward this statement, as I have reason to believe you would have shown me if personally present.

8. ALUMNI HALL, one hundred and nine by eighty-three feet, and three stories high, is a massive structure, designed for the use of the Alumni Association, the literary societies, and especially for commencement and public lecture occasions. Its auditorium is one of the finest to be found anywhere, seating twelve hundred persons.

9. BAKER CHAPEL is a modern church building, devoted to the College Sunday School, and to the preaching services held there every Sunday evening.

10. Y. M. C. A. HALL is another building devoted to religious work. It has a reading room and an assembly room furnished for religious services.

11. LEVINE HALL is a building sixty by forty feet, three stories in height for the use of the Preparatory School.

12. GYMNASIUM, now being erected to take the place of a former building, as already explained. It will be seventy-six by forty-six feet, and will be fitted up in the best modern fashion.

13, 14, 15, 16, 17. DWELLINGS built or purchased for the use of the President and professors.

18, 19, 20. DWELLINGS built or purchased for the Chief Engineer, the Watchman and the Butler.

#### DEBT.

The College has never been out of debt. It began with a debt that grew up and down for twenty years and was finally extinguished in 1887. But it went into debt again and again as its needs appeared, and nearly all the property it now owns was purchased with borrowed money and slowly paid back out of the earnings of the institution. Its present debt amounts to \$17,000, represented by bonds bearing two per cent. interest and maturing in 1918. An additional loan of \$8,000 will be made to complete the new gymnasium, and by the creation of a sinking fund we expect to pay this off in about five years. With the exception of these items, Western Maryland College owes no debts. Its property is its own and is unencumbered.

#### ENDOWMENT.

The College has been so busy providing a suitable outfit for the conduct of its legitimate business, that it has had no time nor strength to devote to the matter of endowment. Unlike almost all other colleges, it did not begin with endowment, but with debt. But the time has come when it realizes that so valuable a plant should not be hazarded on the contingencies of current operations. And, what is less considered but really more pressing in importance, the annual cost of keeping up so much property is constantly increasing. Every addition to the buildings means increased annual expense, and our surplus has decreased as our plant has increased.



The penalty, in the event of non-compliance with these conditions, was loss of property acquired from him and of improvements erected thereon.

What has the University done toward meeting these conditions?

1. It paid Dr. Mather cash to the amount of \$5,500.
2. It indirectly assumed the indebtedness of \$10,825. Trustees representing me bought one claim, which had been reduced to judgment form in 1899, for \$3,325, and the other, which was in form of a mortgage, in 1902, for \$5,000, having previously paid \$2,500 on the same claim. This indebtedness has not been discharged, but the University has been substituted as obligator instead of the Mather estate, thus releasing that estate from liability. I have cheerfully advanced the \$10,825 required to place myself in a position where I could control these claims without prejudice to the interests of the institution.
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From the year 1867 to 1886, there were 971 students enrolled at Western Maryland College, counting each name but once. There was an average annual attendance of 115, and 168 were graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

From the year 1886 to June, 1903, 1,313 students have been enrolled, counting each name but once; there has been an average annual attendance of 233, and 396 have been graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

The whole number of students enrolled from the organization of the College to June, 1903, is 2,284, and the average annual attendance 174. Thirty-three classes were graduated in the same time with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, 564 in all, or an average of seventeen in each class.

During the last quadrennium we have had an average annual attendance of 242; we have graduated 118, or an average of twenty-nine in each class.

#### EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS.

Since the real value of a college lies in its educational work rather than in its material wealth or even in its student roll, something must be said of the condition of Western Maryland in this respect.

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The President of the Westminster Theological Seminary submits the following report:

DEAR BRETHREN—It is both an honor and a pleasure to submit the quadrennial report of the Westminster Theological Seminary, for along every line of activity the progress has been so marked that we have abundant cause to thank God and take courage.

**IMPROVEMENTS.**

The Library has been enriched by the contribution of 1,624 volumes; the campus has been beautified by terraces, lawns, gardens and the planting of 125 shade and fruit trees; the Seminary has been painted and re-furnished; to provide another residence on the grounds, Professor Douglas is collecting funds for the erection of the West Virginia Home; to protect our property from being bottled up by undesirable buildings, which would not only create a nuisance but damage the value of our plant, the Board of Governors has ordered the purchase of a tract of land of about two acres, which, added to that already in our possession, makes us the owners of about seven acres of land; and, best of all, the valuable heritage which was handed down to the present administration seven years ago without a dollar of debt remains unencumbered.

**ENDOWMENT.**

No special effort has been made to increase this fund, for other needs were more urgent; yet gradually it has grown until there is now invested about \$5,000.

**PRIZES.**

Four prizes are annually offered: Hebrews, by Dr. J. W. Hering, and Greek, by E. O. Grimes, both of Westminster, Maryland; Thesis, by J. Norman Will, of Greensboro, North Carolina, and Impromptu Debate, by Mrs. A. B. Drinkhouse, of Washington, D. C., as a memorial to her late husband, Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse, who first offered the prize in 1897.

**SCHOLARSHIPS.**

The first contribution to this fund was a \$100 scholarship in 1897. The first year of the quadrennium just closed witnessed the increase to six, and the last year the number was nine. Heretofore these \$100 scholarships have been annual, and the donors were under no obligation to continue; but a beginning has recently been made for perpetual scholarships. Two years ago a layman gave \$2,000 to perpetuate the Trinity Church Scholarship, and last year the will of Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse left a legacy of \$1,000 for the perpetuation of the Henrietta Gibson Scholarship. The sum total

one dreamed of the possibility of any closer relationship of these two denominations than then existed.

In September, 1896, Mather Hall was opened for the regular college work. Since that time the work of the institution has gone on uninterruptedly and with growing success.

#### PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS.

This institution has been a university in fact as well as in name from the start. At the outset it entered into affiliation with the College of Physicians and Surgeons, recognized to be the leading medical college in the State of Kansas. Later the oldest and best known Homeopathic medical colleges of the West also formed an alliance with us. The Kansas City School of Oratory entered into like relations with us. We have also established a college in Music, where thorough courses in both instrumental and vocal music are offered. A school of law is contemplated, and some steps have already been taken in this direction.

There have been in attendance in all departments of the University the past year something over four hundred students. Of these about one hundred and twenty have been enrolled in the literary department.

#### THE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

The prime object, as far as our Church is concerned in the organization of this institution, was the promotion of Methodist Protestantism in the great West. The life and growth of our denomination in this section of the country are dependent on the support and strength that such an institution will bring. Much of the future history of our country will be made in the great Mississippi Valley. If our denomination holds its own and gains ground in this growing section of our land, it will be accomplished only by educating our young people in the atmosphere of our own Church, and filling the ranks of our western conferences with young men trained in our own theological school. We, therefore, at the outset laid out a course of study for the training of young men for the ministry, and provided an equipment so far as practicable for a College of Theology. We have at the present time twelve or fifteen young men who are taking a course in theology, and have the ministry in view. The fields for mission work that are presented in this great city gave an admirable opportunity for young men to acquire practical training along with their theoretical knowledge. Already the ranks of many of our western conferences are filling up with young men who have gone from this institution.

#### COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ARRANGEMENT.

The State of Kansas has made provision for county high schools for such counties as want them. It also has enacted a statute that enables

school districts to make arrangement with existing schools for high school instruction where county high schools are not already in existence. By virtue of this arrangement a considerable number of the school districts of Wyandotte county have by vote selected the Academy connected with the University to take the place of the county high school. This is both an important financial advantage, and a gain in numerical strength. About fifty students were sent to our Academy this year from these school districts, and the probability is that we may have a hundred students from this source the coming year. The plan also promises to awaken an enthusiastic local support of our institution in the communities surrounding us. This influx of students has made the erection of a new building or buildings imperative. The crowded condition existing demands additional room. It is also essential for our continued prestige that we make progress.

#### PROPERTY INTERESTS.

As already intimated, a large part of the property of the University consists of lands and houses received from the estate of Dr. S. F. Mather. The University has received from this source, and from donations of land by a few other individuals, about two hundred acres of land in the suburbs of Kansas City, Kansas, within less than three miles of the heart of the city. In addition to this, about twenty residence properties and a number of vacant lots within the city limits were received from the Mather estate. The value of this property, including Mather Hall, at a conservative estimate, would be two hundred thousand dollars. While this property holds great future promises for the institution, it is not of great service to us at present. The rents from the properties of the University amount to about two thousand dollars per year. The taxes of the University come to about the same amount. For this reason our property is no substantial help to us at present. However, it is rapidly growing in value. The city is making great development, and is coming in our direction. Since our location in Kansas City, the best suburban electric line has been built out by the University, traversing our lands for nearly three-quarters of a mile, and giving the best of transportation facilities to and from the city, and also to the district lying beyond the University. The problem for us is to take care of this property for a few years, and the growth of the city will do the rest. In a few years this land, if properly husbanded, will create an endowment fund, the income from which ought to go very far toward meeting the current expenses of the institution.

#### FINANCES.

When the Mather estate came to us, there were encumbrances to the amount of about twenty thousand dollars upon it. Mr. H. J. Heinz, of Pittsburgh, Pa., has personally taken care of these encumbrances as they

fell due, transferring them to himself, that our interests might be in friendly hands. The debt was further increased in 1895 by the necessity of providing from eight to ten thousand dollars in cash to meet the balance due on the erection of Mather Hall. We were not able at that time to collect in the cash on our pledges sufficient to pay contractors the balance due on the building. Our contract with Dr. Mather required that all outstanding bills with contractors be liquidated at that date. In this emergency Mr. Heinz personally advanced the money necessary to fulfill the terms of the contract. At various times since he has advanced funds to pay taxes that had accumulated on our properties, until now these advances by him amount to upwards of forty thousand dollars. Besides this, Mr. Heinz has contributed outright to the University at various times sums aggregating about twenty thousand dollars. The heavy burden thus assumed by Mr. Heinz have led him to desire to be assured that the Church really felt its need of this institution and was disposed to share this burden with him. To ascertain this fact, he notified the authorities of the University at its last annual Board meeting that some measures must be devised to meet current expenses and other necessities of the institution for the future, before the next annual meeting of the Board, which will be about the middle of next month. Mr. Heinz stated that in case no such provision was made, he would be compelled to withdraw his support from the institution, but that in case some such provision was made, and the Church proved by rallying to its support that the institution was needed, he would continue his financial and moral support of the institution in the future as he has done in the past.

In this emergency a plan was devised to create a fund that would meet current expenses for the next five years while our property is growing in value, and also provide for the erection of a much needed additional building or buildings. This plan was to secure two thousand pledges of twenty-five dollars each, payable in annual installments of five dollars each, for five years. This fund was designated the "Emergency Fund." We have now secured pledges on this fund of nearly \$8,000. We hope to go on with the work until we get something near to the amount we started out to reach.

Mr. Heinz and Mr. W. S. Wilson, of Ohio, Illinois, conjointly made a proposition a few weeks ago to give five thousand dollars to the University if we could raise a similar amount in cash by the fifteenth of June next. The purpose of this offer was to stimulate the work of securing contributions to the Emergency Fund and also to get on hand cash to meet some of the obligations of the institution that will be due in June. We have cash and equivalent to the amount of nearly two thousand dollars to apply on this last offer of Messrs. Heinz and Wilson. We are hopeful that we may in the short time yet remaining secure the balance needed, or at least come near enough to it to justify these brethren in extending the time of the proposition.



Our success in accomplishing the purposes of the present financial campaign will be the turning point in the history of the institution. If we succeed, we retain the important support of Mr. Heinz; we provide for the maintenance of the institution during the next five years, while our property is being put into a shape to be productive; we secure the greatly needed new buildings; and we enter upon a new career of hopeful conditions. If we finally fail, we shall lose Mr. Heinz's powerful support; we shall be confronted by trying financial problems; we shall not be able to secure additional buildings, and the future will be full of gloom indeed. But we simply must not and shall not fail.

While this enterprise has the interests of our Church in the West more directly in view, it is nevertheless an aggressive movement of denominational progress in which the church as a whole is interested. It is a movement toward Church Extension on a large scale, and should appeal to the missionary spirit of the Church. Its success means much for the vigor of our church life. We confidently appeal to this General Conference, therefore, to take such actions as will bring to the support of this movement that co-operation from the whole Church that is essential to its success.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. STEPHENS,  
*Chancellor Kansas City University.*

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**(BB). A Statement of the Condition of the Kansas City University.**

A statement of the condition of the Kansas City University made to the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, Washington, D. C., May, 1904, by H. J. Heinz:

It has occurred to me several times during the past year that it would not be transgressing the bounds of propriety for me to appear before the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church and make a statement of the affairs of the Kansas City University; of my past relations to it, and of my position respecting it in future. I feel satisfied that this Conference, exhibiting the broad catholicity of thought that has characterized its predecessors, would open the way for me to be heard. However, my plans have been so formulated by considerations which I could not well disregard as to require my absence from the country at this time. I have felt constrained, therefore, to commit to writing the comment I have to submit relating to the Kansas City University, and I respectfully ask the same kind consideration of and indulgence toward this statement, as I have to you to believe you would have shown me if personally present.

Some of you are familiar with the origin of the movement which culminated in the educational enterprise of the Church in Kansas City, Kansas. Likewise, some of you are no doubt familiar with the history of the University from its inception until the present time. If to such, anything herein contained is repetition, let us assume that there are many present who do not know.

On October 13th, 1894, duly authorized by a resolution of the Board, the proper officers executed a contract with Dr. S. F. Mather, of Kansas City, Kansas, whereby deeds conveying property in the vicinity of Kansas City, Kansas, comprising some 145 acres, were placed in escrow, their delivery conditioned upon the performance of several things, namely, the payment to Dr. Mather of \$5,500 within a stipulated time; the assumption of certain indebtedness of his, amounting to about \$10,825, and the erection on a specified tract of land, included in one of the deeds, of a college building to cost not less than \$25,000; to be free of mechanics' liens or other encumbrances, and to commence the use of such for educational purposes before October 15th, 1896.

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4,000 (approximately) represents current unpaid bills.

Aside from advancement, the writer has donated at different times, amounts that will aggregate in the neighborhood of \$20,000. These sums have been paid, in a large part, in emergencies, when no other way of relief seemed open.

Representing not less than 95% of the money that has been advanced to the University, aside from notes in banks, to the amount of \$5,100, and with authority to speak for two or three whom I do not represent, I am free to say that the creditors of the institution are not here to press the payment of their claims. What we have done for the school has been a heart service. Our sincerest desire in the whole matter is the progress and success of the work. If the institution can be placed in a position where it can work out its salvation, I am free to say for my part, that its indebtedness to me is the last obligation it need pay. But, gentlemen, having stood under this load, with some assistance from a few steadfast friends, for several years. I feel that we should be relieved. What has been given has been given gladly and freely. What has been advanced has been offered in the same spirit, because we believed that the day would come when the logical supporters of this work, the people of the Methodist Protestant Church, would rally to its support and carry it forward to the victory that natural conditions unerringly point to. But there is a limit beyond which we do not feel called upon to go, and that limit we are rapidly approaching.

This institution, anchored in the Methodist Protestant Church, has been saved to the denomination. Its credit has been kept unimpaired; never has a creditor's suit been brought against it; its current bills, except those created within the present year, have been paid, at least annually.

Should the school close its doors at the end of this year, the failure to meet the condition prescribing the operation of the school for a particular time will cause, at least, the loss of the building, representing an investment of \$30,000, which at the price of building materials to-day could not be reproduced for less than \$40,000, and the twenty acres within which the campus is included. If the school is operated two years more, it is forever free from this danger.

This picture may be a dark one, but it is not dark if the Methodist Protestant Church has courage, faith in itself, an appreciation of what the success of this enterprise means to the prestige and progress of the denomination, and a realization of what failure would mean to it as a denomination.

Let us see what the Kansas City University possesses. In the first place, it has a fine, splendid building, well adapted to serve its intended purpose,

change proposed, but extended the claim for the exclusive right of ministers to legislate for the Church beyond what had ever been attempted before: "The great Head of the Church Himself has imposed on us the duty of preaching the Gospel; of administering its ordinances, and of maintaining its moral discipline among those over whom the Holy Ghost in these respects has made us overseers. Of these also, namely, of Gospel doctrines, ordinances, and moral discipline, we do believe that the divinely instituted ministry are the divinely authorized expounders; and that the duty of maintaining them in their purity, and of not permitting our ministrations in these respects to be authoritatively controlled by others, does rest upon us with the force of a moral obligation."

#### EXPULSION.

The resources of peaceable reform would thus seem to have been exhausted; but it is probable that the Protestants would have continued discussion and petition indefinitely, had they been permitted. It is certain that they professed again and again their loyalty to the Church, and their strong desire to remain in its communion. But this they were not allowed to do. Immediately after the "Mutual Rights" began to be circulated, and Union Societies began to be formed, members of the Church in various sections of the country were threatened by their pastors with expulsion unless they would cease to read the "Mutual Rights" and withdraw from the Union Societies.

When they were brought to trial and insisted on being informed what law of the Church or of the Bible they had violated, they were referred to a clause of one of the "General Rules" of John and Charles Wesley, which forbids "speaking evil of Magistrates or of Ministers," yet it should have been well known that by "Ministers" Mr. Wesley meant Ministers of State, and not clergymen—and to a regulation of the General Conference forbidding "inveighing against either our Doctrines or Discipline," which the General Conference itself declared admitted of no other construction than "the sense of un-Christian railing and violence."

One Annual Conference went a step further, and replied through its presiding bishop to the demand of an accused minister to know what law of the Discipline he had violated, that "An Annual Conference has authority to make rules and regulations for its own members."

These facts would seem to show that the majority were not careful to find the violated law. They had an occasion, and they had the power. Their determination was voiced by one of their leaders as follows: "You publish the 'Mutual Rights' and say you will not discontinue that publication. You also say you will not withdraw from the Methodist Episcopal Church. Now we are reduced to one of two alternatives, either to let you remain members of the Church and go on peaceably publishing the 'Mutual Rights' by which you agitate the Church, or expel you. We have come to the determination to take the latter alternative, and expel you."

No discussion of the educational features of the work is here attempted, as the Chancellor and others are in a better position to enlighten you as to the accomplishments and possibilities in this direction.

In conclusion permit me to thank you for your indulgence in receiving this statement. If this work is to be laid down, it shall be with reluctance, for while it has brought its share of anxiety, cares and burdens, it has brought also much of happiness, and memories of love and brotherly affection, which shall continue a source of pleasure through the remaining years.

I sincerely hope and pray that your action, and that of the churches which you represent, will be such as will make assured the future of this University, and may you be led by Divine wisdom to a wise and happy solution of the question."

Most sincerely,

H. J. HEINZ.

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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1896 TO APRIL 1, 1904.

*Receipts.*

Rents .....	\$ 8,617 84
Subscriptions and donations .....	73,594 05
Tuitions .....	6,135 22
Real Estate Sales .....	11,653 64
Notes Discounted .....	5,100 00
Judgment and interest thereon .....	4,436 11
Mortgages with accrued interest .....	52,144 64
	<hr/> \$161,681 50

*Disbursements.*

General Expenses .....	\$32,513 29
Discount and Interest .....	21,363 57
Salaries .....	47,694 84
University Expense .....	9,123 38
Music Department Account .....	792 15
Cost of University Buildings .....	29,663 92
Paid to Mather Estate .....	5,500 00
For Assignment of Mortgage .....	5,000 00
For Assignment of Judgment .....	3,474 52
Endowment Fund .....	587 94
Fixtures and Live Stock .....	2,535 89
Sheriff for Morrison Farm .....	2,500 00
Sundries .....	54 60
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**(CC). Report of the Westminster Theological Seminary.**

The President of the Westminster Theological Seminary submits the following report:

DEAR BRETHREN—It is both an honor and a pleasure to submit the quadrennial report of the Westminster Theological Seminary, for along every line of activity the progress has been so marked that we have abundant cause to thank God and take courage.

**IMPROVEMENTS.**

The Library has been enriched by the contribution of 1,624 volumes; the campus has been beautified by terraces, lawns, gardens and the planting of 125 shade and fruit trees; the Seminary has been painted and re-furnished; to provide another residence on the grounds, Professor Douglas is collecting funds for the erection of the West Virginia Home; to protect our property from being bottled up by undesirable buildings, which would not only create a nuisance but damage the value of our plant, the Board of Governors has ordered the purchase of a tract of land of about two acres, which, added to that already in our possession, makes us the owners of about seven acres of land; and, best of all, the valuable heritage which was handed down to the present administration seven years ago without a dollar of debt remains unencumbered.

**ENDOWMENT.**

No special effort has been made to increase this fund, for other needs were more urgent; yet gradually it has grown until there is now invested about \$5,000.

**PRIZES.**

Four prizes are annually offered: Hebrews, by Dr. J. W. Hering, and Greek, by E. O. Grimes, both of Westminster, Maryland; Thesis, by J. Norman Will, of Greensboro, North Carolina, and Impromptu Debate, by Mrs. A. B. Drinkhouse, of Washington, D. C., as a memorial to her late husband, Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse, who first offered the prize in 1897.

**SCHOLARSHIPS.**

The first contribution to this fund was a \$100 scholarship in 1897. The first year of the quadrennium just closed witnessed the increase to six, and the last year the number was nine. Heretofore these \$100 scholarships have been annual, and the donors were under no obligation to continue; but a beginning has recently been made for perpetual scholarships. Two years ago a layman gave \$2,000 to perpetuate the Trinity Church Scholarship, and last year the will of Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse left a legacy of \$1,000 for the perpetuation of the Henrietta Gibson Scholarship. The sum total

distributed out of this fund during the quadrennium is \$3,120. These distributions are not loans, but gifts. The aim is to bestow this aid upon College graduates who are in debt to the Board of Ministerial Education for their collegiate training. They are thus enabled, after graduating from College, to enter the Seminary for a Theological course without adding to their financial burden. Whatever may have been the justification in the past, there is no longer a monetary reason for our candidates for the ministry entering the work unprepared.

#### CONFERENCE SUPPORT.

The last quadrennial report indicated that only six Conferences were contributing to the support of the Seminary—Maryland, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. Six have since come to our aid—Ohio, Muskingum, Indiana, Pittsburgh, Onondaga and Genesee.

In 1901 the collections on Seminary assessment was \$2,073.31; in 1902, \$2,204.88; in 1903, \$2,626.58, and in 1904, \$3,086.41; total, \$9,991.18.

#### NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

The year just ended shows a roll of nineteen students, the largest list enrolled under the present administration. Eight Conferences were represented: Maryland, 8; New Jersey, 4; Ohio, 2; West Virginia, 1; Illinois, 1; New York, 1; Alabama, 1, and Louisiana, 1. It is the ambition of those in control to live to see the day when every Conference in our Church shall be served by Seminary graduates.

#### THE ALUMNI.

The Seminary has graduated seventy-two men. These are scattered over fourteen States, and two of them are missionaries in Japan. This wide geographical distribution is rapidly widening the circle of influence so essential to the success of the institution, and already many of these men are in the front ranks as preachers, Conference Presidents, College and Seminary Professors. More and more our denominational thought is being shaped and our Christian character is being moulded by our educated ministry.

#### DEATHS.

Three members of the Board of Governors have died since the last session of the General Conference—Dr. L. W. Bates, President of the Board from its organization; William J. C. Dulany, also a member from the first, and Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse, who, at the time of his death, was the President of the Board. The Faculty has suffered loss in the death of Dr. B. F. Benson, Professor of Systematic and Practical Theology. These men, tried and true, wise in counsel and deep in consecration, have passed be-



yond the range of vision, but their mantle has fallen upon other brethren, who are loyal to the Church and the Christ of their predecessors. So the work goes on though the workmen fall.

Your attention is called to the fact that the Charter calls upon this General Conference to elect two ministers and three laymen to serve as members of the Board of Governors for the ensuing quadrennium.

The report now closes with an appeal to the Church for contributions to the following named funds:

First, the Endowment Fund. Our well-to-do laymen are solicited to either make an immediate gift or a provision in their wills for their own Theological Seminary.

Second, the Scholarship Fund. \$100 will provide a Free Scholarship for one year, and the donor will have the privilege of naming the beneficiary.

Third, the Library Fund. Cash subscriptions are preferred, but donations of standard theological works are always acceptable.

Fourth, Conference Assessments. All Conferences are urged to keep the Seminary interests before their people, and all Conferences not yet contributing aid are respectfully requested to give a hearing to the President of the Seminary or some of its agents, and to assess their Districts according to their ability. In return for such help, they may send to the Seminary any number of students free of tuition, and, if any of them be College graduates, they will be eligible to the Free Scholarship Fund yielding annually \$100.00.

With deep gratitude to the ministry and laity for their hearty co-operation, and with a profound sense of obligation to the great Head of the Church for the blessings of His Providence and grace.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH LATIMER ELDERDICE, *President.*

May 20th, 1904.

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**(DD). Report of the Committee of Westminster College.**

*To the President and Members of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, Washington, D. C.:*

DEAR SIR AND BRETHREN—We have the honor to present to you the report of the Committee of Westminster College, Tehuacana, Texas:

In behalf of the Board of Regents of the Institution, the General Conference is asked to recognize this College as an "Official College of the Methodist Protestant Church." This recognition is desired so that the adjoining Conference may act according to regular order in supporting this College, and that we may deal with the General Boards of the Church in official capacity.

## HISTORY.

A school was opened in Westminster, Collins county, Texas, and was carried on with success at that place from 1895 until 1902, when an opportunity was opened for its removal to the present location. The College formerly located at Tehuacana had been removed to another location, and the citizens of Tehuacana made a deed to all the property there to Westminster College of the Methodist Protestant Church, provided they would maintain a school for a period of ten years.



**Westminster College, Texas.**

## PROPERTY.

The building now occupied is now estimated to be worth \$75,000. A dormitory has been purchased now worth \$3,000; the laboratories, equipment, furniture and other real estate is valued at \$3,061.00, making a total valuation of property of \$81,061.00.

The liabilities against the Board of Regents for outstanding claims are \$1,655.00 in notes and accounts, and \$1,000 worth of property, notes and

cash held for the Methodist Protestant Church at Westminster, Texas, the point from which the College was moved. There are no mortgages on any property held by the institution.

#### ATTENDANCE.

The number enrolled in the College last year was seventy-two; this year sixty-three. It is to be noted that a Preparatory School is carried on in connection with the College, and departments of music and elocution are maintained, which give a total enrollment in all departments for each year of about two hundred and ten, the highest enrollment being two hundred and thirty-four.

#### NEEDS.

The great need of the institution at this time is a library. Only a bare start has been made in collecting books; there is need of pupils to make the school self-sustaining; money is needed for incidental expenses and for the Endowment Fund; the College Board has employed as financial agent, Rev. H. J. Hartsell, and the Church at large is appealed to that they may respond in his efforts and to our need.

We have made a start on an Endowment Fund, and have adopted a plan of income for incidental expenses known as the "Centurian Fund," in which a person agrees to pay \$1.00 per month to the support of the institution.

#### ORGANIZATION.

The College is a chartered institution, and has a course leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Letters, and in the College of Theology, to the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. The College has conferred the degree of A. B. on fifteen graduates, and the degree of B. D. on two.

No honorary degrees have ever been conferred.

This report is respectfully submitted by order of the Board of Regents in annual session at Tehuacana, Texas, on the 16th of May, 1904.

Very respectfully,

C. O. STUBBS,  
*President College of Arts and Science.*

HARRY H. RICE,  
*President College of Theology.*

### Historical Sketch of the Origin of the Methodist Protestant Church.

The Methodist Protestant Church, instituted in 1828, and organized under its present title in 1830, traces its origin through the Methodist Episcopal Church, back to that Evangelical Reformation begun in England by John and Charles Wesley, of Oxford University, and Presbyters of the Church of England.

#### RISE OF METHODISM.

The rise of Methodism is described by Mr. John Wesley as follows: "In 1729, two young men reading the Bible, saw they could not be saved without holiness, followed after it, and incited others so to do. In 1737, they saw holiness comes by faith. They saw likewise that men are justified before they are sanctified; but still holiness was their point. God then thrust them out, utterly against their will, to raise a holy people.

In the latter end of the year 1739, eight or ten persons came to me in London, who appeared to be deeply convinced of sin, and earnestly groaning for redemption. They desired (as did two or three more the next day) that I would spend some time with them in prayer, and advise them how to flee from the wrath to come, which they saw continually hanging over their heads.

That we might have more time for this great work, I appointed a day when they might all come together, which, from thenceforward, they did every week, namely, on Thursday in the evening. To these, and as many more as desired to join them (for their number increased daily), I gave those advices from time to time, which I judged most needful to them, and we always concluded our meeting with prayer suited to their several necessities.

This was the rise of the United Society, first in London and then in other places. Such a society is no other than a company of men, having the form, and seeking the power of Godliness, united in order to pray together; to receive the word of exhortation, and to watch over one another in love; that they may help each other to work out their own salvation."

#### GROWTH AND ORGANIZATION IN AMERICA.

John and Charles Wesley came to America in 1736 and remained nearly two years, but this was before the Methodist movement had taken definite shape even in their own minds, and their labors here were without practical result.

Methodism began in America with the coming of Philip Embury, of Ireland, to New York City, and of Robert Strawbridge, of Ireland, to Frederick county, Maryland, in 1766. In 1769, Mr. Wesley sent Richard Boardman and Joseph Pilmoor, and in 1771, Francis Asbury and Richard Wright.



## ORIGIN OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.

The particular protest made by those who finally organized the Methodist Protestant Church, was aimed at the feature of the government, which was regarded as the real cause of all the dissatisfaction among Methodists, viz., the exclusion of laymen from the councils of the Church, and withholding from them the right of suffrage.

After years of desultory discussion of this point, William S. Stockton, a layman, of Philadelphia, Pa., began in 1821 the publication of DISCUSSION, a periodical called the "Wesleyan Repository," which was intended to provide a medium for the more formal examination of what began to be called "the mutual rights of the ministry and laity," and also to spread abroad the views of leading ministers and laymen on this subject.

This publication was superseded in 1824 by "The Mutual Rights of Ministers and Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church," published at Baltimore, Maryland, with the same general object in view. A large number of pamphlets also, privately printed, contributed to the stream of discussion, which continued to spread over the Church.

## PETITION.

When the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in 1824, a large number of petitions were presented, praying a representation of ministers and laymen in the law-making department, but no change was promised, and the only answer vouchsafed was: "If by 'rights and privileges' it is intended to signify something foreign from the institutions of the Church as we received them from our fathers, pardon us if we know no such rights: if we do not comprehend such privileges."

Immediately after the close of the General Conference, a meeting was held, composed of distinguished members of the Conference, and others from different parts of the country, to consider whether it were advisable to continue efforts for the reform. It was decided to recommend to Reformers everywhere to organize themselves into societies "in order to ascertain the number of persons in the Methodist Episcopal Church friendly to a change in her government." These were called Union Societies, and their whole object was so to unite the Reformers as to present to the next General Conference a petition which would obviate the objection made against the appeals to the Conference of 1824; that they were so various and conflicting in their aims, it was impossible to discover what they wanted, or who wanted them.

In November, 1827, a General Convention was held in Baltimore, composed of one hundred delegates representing Reformers in seven States, by whom a Memorial was prepared to be presented to the ensuing General Conference, praying for the admission of laymen into the legislative councils of the Church.

The General Conference, after deliberating three whole weeks in committee upon the Memorial, not only denied the necessity or justice of the

change proposed, but extended the claim for the exclusive right of ministers to legislate for the Church beyond what had ever been attempted before: "The great Head of the Church Himself has imposed on us the duty of preaching the Gospel; of administering its ordinances, and of maintaining its moral discipline among those over whom the Holy Ghost in these respects has made us overseers. Of these also, namely, of Gospel doctrines, ordinances, and moral discipline, we do believe that the divinely instituted ministry are the divinely authorized expounders; and that the duty of maintaining them in their purity, and of not permitting our ministrations in these respects to be authoritatively controlled by others, does rest upon us with the force of a moral obligation."

#### EXPULSION.

The resources of peaceable reform would thus seem to have been exhausted; but it is probable that the Protestants would have continued discussion and petition indefinitely, had they been permitted. It is certain that they professed again and again their loyalty to the Church, and their strong desire to remain in its communion. But this they were not allowed to do. Immediately after the "Mutual Rights" began to be circulated, and Union Societies began to be formed, members of the Church in various sections of the country were threatened by their pastors with expulsion unless they would cease to read the "Mutual Rights" and withdraw from the Union Societies.

When they were brought to trial and insisted on being informed what law of the Church or of the Bible they had violated, they were referred to a clause of one of the "General Rules" of John and Charles Wesley, which forbids "speaking evil of Magistrates or of Ministers," yet it should have been well known that by "Ministers" Mr. Wesley meant Ministers of State, and not clergymen—and to a regulation of the General Conference forbidding "inveighing against either our Doctrines or Discipline," which the General Conference itself declared admitted of no other construction than "the sense of un-Christian railing and violence."

One Annual Conference went a step further, and replied through its presiding bishop to the demand of an accused minister to know what law of the Discipline he had violated, that "An Annual Conference has authority to make rules and regulations for its own members."

These facts would seem to show that the majority were not careful to find the violated law. They had an occasion, and they had the power. Their determination was voiced by one of their leaders as follows: "You publish the 'Mutual Rights' and say you will not discontinue that publication. You also say you will not withdraw from the Methodist Episcopal Church. Now we are reduced to one of two alternatives, either to let you remain members of the Church and go on peaceably publishing the 'Mutual Rights' by which you agitate the Church, or expel you. We have come to the determination to take the latter alternative, and expel you."

It seems difficult to believe, but it is the literal fact of history, that this ruthless determination was rigorously executed. In North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and the District of Columbia, able and efficient ministers, prominent and devoted laymen, men who lived blameless and pious lives and against whom no charge of heresy or immoral conduct could be brought, were excommunicated because they read and recommended to their friends a religious newspaper, in whose columns it was argued that laymen ought to be admitted into the councils of the Church.

The immediate effect of these expulsions was to convince Reformers that there was no hope of obtaining any change in the government, and they began to withdraw in considerable numbers in various parts of the country, both as a mark of their sympathy with their persecuted brethren, and as their final protest against a power that struck but would not hear.

#### ORGANIZATION.

As for the expelled and their friends, nothing remained but to form a new Church. They were Methodists, and the only Methodist Church in existence had cast them out. They had no controversy with Methodism, for its doctrines and spirit and experience were their joy and their crown. But because they did not believe it was necessary for the lovely and free spirit of Methodism to be cast in the mould of absolutism, and because they could not consent to the suppression of free speech in behalf of free suffrage, they sorrowfully took up the task of organizing a new Church, which should hold fast to all the distinctive features of Methodism, and at the same time ally it to all the great heritage which Protestantism had bequeathed to the world; which two ideas they sought to express in its name.

Reformers throughout the country were invited to send delegates to a convention to meet in Baltimore, November 12th, 1828. This convention effected a provisional organization under the title of "The Associated Methodist Churches," adopted Articles of Association covering the main features of a church to serve until a Constitution could be matured, and called another convention to meet in 1830.

Meanwhile local churches were gathered, and annual conferences organized; and when the General Conference met in St. John's Church, Baltimore, Maryland, November 2d, 1830, fourteen Annual Conferences were represented by one hundred and fourteen delegates.

The title "Methodist Protestant Church" was substituted for the former title, and the Constitution and Discipline adopted substantially as it still remains.

And so at last the long controversy was closed. The desire of the Reformers to remain in the old Church, and accomplish changes in its government by the peaceable methods of discussion, was not realized. But perhaps it was better so. Set free from the past, albeit by the stern mandate of an angry authority, they were now disentangled from the American



as well as the English hierarchy, and at liberty to recur to the advice of Mr. Wesley, which the Conference of 1784 had strangely ignored, and "simply to follow the Scriptures and the primitive church" in laying the foundations of the new ecclesiasticism. That they did this completely would be too much for uninspired judgment to claim: but that they earnestly desired to do it, and welcomed discussion or even change of what they did when shown a better way, is asserted with confidence.

OUTLINE OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CONSTITUTION.

They drew up a Constitution which recognized Christ as the only Head of the Church, and all elders in the Church as equals, which secured to every adult layman the right to vote and to be represented in every church meeting, and to every itinerant the right of appeal from an oppressive appointment and a veto upon his removal from a charge while in the faithful discharge of his duty, until the expiration of his term; which made Church trials for matters of opinion impossible, and gave to every accused person the right to challenge his jurors and appeal from their verdict; which refused the modern episcopacy as unscriptural and the presiding eldership as unnecessary; which guarded, as a necessary part of organic law, the rights and privileges of individual members and local churches as carefully as those of the Annual and General Conferences, and yet bound all parts of the system together in lawful and loyal co-operation for the advancement of the common good. In fine, they built a Representative Church. And, not being Englishmen, but Americans; having no traditional prejudices in favor of a divine-right monarchy or a divine-right hierarchy, they took for their model "the church without a bishop, and the State without a king," which had been planted in this new continent at the expense of so much treasure and blood.

They made a church government in harmony with the Republic, to which they gave their glad allegiance as citizens; and in conformity, so far as they understood them, with the principles of the Kingdom of God.

**MEMORIAL**

from

**The General Convention of Christian Endeavor Societies of  
the Methodist Protestant Church.**

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Twelve years ago, the General Conference at Westminster, Md., in response to a memorial from the Pittsburgh Conference Union of Christian Endeavor Societies, gave its sanction to a General Convention of the societies of Christian Endeavor in our Church, and also to the appointment of a General Secretary of Christian Endeavor work, and voted: "To leave the matter of selecting a General Secretary to the wisdom and discretion of said General Convention." In the discussion which preceded this action, there was developed in the Conference the view that the time had not come for making said Secretary a salaried officer, in which view the denominational union has since loyally acquiesced.

In the twelve years intervening the number of Christian Endeavor Societies in the Church has increased from 355 to more than 800, and the denominational union feels that the situation has so changed as that the best development of our Christian Endeavor work now demands a salaried field Secretary, who shall devote his whole time to the work. The following plan of work has been outlined by the Executive Committee of the denominational union:

1. To travel throughout the Church, especially in the Conferences where the C. E. work is least developed; to help pastors and C. E. workers to organize new societies; to strengthen weak societies by means of conferences and addresses; to assist in organizing conference unions in the twenty conferences that have none; and to bring conference unions into closer touch with the denominational union, always aiming to supplement, and never to supercede the pastors and conference union workers.

2. To develop the Endeavorers in missionary benevolence, by circulating literature; encouraging missionary study classes; and stimulating systematic giving; all the missionary money raised to go through our denominational boards, the field Secretary supplementing the work of the boards rather than inaugurating new work for the Endeavorers.

3. To co-operate in carrying into effect the course of study recommended by the General Conference; to assist in holding conference and district conventions when needed; and, in conjunction with other officers

of the union to arrange for the denominational convention; to edit such department in the young people's paper as the Board of Publication may establish for the Christian Endeavorers, if the Board so desire him to do, and to do such other work as the Executive Committee may direct.

4. With reference to the compensation of the field Secretary the denominational union proposes to secure a fixed salary through voluntary offerings from the local societies. For the first year we propose to secure a guarantee fund before beginning the work. We feel assured that the man and the means will be forthcoming. We are now in touch with about 800 societies, and with the efforts of the field Secretary, we believe we shall soon double that number, inasmuch as half of the annual conferences have no C. E. societies within their bounds.

A special committee of the convention, consisting of Rev. C. F. Swift, Rev. D. C. Coburn, Rev. J. C. Berrien, Rev. T. M. Johnson, Rev. H. L. Feeman, Dr. J. D. Watson and Mr. J. S. Addis, recommended that the Convention memorialize the General Conference to give its approval to the plan of work herein set forth.

We, the Executive Committee of the denominational union, therefore request that this General Conference, in such a way as it may deem best, sanction the employment of a salaried secretary, the denominational union to be responsible for his salary.

We bring this memorial in this detailed form at the suggestion of your Committee on Christian Endeavor, praying your favorable consideration.

JAMES H. STRAUGHN, <i>President</i> ,	J. C. BERRIEN,
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W. G. McDaniels,	J. B. Watson,
J. W. Kirk.	A. W. Stewart.

**Sunday Schools And Young People's Societies.**

J. D. Kinzer, Chairman,

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W. B. Ussilton.	Mrs. Ida Dorney.

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George H. Miller, Chairman,

G. K. Brown,	W. E. Sheppard,
C. M. Johnson.	G. B. Moore.

**Committee On President's Report.**

George Shaffer, Chairman,

W. H. Graham,	Ira C. Post,
W. H. Swain.	Jacob May.

**Committee On Statistics.**

J. McD. Radford, Chairman,

W. H. Haggis,	W. N. Swift,
J. C. Murray.	W. W. Tapp.

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T. A. Murray, Chairman,  
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A. M. Rankin, W. S. Phillips.

### Committee On Aggressive Evangelism.

C. F. Swift, Chairman,  
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W. O. Atwood, T. E. Hodges.

### Committee On Deaconess Work.

F. T. Tagg, Chairman,  
H. H. Price, M. M. Campbell,  
W. B. Usilton, Felix Blaising.

### Committee On Methodist Protestant Brotherhood.

F. C. Klein, Chairman,  
J. N. Wills, Ira Champion,  
A. D. Williams, A. E. Fletcher.

### Committee On General Agents' Salaries.

R. T. Pickens, Chairman,  
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M. D. Helmick, F. N. Foster.

### Committee On Church Union.

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### Alabama.

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W. G. McDaniel, Speigener, Ala.	A. C. Rogers, Speigener,
J. P. Morgan, Elmore, Ala.	J. S. Kilpatrick, Reform,
S. H. Lynch, Troy, Ala.	Ira Champion, Troy, Ala.

### Arkansas.

<i>Ministerial.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>
M. C. Jackson.	G. B. Sherman.
J. R. Tatum.	John Freeman.

### Alabama (Colored Mission).

<i>Ministerial.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>
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### Colorado-Texas.

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C. W. Banks.	L. H. McDornan.

### Central Texas.

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G. W. Sanders,	Prof. C. O. Stubbs,
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### California Mission.

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### Charleston (Colored Mission).

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M. P. Richardson,	A. Askill.
Eutawville, S. C.	

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James Ross.	A. L. Maynard,
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### Fort Smith Mission.

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### Georgia.

<i>Ministerial.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>
J. McD. Radford,	W. C. Adamson.
Carrollton, Ga.	J. J. Barge, Atlanta, Ga.
R. S. McGarrity, Jefferson, Ga.	

### Genesee.

<i>Ministerial.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>
P. O. Wildey, Greece, N. Y.	Ira McMichael, Arkport, N

President Lewis announced Chairmen of Committees as follows: Publishing Interests, R. T. Pickens; Revision, M. L. Jennings; Missions, Daniel Baker; Education, M. D. Helmick; Judiciary, F. N. Foster.

Papers bearing on the matter of Church Union were presented by the retiring president, F. T. Tagg.

It was moved and seconded that a Committee on Church Union be created, to be composed of one member from each Conference delegation, said selection to be made by the respective delegations. Motion carried.

Upon motion it was decided, by standing vote, to reconsider the above action.

A substitute motion providing for a committee of 21 members to be composed of 11 ministers and 10 laymen was lost.

Upon motion the original motion was so amended as to provide for the appointment of one member from each Conference delegation, said appointment to be made by the President.

The report of the Pulpit Committee was adopted.

By motion the Secretary was instructed to have the list of committees printed for the convenience of members of the Conference.

The Committee on Credentials offered its completed report, which was adopted. (Paper No. 3.)

The report of the Committee on Rules of Order was presented and adopted. (Paper No. 4.)

A resolution was presented, signed by J. W. Kirk and S. R. Harris, providing for the appointment of a special committee of five members on "Aggressive Evangelism." The resolution was adopted.

The following memorial was presented by J. M. Sheridan, President, and W. S. Phillips, Secretary, of the Maryland Conference:

*Resolved*, That this Conference does not approve of the baptism of infants neither parent of whom has made such profession of faith and obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ as admits to membership in the Christian Church.

Upon motion this resolution was referred to the Committee on Revision.

The following memorial, signed by J. M. Sheridan and W. S. Phillips, President and Secretary of the Maryland Annual Conference, was presented:

*Resolved*, That the Maryland Annual Conference respectfully memorialize the next General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church at its session in Pittsburg in May to create a Fire Insurance Association for the purpose of insuring our church, parsonage and other properties.

Upon motion the appointment of a Special Committee of Five to consider the matter was authorized, said Committee to be appointed by the Chair.

Report of the Committee on Unification of Methodist Churches in Japan was presented and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The noon hour having arrived, Conference took a recess to 2 P. M., at which hour business was resumed.

#### Afternoon Session.

A resolution relating to law enforcement and temperance reform was presented by a representative from West Virginia. Upon motion the usual order was suspended in order that the matter might be given immediate consideration. By motion the resolution was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

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J. R. Tatum.	John Freeman.

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<b>Baltimore (Colored Mission).</b>	
<i>Ministerial.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>

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### Central Texas.

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### California Mission.

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Eutawville, S. C.	

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Carrollton, Ga.	J. J. Barge, Atlanta, Ga.
R. S. McGarrity, Jefferson, Ga.	

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A report of the Board of Ministerial Education was presented and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Chair named the Committee on Fire Insurance Association as follows: T. A. Murray, chairman; J. J. Barge, A. M. Rankin, W. S. Phillips, T. M. Johnson.

The Committee on Aggressive Evangelism was named as follows: C. F. Swift, G. W. Haddaway, C. D. Sinkinson, W. O. Atwood and T. E. Hodges.

A. O. Horney was appointed by the Chair to serve on the Statistical Committee in the place of R. E. Games, who was excused on account of duties as assistant secretary.

A paper signed by F. T. Little and W. N. Swift was received and referred to the Committee on Revision.

At the suggestion of the President a few minutes were spent in song and prayer, after which representatives from the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, now in session in the city of Baltimore, were received.

The deputation consisted of Bishop H. W. Warren, D. D., LL. D., senior Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. John F. Goucher, D. D., LL. D., of Baltimore, Md., and United States Senator J. P. Dolliver, of Iowa.

Bishop Warren placed in the hands of the Secretary the following resolutions, which were passed by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, now in session:

May 16, 1908.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania:

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

I take pleasure in communicating to you that the following resolutions were introduced and adopted by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Baltimore, May 11th and 16th, 1908:

**WHEREAS**, The essential causes leading to the separation from our communion of those who organized the Methodist Protestant Church in 1828 do not appear to us to be any longer matters of controversy, and

**WHEREAS**, Our own Church has introduced important changes into its governmental system since 1828 in the direction contended for by Methodist Protestants, and

**WHEREAS**, Those who went out from us in 1828 were at no time doctrinally or morally subject to reproach, but differed from us solely on questions of government, and have always maintained the beliefs, methods and spirit of Methodism, therefore,

**Resolved**, That appreciating and honoring the Methodist Protestant Church, and the good work it has done in the world for Christ, we in the spirit of brotherly love, obedient to the desire for fellowship with all who are called Methodists, and in harmony with the prayer of our Lord for the unity of the Church, do respectfully submit to our brethren of the Methodist Protestant Church whether the time has not come when they can, without sacrificing any essential principle their fathers contended for, resume their relations with us and thus inaugurate a movement for a re-united and common Methodism in America.

**Resolved**, That this General Conference hereby affectionately invites the Methodist Protestant Church, through its General Conference, to renew organic fellowship with the Methodist Episcopal Church; and if this shall seem good to them, to appoint a commission to confer with a like commission of this General Conference to consummate this result.



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L. A. Smith, 1015 S. Campbell St., Springfield, Mo.	J. F. Howe, Ionia, Mo.

**Muskingum.**

<i>Ministerial.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>
Charles H. Beck, West Lafayette, O.	A. N. Fell, New Alenandine, O.
D. C. Coburn, Zanesville, O.	J. C. Fisher, Coshocton, O.
M. L. Jennings, Pittsburg, Pa.	*U. N. Kellar, Fostoria, O.
J. T. Black, West Lafayette, O.	M. Yingling, Newcomerstown, O.
W. E. Harrison, Toronto, O.	W. B. Goucher, Toronto, O.
S. S. Fisher, Coshocton, O.	A. M. Lyons, Steubenville, O.
G. H. Miller, Steubenville, O.	*F. C. Chambers, Steubenville, O.

**Northeast Arkansas.**

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W. A. House.	Bertha Gray.

**New York.**

<i>Ministerial.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>
F. W. Varney, Rockville Center, L. I., N. Y.	C. W. Washburn, White Plains, N. Y.

**New Jersey.**

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C. D. Sinkinson, Pacific and Belmont Aves., Atlantic City, N. J.	George Coxton, Millville, N. J.
W. D. Stultz,, Manasquan, N. J.	J. H. Timberman, Glassboro, N. J.

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W. E. Swain, Asheboro, N. C.	J. N. Wills, Greensboro, N. C.
T. M. Johnson, Asheboro, N. C.	R. T. Pickens, High Point, N. C.
R. M. Andrews, Mebane, N. C.	A. M. Rankin, High Point, N. C.
T. J. Ogburn, Greensboro, N. C.	T. A. Hunter, Greensboro, N. C.
J. D. Williams.	S. R. Harris, Henderson, N. C.
J. F. McCulloch, Greensboro, N. C.	W. R. Goley, Graham, N. C.
J. S. Williams, Asheville, N. C.	A. J. Harris, Henderson, N. C.
C. L. Whitaker, Enfield, N. C.	J. E. Swain, Asheville, N. C.
J. R. Hutton, Greensboro, N. C.	W. C. Hammer, Jr.
A. G. Dixon, Henderson, N. C.	O. R. Cox.

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E. M. Houchens.	C. H. Collings.

**North Illinois.**

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I. T. Haverfield, Princeton, Ill.	Jacob May, Clinton, Ill.
L. S. Kidd, Fooseland, Ill.	Mrs. W. S. Wilson, Ohio, Ill.

**North Mississippi.**

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A. J. Richardson.	P. H. Wood.

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 M. M. Campbell, Lewistown, O. W. H. Plum, Lewistown, O.  
 A. O. Horney, Gilboa, O. L. E. Ellis, Jeffersonville, O.  
 R. E. Games, Mt. Blanchard, O. Mrs. Ida Dorney, Arlington, O.

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Texas.

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 T. L. Garrison, Paris, Tex. W. P. Fagg.

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**Texas Gulf Mission.***Ministerial.**Laymen.***Virginia.***Ministerial.**Laymen.*

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Lynchburg, Va., R. F. D., No. 3.

J. Wesley Bingdorf.

**Washington.***Ministerial.**Laymen.***West Virginia.***Ministerial.**Laymen.*

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A. D. Williams,

C. L. Queen, Grafton.

Marlinton, W. Va.

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H. A. Hall, Weston, W. Va.

George R. Brown, Pittsburg, Pa.

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Buchannon, W. Va.

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J. B. Watson, St. Mary's, W. Va.

A. F. Hess, Morgantown, W. Va.

J. C. Roane, Weston, W. Va.

A. L. McKeever, Jane Lew, W. Va.

J. H. Moore, Montrose, W. Va.

J. J. Phillips, Gaston, W. Va.

J. S. Pierpont,

Harrisville, W. Va.

S. C. Jones, Parkersburg, W. Va.

Ira C. Post,

Lost Creek, R. F. D., No. 2,

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G. H. Snyder, Lost Creek, W. Va.

J. E. Cunningham,

Pennsboro, W. Va.

# JOURNAL.

## FIRST DAY.

Friday, May 15, 1908.

The General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church met in its Twentieth Quadrennial Session in the First Church, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, on Friday, May 15, 1908, at ten o'clock A. M.

The devotional exercises were opened with prayer by F. H. Lewis, pastor of the Conference Church.

After singing hymn No. 15, prayer was offered by D. S. Stephens, Chancellor of Kansas City University.

Responsive reading No. 20 was led by J. F. McCulloch of North Carolina.

A solo by George W. Gray was greatly appreciated by the Conference.

The Scriptures were read from the first chapter of Ephesians by C. D. Sinkinson, of New Jersey.

The Conference then joined in singing Hymn No. 192, after which T. H. Lewis, of Maryland, offered prayer.

The Conference then sang Hymn No. 42.

The address and quadrennial report of the President, F. T. Tagg, was then submitted to the Conference and the Conference was declared to be open for the transaction of business. (See Paper No. 1.)

The roll was called.

The Chairman announced the following as a Committee on Credentials: C. D. Sinkinson, H. L. Elderdice, C. H. Beck, J. J. Barge A. J. Harris.

Conference took recess until 1.30.

### Afternoon Session.

F. T. Tagg in chair.

A resolution relative to the standing committees, offered by T. H. Lewis, was adopted.

On motion it was ordered that the Conference delegations be seated in groups.

Seating of the delegates on motion was left to the pastor of the church, F. H. Lewis.

Bar of the house fixed to include the first eight rows of pews.

F. T. Little, S. S. Fisher and S. R. Harris were made a committee on rules of order.

The partial report of the Committee on Credentials was adopted. (See Paper No. 3.)

The names of the Alabama delegation were enrolled and the members were permitted to vote in the election of officers.

Conference directed by motion that we proceed with the election of officers.

On motion the Chair appointed the following tellers: A. E. Fletcher, M. M. Campbell, J. N. Wills and J. F. Howe.

T. H. Lewis, of Maryland, was placed in nomination for President by S. R. Harris, of North Carolina.

Nomination was seconded by M. D. Helmick, of West Virginia; R. T. Pickens, of North Carolina; F. T. Little, of Maryland; A. M. Lyons, of Muskingum, and J. W. Kirk, of Maryland.

George Shaffer was placed in nomination for President by M. L. Jennings, of Muskingum. This nomination was seconded by A. E. Fletcher, of Pittsburg.

On motion of George Shaffer the nomination of T. H. Lewis was made unanimous.

The Secretary was instructed by motion to cast the ballot of the Conference for Thomas Hamilton Lewis for President. The ballot was duly cast and T. H. Lewis was declared elected President of the Conference.

The Chair appointed George Shaffer and A. M. Lyons to escort President Lewis to the Chair and the gavel was presented to him by the retiring President.

The Secretary was instructed by motion to cast the ballot of the Conference for George Shaffer, of Pittsburg, for Secretary, but he declined to serve the Conference in this capacity.

C. L. Queen, of West Virginia, and C. H. Beck, of Muskingum, were then placed in nomination for Secretary. On motion of C. L. Queen, the nomination of C. H. Beck was made unanimous.

The Secretary, F. C. Chambers, was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for C. H. Beck for Secretary. The ballot was cast.

C. H. Beck was excused from further service on the Committee on Credentials.

The Conference by a rising vote gave expression to its appreciation of the faithful services of the retiring President and Secretary, F. T. Tagg and F. C. Chambers.

D. C. Coburn was appointed to take the place of C. H. Beck on the Committee on Credentials.

F. H. Lewis, A. E. Fletcher and G. B. Moore were made a committee on pulpit services.

The hours for business were fixed as follows: Meeting 9 A. M., adjournment 12 M., with the exception of tomorrow, when the Conference will recess from 12 to 2 and adjourn at pleasure.

The Chair requested the Conference delegations to meet and select members for the various committees and report the names to the Secretary not later than the opening of the session tomorrow morning.

The pastor announced the places for the seating of the various Conference delegations.

Conference adjourned by motion after the announcements. The benediction was given by F. T. Tagg.

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## SECOND DAY.

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Saturday, May 16, 1906.

The morning devotional service was led by S. S. Fisher, of Coshocton, Ohio, after which the Conference was called to order by the President, T. H. Lewis. The roll was called. Thomas Chambers, an honored layman of the Muskingum Conference for seventy-two years, was introduced and addressed the Conference in a few well chosen words. The minutes of the previous day's session were read, corrected and approved. The Secretary was instructed to omit all titles in yesterday's minutes and to carry out the suggestion in the minutes hereafter.

The Secretary was given authority to choose two assistants. J. F. McCulloch, of Greensboro, N C., and R. E. Games, of Mt. Blanchard, O., were chosen.

President Lewis announced Chairmen of Committees as follows: Publishing Interests, R. T. Pickens; Revision, M. L. Jennings; Missions, Daniel Baker; Education, M. D. Helmick; Judiciary, F. N. Foster.

Papers bearing on the matter of Church Union were presented by the retiring president, F. T. Tagg.

It was moved and seconded that a Committee on Church Union be created, to be composed of one member from each Conference delegation, said selection to be made by the respective delegations. Motion carried.

Upon motion it was decided, by standing vote, to reconsider the above action.

A substitute motion providing for a committee of 21 members to be composed of 11 ministers and 10 laymen was lost.

Upon motion the original motion was so amended as to provide for the appointment of one member from each Conference delegation, said appointment to be made by the President.

The report of the Pulpit Committee was adopted.

By motion the Secretary was instructed to have the list of committees printed for the convenience of members of the Conference.

The Committee on Credentials offered its completed report, which was adopted. (Paper No. 3.)

The report of the Committee on Rules of Order was presented and adopted. (Paper No. 4.)

A resolution was presented, signed by J. W. Kirk and S. R. Harris, providing for the appointment of a special committee of five members on "Aggressive Evangelism." The resolution was adopted.

The following memorial was presented by J. M. Sheridan, President, and W. S. Phillips, Secretary, of the Maryland Conference:

*Resolved*, That this Conference does not approve of the baptism of infants neither parent of whom has made such profession of faith and obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ as admits to membership in the Christian Church.

Upon motion this resolution was referred to the Committee on Revision.

The following memorial, signed by J. M. Sheridan and W. S. Phillips, President and Secretary of the Maryland Annual Conference, was presented:

*Resolved*, That the Maryland Annual Conference respectfully memorialize the next General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church at its session in Pittsburg in May to create a Fire Insurance Association for the purpose of insuring our church, parsonage and other properties.

Upon motion the appointment of a Special Committee of Five to consider the matter was authorized, said Committee to be appointed by the Chair.

Report of the Committee on Unification of Methodist Churches in Japan was presented and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The noon hour having arrived, Conference took a recess to 2 P. M., at which hour business was resumed.

#### Afternoon Session.

A resolution relating to law enforcement and temperance reform was presented by a representative from West Virginia. Upon motion the usual order was suspended in order that the matter might be given immediate consideration. By motion the resolution was referred to the Committee on Temperance.



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was authorized to procure the services of a stenographer to report matters for publication in the General Conference. A resolution was presented by A. L. Reynolds, that the Methodist Protestant Church take action to be appointed by the Chair was authorized by the Conference.

A resolution presented by Daniel Baker and Thos. W. Baker was adopted:

Whereas certain expenses have been incurred on account of the Baltimore Conference to which has been made in the Baltimore Conference, and also further expense has been incurred by the Executive Committee; it is hereby ordered by this Conference that upon the written approval of these accounts the Treasurer and Secretary of this Conference shall pay the same and collect one-half from the Agent of the Baltimore Book Directory, the other half to be charged to the profit and loss accounts of said Conference.

A statement of retiring Secretary F. C. Chambers was approved. (Paper No 5.)

On motion that beginning with Monday, night services be held.

Resolutions presented, and without motion were referred to the Executive Committee.

Rev. C. F. Swift, of Beaver Falls, Pa., introduced the venerable G. G. Westfall, the oldest living member of the Baltimore Conference, who addressed the Conference and spoke kind and appreciative words of this aged Conference and the Conference united in singing "Blest Be the Name of the Lord."

Rev. C. F. Swift and seconded that a deputation from the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in session in Baltimore, Monday at 10 A. M., and that President Lewis be invited. Carried.

Monday, P. M. Monday was, by motion, set as the time for the meeting of the Congregational Churches. It was resolved that the President is the proper person to reply to all addresses. On motion Conference adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

Monday, May 18, 1908.

Services were conducted by W. R. Graham, of Pocomoke. Upon motion the calling of the Conference roll was deferred. Minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

On motion the Secretary was directed to invite Dr. W. D. McAdams and Rev. Dr. S. Parks Cadman to address the Conference on the subject of Aggressive Evangelism at the evening session.

A resolution favoring the organization of a Sunday School was presented and the same was referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies.

The report of the Pittsburg Directory was referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

A petition for the Union of the Michigan and the West Michigan Conferences was presented, and without motion referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

A report of the Board of Ministerial Education was presented and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Chair named the Committee on Fire Insurance Association as follows: T. A. Murray, chairman; J. J. Barge, A. M. Rankin, W. S. Phillips, T. M. Johnson.

The Committee on Aggressive Evangelism was named as follows: C. F. Swift, G. W. Haddaway, C. D. Sinkinson, W. O. Atwood and T. E. Hodges.

A. O. Horney was appointed by the Chair to serve on the Statistical Committee in the place of R. E. Games, who was excused on account of duties as assistant secretary.

A paper signed by F. T. Little and W. N. Swift was received and referred to the Committee on Revision.

At the suggestion of the President a few minutes were spent in song and prayer, after which representatives from the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, now in session in the city of Baltimore, were received.

The deputation consisted of Bishop H. W. Warren, D. D., LL. D., senior Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. John F. Goucher, D. D., LL. D., of Baltimore, Md., and United States Senator J. P. Dolliver, of Iowa.

Bishop Warren placed in the hands of the Secretary the following resolutions, which were passed by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, now in session:

May 16, 1908.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania:

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

I take pleasure in communicating to you that the following resolutions were introduced and adopted by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Baltimore, May 11th and 16th, 1908:

**WHEREAS**, The essential causes leading to the separation from our communion of those who organized the Methodist Protestant Church in 1828 do not appear to us to be any longer matters of controversy, and

**WHEREAS**, Our own Church has introduced important changes into its governmental system since 1828 in the direction contended for by Methodist Protestants, and

**WHEREAS**, Those who went out from us in 1828 were at no time doctrinally or morally subject to reproach, but differed from us solely on questions of government, and have always maintained the beliefs, methods and spirit of Methodism, therefore,

**Resolved**, That appreciating and honoring the Methodist Protestant Church, and the good work it has done in the world for Christ, we in the spirit of brotherly love, obedient to the desire for fellowship with all who are called Methodists, and in harmony with the prayer of our Lord for the unity of the Church, do respectfully submit to our brethren of the Methodist Protestant Church whether the time has not come when they can, without sacrificing any essential principle their fathers contended for, resume their relations with us and thus inaugurate a movement for a re-united and common Methodism in America.

**Resolved**, That this General Conference hereby affectionately invites the Methodist Protestant Church, through its General Conference, to renew organic fellowship with the Methodist Episcopal Church; and if this shall seem good to them, to appoint a commission to confer with a like commission of this General Conference to consummate this result.

*Resolved*, That inasmuch as the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church is about to convene in Pittsburg, Pa., we hereby request our Board of Bishops to appoint a fraternal deputation to consist of one Bishop, one minister and one layman to convey to the Methodist Protestant Church through its General Conference this invitation together with the most cordial greetings of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In accordance therewith the following Fraternal Deputation was duly appointed: Bishop Henry W. Warren, D. D., LL. D.; Rev. John F. Goucher, D. D., LL. D.; Senator John P. Dolliver.

Fraternally yours,

JOSEPH B. HINGELEY, Secretary.

After these resolutions had been read, Bishop Warren, Dr. Goucher and Senator Dolliver each addressed the Conference in the order named.

The Conference having directed that its President respond to these addresses, President Lewis invited Bishop Warren to occupy the chair, and very aptly expressed the sense of the Conference with reference to the matters discussed by these gentlemen.

On motion of T. H. Lewis Conference took a recess for a few minutes in order that its members might have an opportunity of meeting our honored guests.

After a brief informal reception, Conference was called to order, united in singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and was dismissed with the benediction by Dr. Goucher.

#### Monday Afternoon.

After recess Conference met at three o'clock for business.

A communication from Bishop T. C. Carter, of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, was read and it was made the order of the day for three o'clock tomorrow to receive and hear the deputation from the United Brethren Church.

President Lewis named the Committee on Deaconess Work as follows: F. T. Tagg, Chairman; H. H. Price, M. M. Campbell, W. B. Usilton, Felix Blaising.

A resolution signed by J. W. Kirk and G. W. Haddaway providing for the appointment of a committee to formulate a plan of organization for a brotherhood in the Methodist Protestant Church was adopted and referred to the special committee to be appointed by the Chair.

A motion to hear the report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at this time was lost, in view of the fact that Dr. McKenzie's arrival was expected at any moment.

A paper from the Pittsburg Conference and signed by its Secretary relating to the manner of calling pastors was, upon recommendation of the Revision Committee, referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A. J. Harris, of Henderson, N. C., was upon request excused from further attendance upon the sessions of the Conference, and the President substituted the name of E. E. Massey to serve on the Committee on Boundaries, and A. M. Rankin to serve on the Committee on Fire Insurance Association.

After a song by the congregation, prayer was offered by F. T. Little, of Chestertown, Md.

Dr. W. D. McKenzie, of Hartford, Conn., President of Hartford Theological Seminary, was introduced to the Conference and was heard as the representative of the National General Council of the Congregational Churches on the subject of Tri-Church Union.

President Lewis responded in a very appropriate manner.

Mr. G. B. Moore, in behalf of this church, extended an invita-

tion to the members of the Conference to an automobile ride through portions of the city next Friday. Upon motion the invitation was cordially accepted and the time set for 2 to 3.30 Friday.

Announcements were made and the session adjourned to give opportunity to greet Dr. McKenzie.

The evening session was devoted to an address by Dr. W. D. McKenzie, of Hartford, Conn., on Aggressive Evangelism. This address was a great inspiration to the Conference and congregation, and an expression of appreciation was given in a rising vote of thanks.

#### FOURTH DAY.

**Tuesday, May 19, 1908.**

The devotional service was led by F. N. Foster, of Pittsburg. Upon motion J. W. Hering was requested to take the chair.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with and the minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Conference then proceeded to the next order of business, the presentation and reference of papers.

The following resolution signed by Daniel Baker, G. W. Haddaway, C. D. Sinkinson and J. M. Gill was presented to the Conference:

We have heard with delight and profit the fraternal greetings of our brethren of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Bishop H. W. Warren, Rev. J. F. Goucher, D. D., and Senator J. P. Dolliver, and in the same fraternal spirit request the President of our General Conference, accompanied by a minister and a layman to be named by this body, to proceed to Baltimore this week and personally express to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church our cordial fraternal greetings and our appreciation of the visit of these brethren.

The resolution was adopted.

Upon motion permission was granted J. H. Straughn, of West Lafayette, Ohio, to present a memorial from the Denominational Christian Endeavor Union to this body. By motion the memorial was referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies.

A. L. Maynard, lay messenger from the Colorado-Texas (Colored Mission) Conference, presented a paper setting forth certain needs in his territory relative to the establishment of an educational institution for the training of young colored men for the Gospel ministry.

By motion the brother was granted the privilege of speaking upon the matter presented in the paper. Upon motion the paper was referred to the Committee on Education.

The following is the Committee on Church Union as appointed by the President: W. G. McDaniel, M. C. Jackson, O. P. Wildey, C. H. Garrison, F. T. Little, W. C. Hargar, R. H. M. Watson, W. A. House, F. W. Varney, C. D. Sinkinson, A. L. Reynolds, J. E. Bounds, George Shaffer, H. H. Price, J. C. Posten, M. D. Helmick, G. W. Sanders, J. J. Barge, Hiram Horne, J. E. Peterson, Eli Fowler, A. W. Stewart, J. F. Howe, S. R. Harris, A. M. Lyons, C. H. Collings, Chas. Hawley, Martin Elias, Jacob May, E. E. Wesley, W. E. Thompson.

By action of Conference President T. H. Lewis was made chairman of this committee. F. T. Little, representative from the Maryland Conference, requested to be relieved from service on the Committee on Church Union.

His request was granted by motion.

The President named the following as the Committee on the

Methodist Protestant Brotherhood: F. C. Klein, Chairman; J. N. Wills, Ira Champion, A. D. Williams, A. E. Fletcher.

A motion prevailed to reconsider the action excusing F. T. Little from service on the Committee on Church Union.

The motion to excuse F. T. Little was lost.

Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Relations presented Rev. E. B. Sanford, Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. Dr. Sanford was introduced by President Lewis and invited to address the Conference.

A motion prevailed requiring the Committee on Fraternal Relations to name the minister and layman to serve on the fraternal deputation from this body to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

A resolution signed by W. E. Harrison and J. F. McCulloch relating to the fixing of salaries of General Agents of the Church was, upon motion, referred to the special committee composed of the following members: R. T. Pickens, Chairman; A. M. Lyons, Daniel Baker, M. D. Helmick, F. N. Foster.

Upon motion the Committee on Fraternal Relations was instructed to draft resolutions reciprocating the fraternal spirit of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to be conveyed to the General Conference of that church assembled in the city of Baltimore by the fraternal deputation appointed by this Conference.

Motion to make ten o'clock Wednesday the order of the day for the election of general secretaries was lost.

A motion that no secretary be elected until reports of the Committees which are considering the work of the respective boards have been acted upon, carried.

A motion requesting committees having to deal with the work of the General Boards to report as early as possible, prevailed.

The Chairman of the Church Union Committee having requested that he be permitted to meet the committee this evening, it was decided by motion to hold no regular business session.

By motion the committees having to do with the reports of the General Boards are required to report not later than Wednesday evening.

A resolution offered by H. L. Elderdice, relative to publishing Journal was referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

Conference took recess until 3 P. M.

#### **Tuesday Afternoon.**

Conference reassembled at three o'clock as per its own order to receive the deputation from the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and to hear their addresses.

The following representatives from that Church were introduced to the Conference: L. Bookwalter, F. P. Rosselot, C. I. B. Brane, T. C. Carter, D. R. Miller, W. R. Funk, C. M. Brooke, L. W. Stahl, J. S. Fulton, A. Davidson, W. V. Barnhart, D. Speck, W. W. Williamson, J. P. Truxal, J. I. L. Reiter, A. E. Roote, U. B. Brubaker.

The following resolution was presented by the Chairman of the deputation from the United Brethren Church:

It is the sense of this Committee appointed by the Bishops' Cabinet of the United Brethren to visit the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church and voice the present sentiment and thought of our denomination respecting Church Union, that we stand on the platform expressed in the Act of Union by the Tri-Church Council at Chicago, and further we believe that should it be the pleasure of the Methodist Protestant Church to proceed at once to consummate organic union with the United Brethren Church

on the general principles of the Chicago platform, our people are ready to join them in such a movement.

The first address was made by Dr. Bookwalter, President of the Otterbein University.

Bishop Carter was then heard. A letter was read from Bishop Weekley regretting his absence.

Dr. Brane, of Reading, Pa., was the next speaker.

Dr. Funk was then called for, and he also addressed the Conference upon the subject of union between the United Brethren and the Methodist Protestant Churches.

By direction of the Conference, President Lewis responded to these addresses.

Conference adjourned by motion, after which an informal reception was held in honor of the visitors from the United Brethren Church.

Conference having decided to hold no session tonight, it was announced that T. J. Ogburn, of North Carolina, would preach and that special music would be rendered by the Sharpsburg Choir.

#### FIFTH DAY.

Wednesday, May 20, 1908.

The devotional service was led by George H. Miller, of Muskingum. By request of the President, A. L. Reynolds, of Ohio, was called to the Chair. By motion the roll call was omitted.

The minutes of Tuesday's session were read and approved.

Under Presentation and Referring of Papers:

A paper presented by A. L. Reynolds providing for the creation of an Executive Board of the General Conference was by motion referred to the Judiciary Committee.

F. C. Chambers, alternate lay representative from the Muskingum Conference, was seated by motion.

A resolution providing for the consolidation of the Missionary Boards and Societies of the Church was tabled.

The report of the Board of Ministerial Education was, without motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

Upon request of the Chairman of the Committee on Church Union permission was granted the Committee to withdraw from Conference at ten (10) o'clock for Committee work.

C. F. Swift, of Pittsburg, was called to the Chair.

Upon motion the Secretary was instructed to send to J. C. Berrien and family in the name of the Conference a letter of sympathy.

An invitation from H. J. Heinz Co. to visit their plant at one o'clock Thursday was accepted by motion.

The roll of Committees was called for reports.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was re-committed.

The report of the Committee on Journals was adopted. (Paper No. 6.)

The Committee on Statistics was granted permission to retire at eleven o'clock for Committee work.

Conference took recess from 10.25 to 11 o'clock.

Conference resumed business at 11 A. M. with C. F. Swift in the Chair.

The first business was the presentation and reference of papers.

The roll of Committees was called for reports.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was adopted. (Paper No. 7.)

The report of the Committee on Deaconess Work was adopted. (Paper No. 8.)

The report of the Committee on Church Union was read. By motion it was ordered that this report be printed and placed in the hands of the members of the Conference by 4 o'clock this afternoon (Paper No. 9.)

The consideration of this report was made the order of the day for eight o'clock this evening.

By motion recess was taken to 3 P. M.

**Three o'Clock Session.**

Conference reassembled at three o'clock.

Papers were presented and referred to the proper committees.

There being no other business, Conference took recess until eight o'clock.

**Wednesday Evening Session.**

Conference reassembled for business at eight o'clock.

The order of the day was the consideration of the report of the Committee on Church Union.

A substitute offered by M. L. Jennings, of Muskingum, was tabled by motion.

It was ordered by motion that the consideration of the original report be deferred until ten A. M. tomorrow.

A motion to adjourn prevailed.

Mr. H. J. Heinz was introduced to the Conference.

Conference then adjourned with prayer by J. T. Black, of Muskingum, and the benediction by J. F. McCulloch, of North Carolina.

**SIXTH DAY.**

**Thursday, May 21, 1908.**

The devotional exercises were conducted by S. S. Stanton, of Indiana.

Minutes were read and approved.

Papers were presented and referred to the proper committees.

It was order, by motion, that no new business shall be introduced after ten (10) o'clock tomorrow without the consent of the Conference.

The roll of Committees was called.

The report of the Committee on Missions was under consideration when the hour of the day arrived.

The order of the day was the consideration of the report of the Committee on Church Union.

The following motion prevailed, that no amendments be acted upon by the Conference until all the amendments shall have been passed upon by the Committee on Church Union.

Amendments were offered by A. M. Lyons, of Muskingum; J. F. McCulloch, of North Carolina; C. L. Ellis, of Michigan; M. D. McHenry, of West Virginia; T. J. Ogburn, of North Carolina, and R. P. Pickett, of North Carolina.

On motion the report of the Committee on Missions was considered ~~seriatim~~.

The motion to substitute the name of B. W. Anthony, of Pittsburg for that of J. C. McCain, of Indiana, on the Board of Home Missions was lost.

A resolution offered by F. C. Klein, of Maryland, changing Articles 1 and 3, striking out Section 2, Article 5, in the Constitution of the Board of Foreign Missions and incorporating a new article creating advisory Councils of the Board in the Annual Conferences,

was substituted by motion for Item 5, in the Foreign Mission section of the report of the Committee on Missions.

The report of the Committee was adopted as amended. (Paper No. 10.)

The following resolution offered by H. L. Elderdice was adopted:

**WHEREAS**, The Committee on Fraternal Relations has been ordered by the General Conference to draft resolutions reciprocating the fraternal spirit of the Methodist Episcopal Church in General Conference assembled in Baltimore, and

**WHEREAS**, The same Committee has been ordered to name a minister and a layman to accompany the President of our General Conference as a fraternal delegation to proceed this week to Baltimore to express our appreciation of the visitation of their delegation last Monday; and

**WHEREAS**, The report of our Committee on Church Union has opened up a wide and comprehensive field for negotiations, therefore,

**Resolved**, That the delegation of three appointed by our body prepare their own greetings according to the needs and proprieties of the occasion, and that A. L. Reynolds, the Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Relations, be the minister, and J. W. Hering be the lay member to accompany the President of our General Conference to present our greetings to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

By motion Conference took recess until immediately after the lecture this evening.

#### Evening Session.

Conference was called to order immediately after the lecture, but on account of the lateness of the hour, no business was transacted.

Conference adjourned by motion.

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#### SEVENTH DAY.

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Friday, May 22, 1908.

Devotional services were conducted by M. M. Campbell, of Ohio. The roll call was omitted by motion.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved.

Papers were presented and referred to the proper Committees.

By motion the Secretary was required to publish post office addresses of the members of the General Conference. The name of the Nebraska Conference was ordered stricken from the roll of the Conferences it having become extinct.

By motion the list of Mission Conferences was referred to the Committee on Boundaries for revision.

The order of business was suspended and the report of the Committee on Church Union was put upon its passage.

An amendment which had been offered by J. F. McCulloch, of North Carolina, which amounted to a substitute, was presented to the Conference as a part of the report of the Committee with the statement that the Committee did not concur in the amendment. This part of the report of the Committee was adopted. Time was extended by motion.

The report of the Committee was then adopted as a whole.

Prayer was offered by J. F. McCulloch and the Conference took recess until four o'clock.

#### Four o'Clock Session.

Conference reassembled for business at four o'clock, President Lewis in the Chair.



Moved by H. L. Elderdice that the Pittsburg Directory<sup>1</sup> pay the traveling expenses of A. L. Reynolds as a fraternal messenger to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church assembled in Baltimore, Md., and that one-half of this amount be collected from the Baltimore Directory and that the amount be charged to the profit and loss accounts of said Directories.

The action of the Conference requiring the deputation to visit the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Baltimore this week was reconsidered and the time fixed for Tuesday of next week.

The following resolutions were passed:

*Resolved*, First, That the Commission on Church Union be composed of five ministers and four laymen.

Second, That only one member of said Commission shall be appointed from any one Conference.

Third, That the President of this Conference be designated as the Chairman of said Commission. [Signed]

J. J. BARGE,  
J. E. PETERSON.

It was directed by motion that the President appoint the remainder of the Commission from the names to be furnished him, each Conference delegation to suggest the name of one minister and one layman.

It was moved and carried that Conference proceed at once to the election of Missionary Secretaries. It was also ordered that these elections be by ballot.

The President appointed the following tellers: J. C. Broomfield, J. N. Wills, Geo. H. Miller, W. O. Atwood.

By motion Conference proceeded with the election for Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions. F. C. Klein, of Maryland, and W. W. Lineberry, of Indiana, were placed in nomination.

The ballots were cast and the tellers retired.

Nominations were then called for Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, and J. H. Lucas was named.

There being only one nominee, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for J. H. Lucas. The ballot was duly cast and J. H. Lucas was declared elected Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions.

The report of the Committee on Aggressive Evangelism was adopted. (Paper No 11.)

The tellers reported 134 ballots cast for Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions. Necessary to a choice, 68; W. W. Lineberry received 40 votes; F. C. Klein, 84; scattering, 10.

F. C. Klein having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared elected.

By consent of the Conference papers were presented and referred to the proper Committees.

Conference took recess from 6 to 8.

#### Evening Session.

Conference was called to order by George H. Miller, of Muskingum.

The first business was the report of the Committee on Publishing Interests. The report was amended by substituting the name of F. K. Briery for that of W. L. Stewart.

The report was then considered seriatim. Items 1 and 2, adopted. Item 3, amended by striking out the words "to be designated by the President of the General Conference," and adopted as



The report of the Committee on Education was read. (Paper No. 16.) Section A, adopted.

Section B. Item 1 (Naming Trustees for Adrian College) was adopted.

Item 2 (Naming Examining Committee for Adrian College) was adopted.

Item 3 (Naming Trustees for Kansas City University) was adopted.

Items 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 were adopted.

Section C. Item 1 was amended and adopted, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference for the persons named (J. H. Clancy, J. W. Knatt, W. S. Walker, W. W. Tapp and W. D. Stultz).

Section D. Items 1 and 2 (Regarding scholarship in Theological Seminaries) was amended and adopted.

Section E. Item 1 (Regarding Westminster College) was adopted.

Section F. Item 1 (Regarding College Day) was adopted.

Item 2 (Regarding B. D. diploma) was amended and adopted.

Section G. Item 1 (Regarding Colored School in Texas) was referred to the President of the Conference and the Board of Home Missions.

Section H. Item 1 (Regarding Board of Education) was ordered printed in the Journal for consideration, but action was deferred until the next session of the General Conference. Report adopted as amended. (Paper No. 16.)

It was moved and carried that the Conference proceed to the election of the Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education.

The names of George R. Brown and J. W. Gray were presented and a ballot was taken. Tellers reported George R. Brown elected.

The report on Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies was read and pending its consideration Conference took recess to 2 P. M.

**Saturday Afternoon, May 23, 1906.**

Conference reassembled for business at 2 P. M. with officers in their places.

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies was adopted as amended. (Paper No. 17.) The Committee on Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies was requested to nominate persons to compose the Board of Young People's work. The following were nominated and elected: G. W. Haddaway, S. W. Rosenberger, C. D. Sinkinson, Robert Rawsthorne, W. N. Swift.

The report of the Judiciary was considered seriatim. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 were adopted. Item 13 was stricken out. Report adopted as a whole. (Paper No. 18.)

The following were appointed as a Commission on Church Union: Ministerial, M. L. Jennings, of Muskingum; George Shaffer, Pittsburg; D. G. Helmick, West Virginia; C. D. Sinkinson, New Jersey; Lay: S. R. Harris, North Carolina; J. E. Peterson, Iowa; W. N. Swift, Michigan; J. J. Barge, Georgia, and the President, T. H. Lewis, of Maryland.

The report of the Committee on General Agents' Salaries, fixing the maximum salary at \$1,800, was adopted. (Paper No. 19.)

The report of the Committee on Revision was considered seriatim. Items 1 and 2 were adopted. Item 3 stricken out. Items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 were adopted. Item 22 was amended and adopted. Report as amended was adopted as a whole. (Paper 20.)

F. T. Little and T. R. Woodford were made a committee to edit the new edition of the Discipline.

The appointment of representatives to the Ecumenical Conference and the meeting of the Inter-Church Federation was referred to the Executive Board.

Items 3 to 6 of the report of the Committee on President's report were stricken out. The report as amended was adopted as a whole.

By motion the Secretary was directed to cast the vote of the Conference for the following as members of the Executive Board: J. D. Kinzer, D. C. Coburn, W. W. Lineberry, T. E. Hodges, R. T. Pickens, G. B. Moore.

The report of the Committee on Fire Insurance Association was adopted. (Paper No. 21.)

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was adopted. (Paper 22.)

The report of the Committee on Methodist Protestant Brotherhood was read and referred for action to the next General Conference. The report of the Committee was ordered printed in the Journal by motion. (Paper No. 23.)

J. L. Mills was elected President of the Board of Publication, and W. H. Warwick was elected Secretary.

F. T. Little and T. R. Woodford were made a committee to publish the Journal.

C. H. Hubbell and A. F. Hess were nominated for Secretary of the Board of Young People's Work. Nominations were closed by motion and Conference proceeded to ballot. The ballot was cast and the tellers retired.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations was adopted. (Paper No. 24.)

The tellers reported that C. H. Hubbell, of Ohio, had received a majority of all the votes cast for Secretary of the Board of Young People's Work, and he was accordingly declared to be elected.

The minutes were read and approved, and Conference adjourned by motion *sine die*.

T. H. LEWIS, President.

CHARLES H. BECK, Secretary.

## PAPERS.

### PAPER NO. I.

#### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS AND REPORT.

The quadrennium that now comes to its close has been one of unusual interest to our denomination. Events of immediate and throbbing importance, in which our church shared, multiplied rapidly. I am glad to say, that so far as I am informed, we have met the responsibilities these events involved with courage, discretion and Christian fidelity. We have been encouraged by the divine favor, we have seen evidences of the saving power of the gospel, many of our Conferences have made gratifying advances in denominational work and in Christian life, while in a large number of local churches there have been great revivals and large ingatherings of converted men and women.

What seems to me a very gratifying fact is, that none of our ministers have been drifted away on the waves of an unreasonable and destructive criticism. We have faithfully preached Christ and Him crucified, as the one divine, all-sufficient and vicarious Redeemer, and the Bible as the inspired word of God. Our publications have been few, but it is noteworthy that the foremost of them, "The Divine Credentials," constitute a masterly presentation and defense of the Christian's Bible as the divinely inspired word.

A wide survey of what has been done during these last four years, may very properly command our hearty gratitude to God for His manifold blessings.

As I come to the close of the term of office to which I was called for four years, the honor of which I keenly appreciate, and the duties of which I have sought to discharge modestly, but faithfully, and in the fear of God, I deem it fitting to call your attention to some things that have been done, and to some others that will require your earnest and thoughtful consideration.

In accordance with the action of the last session of this body, the several Annual Conferences elected commissioners to the General Council, or joint commission of the Tri-Church Union, to enter into negotiations with similar bodies from the Congregational and United Brethren denominations. The General Conference authorized me "when notified by either of the religious bodies that it has constituted and appointed a commission of like power and purposes, to appoint a committee of three to cooperate with a similar body, giving such notice to arrange for a meeting of the General Council."

Under this authority I appointed Revs. M. L. Jennings, G. C. Sheppard and H. L. Elderdice. These met the committees appointed by the Congregational and United Brethren denominations in Pittsburgh, August 2, 1905, arranged an order of business for the General Council, and fixed upon Dayton, O., as the place, and February 7, 1906, as the time for its meeting. What was accomplished at the Dayton Council and the subsequent Chicago Council will be found in the papers and printed documents which are herewith submitted. Upon the action of these councils I do not feel called upon to make suggestion or comment.

The overture of a union with the Primitive Methodist Church, which reads, "Shall the proposed terms of union with the Primitive Methodist Church be adopted?" seems to have been favorably passed upon by a majority of the Annual Conferences, but the subsequent action of the Primitive Methodist Church made our action either way nugatory and inoperative.

Having been notified by the secretary of the Committee on Federation and Union of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church that his committee, of which Bishop Foss is chairman, was authorized to consider the subject of union, I appointed a committee of which Dr. J. W. Hering was made chairman, but in view of the negotiations then pending for the Tri-Church Union, the committee was not called together, the chairman deeming it inexpedient to enter into such negotiations at that time, a view in which I fully concurred, and therefore there is nothing to report, except that no action was taken.

At the last General Conference Rev. Dr. E. B. Sanford appeared before the body, and urged the appointment of a delegation to represent our church at the meeting of the Inter-Church Conference on Federation, to be held in New York City, November 15 to 21, 1905. The Conference authorized the appointment of a delegation, and Revs. A. B. Purdy, J. H. Clarke and J. M. Holmes were named. In the meantime the preliminary organization called together to project the enterprise elected F. T. Tagg a member of the Executive Committee.

When the programme was under way Dr. Sanford discovered that under the basis of representation adopted our church was entitled to ten delegates, and urged me to appoint seven more, and ten alternates. I acceded to this request without having authority from this body to do so, for the reason that I believed you would wish our church to be represented on the same basis that had been agreed upon for the other churches, and that you would sanction such

action in the interest of a great forward movement. This conference in the personnel of its membership, the important subject it discussed, in the fraternity of its spirit, and in the number of constituents it represented, was the greatest, the most impressive, and the most significant convention of Christians ever assembled on the American continent. The objects of the conference, the measures it adopted, and the purposes of its continued organization will be found in the documents that accompany this address.

It will be seen that our church is assessed one hundred dollars as its pro rata share of the expenses of this work, only a small portion of which has been paid. Nearly all the denominations represented have paid their part in full. I do most urgently recommend that measures be agreed upon at this session to meet this request from the Executive Committee. The next meeting of the Inter-Church Conference will be held in Philadelphia, December 2 to 8, 1908, and I recommend that this General Conference elect ten delegates and ten alternates to represent our church in it. The Fourth Ecumenical Council of Methodism will be held somewhere in North America in 1911. A programme committee, composed of members of the different Methodisms, is necessary. I would suggest that nine persons from our church be designated for this committee, and, if our membership reaches two hundred thousand, that ten delegates be elected to the next meeting of that body.

Quite frequently movements of this character take shape in the interim of our quadrennial sessions. Among these are such as the Student Volunteer Movement for Missions, conferences of Christian workers and others, which enlist members of all denominations in united and cooperative work, and these call for representatives from our church. The President of the General Conference or a standing committee chosen for the purpose should have authority to consider and decide upon the expediency of appointing persons to represent our denomination. It is our duty, and should be our desire, as a church, to cooperate in all worthy movements which have for their aim the moral advancement and spiritual regeneration of the nation and of the world. It is unworthy of us not to share in every general movement that labors for the permanent extension of the Kingdom of Christ. Above all denominational fealties and interests, our church, with all other churches, should put the triumph of the kingdom of God in the highest place as the supreme interest and the paramount duty of Christian activity. We serve our denomination wisest when we serve God best.

The last General Conference did not fix the place for the meeting of this body. It was deemed possible that an extra session of the Conference might become necessary. Such an exigency did not arise, however, and the president, with the Board of Publication, met in Pittsburg last May, and after considering invitations from several places fixed upon this church as being well adapted to such a convention, and centrally located, and easily accessible to all our representatives. You will be hospitably entertained.

At the suggestion of a number of men elected as representatives to this body I appointed a committee, composed of Revs. T. H. Lewis, of Maryland, A. E. Fletcher, of Pittsburg, G. H. Miller, of Muskingum, Mr. W. W. Tapp, of West Virginia, and Mr. G. B. Moore, of Pittsburg, to prepare a programme for this General Conference. The object of this action was to facilitate and methodize the work of this body. The programme will be laid before you at the proper time, and you will decide what to do with it. Being an unauthorized expedient, it will still enable you to determine upon the wisdom of electing a Programme Committee for the next session of this body.

In doing this work, the members of the committee were required to incur traveling expenses, which, it seems to me, the General Conference should take action to reimburse. This is equally necessary in regard to other expenses incurred by persons engaged in doing work of this kind. As examples, I may cite the expenses of the preliminary committees on Church Union, now only partially reimbursed. The Programme Committee of the last Ecumenical Conference suffered an outlay of several hundred dollars, which they were required to pay for serving the church. The committee that met similar committees of the Congregational and United Brethren to fix the time and place and prepare a tentative programme for the Dayton Council, had to pay their expenses. This does not seem fair nor just, and it appears to me the General Conference should take measures to provide a fund for such purposes, and appoint a treasurer to receive and disburse it, with the approval of the president of the General Conference, the Board of Publication, or a committee appointed for the purpose, which shall also pass upon the validity of the claim.

The numberless letters which I have received, requesting me to interpret church law; the difficulties incident to misunderstanding it, and the injury which has grown out of it, in some cases proves that much of our Discipline is hazy, or that a good many of our Conferences and ministers are more or less obtuse. In either case there are instances in which harmful action has resulted. No law is safe or satisfactory when it is open to several interpretations. As matters now stand, the president of the General Conference has no power to give an authoritative interpretation of law. He may express an opinion, but it has no more authority than the opinion of other men. Many difficulties might be avoided, or amicably adjusted, if the president was authorized to interpret law, or visit Conferences having controverted questions and construe law, subject, of course, to the revision of the General Conference. I am sure that the experiences of my two predecessors here will confirm the need of some such action. I had intended to bring the letters received, asking for such interpretations and submit them to this body for the consideration of the Judiciary Committee, but fearing the effect on that committee, and desiring to get home before the end of the month, I decided not to afflict the Conference with them.

But there is one article in our law so confusing and so conflicting that it should be clarified and harmonized, and put beyond the point of ambiguity and misinterpretation. I refer to the conflict between the Constitution and the Discipline with regard to the acquirement and disposal of church property. Does it require the presence of two-thirds of the qualified members, or have two-thirds of those present the authority to act in the purchase or disposal of property? The Constitution says one thing and the Discipline says another. At Atlantic City, in 1900, the Committee on Revision, Dr. F. T. Little, Secretary, attempted to reconcile the Discipline with the Constitution but the Conference refused to adopt the committee's report, and the contradiction continues. I presume that I have been asked a hundred times during these four years to construe that law, and yet all I could do was to call attention to the discrepancy, and recite the history of the Conference action. This is far more important than many seem to think, and may cause us loss. The courts generally decide cases according to the law of the church, but they never reconcile inconsistencies and contradictions which may appear in church laws. This is the business of the church itself through its constituted authorities, and it is a matter for this Conference to consider.

Another problem that no man can settle, until there is something more definite put into the Discipline, is this: "What constitutes a qualified member of the Methodist Protestant Church?" The Discipline directs that elections shall be by the qualified members, but it nowhere defines what constitutes a qualified member. This might be less important if it did not at times involve legal questions, property interests, the validity of church charters, and insurance claims. A statutory act is not complete, when it suggests conditions or restrictions without defining them.

It is not my prerogative, nor my duty to offer suggestions, but I call attention to these, as examples of ambiguity, and as fruitful sources of misunderstanding of our church law, and hardly less fruitful sources of trouble, contention and division in the churches.

It is not without some misgivings that I venture to call your attention to the need of more ministers for our work. I would not feel justified in bringing this need to your attention had I not been frequently requested to suggest names for unsupplied charges. In most cases the charges left without pastoral supply are small and weak; but for that reason they can not safely be left without ministers unless we are willing to let them perish. In a few cases strong charges could not be provided for by the stationing authorities.

In order to get at some facts I went over the last minutes of twenty-five of our conferences. Among these are some of the strongest conferences in the denomination. The plans of appointments show that one hundred and fifty-seven charges were left unsupplied. Some of these were subsequently provided with temporary supplies from college and seminary students, by local preachers and by superannuates. These temporary supplies are better than no supplies, but those who serve in such a capacity understand that it is only a makeshift, and is so regarded by the charges themselves. The president of the Maryland Conference could tell you of a recent case in which an intelligent layman traveled three hundred miles to plead with him, plead with tears, for a supply for his circuit, and, I think, it could not be furnished. Our duty is not only to furnish ministers to the better charges, but to those also that will become better charges by a satisfactory supply. I know that this is a subject of acute interest, causing the appointing authorities grave anxiety at each recurring Annual Conference, and I have no remedy to offer, even if it came within the province of my duty to do so. But it is a question that involves the very foremost interests of the church, and should therefore command your serious and prayerful consideration. We must have more ministers or lose much of our most promising work.

Our statistical tables are so unsatisfactory and so incorrect that they render an approximately accurate statement impossible. It was my intention to bring to you certain aggregates taken from the minutes of the Annual Conferences. These were placed in the hands of an expert accountant, but he found so many discrepancies and erroneous additions in the minutes of our leading Conferences as to prove them wholly unreliable. In some copies not a single addition was correct, and the totals could not be reconciled with the aggregates of the individual pastoral reports. This calls for a remedy in the appointment of more competent statistical stewards, more accurate pastor's reports, and a closer supervision by the Annual Conferences. It indicates also that the Statistical Committee of the General Conference has not sufficient time during the session to prepare a correct and satisfactory report. The Annual Conferences should have a church blank so simple and plain as to make mistakes impossible. They should have competent statistical secretaries, and their work should be passed upon by a committee, and



their collation and addition of figures verified. The General Conference should elect a standing statistical committee, to whom the authorized and validated statistics of each Annual Conference should be promptly sent. This committee should prepare, annually, a brief but correct statistical report to be published in the church papers, and during the year next preceding the General Conference an accurate detailed report should be prepared for the General Conference minutes.

It is with a sense of personal gratification and with sincere gratitude to God that I can relate the steady progress of our schools, colleges and church boards. These, with our publishing interests, have been industriously pushing their work. We regret that there has not yet been a general and sympathetic cooperation in these enterprises. What we have not yet learned, as I hope we will in the years to come, is that connectional spirit which works together with God for the accomplishment of His plans. We recognize our brotherhood, our connectional relations, when we meet in General Conference assembly, and we make provisions for definite connectional work, but when we get home it is difficult to rise high enough to look beyond our Annual Conference lines. I long for the day when the spirit of the master shall so abide in us that the whole church will go forth to declare the whole Bible to the whole world. It is our privilege to look back and bless God for the manifold mercies and favors that under His providence have made us what we are, but it is our greater privilege to go forward with a pledged faith to the greater opportunities, and the more glorious triumphs, that under the guidance of the Holy Spirit a consecrated and united church may realize.

It is not an insignificant fact, nor an unimportant coincidence of history that we meet in General Conference assembled in the eightieth year of our denominational life. Our minutes will record this as our twentieth quadrennial session.

There is probably not a person now living who was a member of the church at its beginning. The fathers of 1828 have all gone to their merited reward, and have left to us, as their heirs, the fruits of their labors, their trials and their sacrifices. It is needless to say that events have so vindicated the contention of the Reformers that the history of their day could not be repeated now.

It was their high privilege to organize and promote a Methodism that capitalized the lay element, and established a principle of mutual interest and responsibility in ecclesiastical government, which has met general commendation and approval. We have been true to our traditions, in doctrines and in polity, and are able to point to our history without regret or apology.

If we have not grown in numbers as might have been expected, when the justice and equity of our principles are considered, we have yet the satisfaction of knowing that the leaven we have created has leavened Methodism throughout the world. Even if it be denied that our influence contributed to the modification of church polity in other Methodisms, it must be conceded that all such modifications are a justification and a vindication of the contention of our founders. And so we can look back from this octogenarian viewpoint and thank God for the inheritance left us by the fathers, and go forward with courage and faith in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Trusting that we may enter upon the duties that call us together in the spirit of the Master, I now declare the twentieth session of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church duly open and ready for the transaction of business.

F. T. TAGG.

## PAPER NO. II.

## RESOLUTION ON STANDING COMMITTEES.

- Resolved*, 1. That the standing Committee on Finance be discontinued.
2. That the work of the Committee on Course of Study and on Ritual be transferred to the Committee of Revision; Ministerial Education to Education, and Communications to Fraternal Relations.
3. That the Committee on Foreign Missions and on Home Mission be combined under the name of "Missions;" and the Committee on Y. P. S. C. E. and on Sunday Schools be combined under the name of "Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies."
4. That the Standing Committees be constituted by the delegation from each Annual Conference naming one member for each Committee, or for as many as they have delegates, and the President shall name the chairman, viz.: Publishing Interests, Revision, Missions, Education, Judiciary.
5. That the following Committees shall consist of five members and shall be appointed by the President, viz: Boundaries, Journals, Fraternal Relations, Temperance, Sabbath, President's Report, Sunday Schools, Young People's Societies, Statistics.

## PAPER NO. III.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

We report:

1. That the roll as read by the Secretary of the Conference this morning is correct with the following exceptions: North Carolina, J. R. Hutton to take the place of W. F. Kennett; Ohio, O. J. Cartwright to take the place of C. A. White; West Virginia, A. F. Hess to take the place of J. T. Vincent, Dr. J. B. Watson to take the place of J. I. Swindler; Tennessee, S. E. Kendall has no credentials; North East Arkansas has no credential for Bertha Gray.
2. Alabama Conference reports three ministerial and three lay representatives; and another report claiming to be from the same Conference presents the credentials of one minister and one layman.
3. That E. M. Mouser, an alternate of the Louisiana Conference, is entitled to a seat in the General Conference as a substitute for W. W. Lantrip.
4. That the three ministerial and the three lay representatives from the Alabama District, seated by the General Conference yesterday, have presented their credentials in proper legal form.
5. That the rival claims of J. T. Howell and T. H. Crenshaw to membership in the General Conference as representatives from the Alabama District involve questions outside the jurisdiction of the Committee on Credentials.

H. L. ELDERDICE,  
C. D. SINKINSON,  
A. J. HARRIS,  
D. C. COBURN,  
J. J. BARGE.

## PAPER NO. IV.

## RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Conference shall be opened at the appointed hour with religious services, under the direction of the President, or in his absence, under that of the Secretary.
2. After the religious exercises of each session, the roll shall

be called by the Secretary, and the minutes of the previous session read and approved.

3. When a member desires to present any business, or to speak to any question, he shall arise and address the Chair as "Mr. President," and then pause until he is recognized by the Chair, as follows: "The representative from ——." The President in putting a question shall do it standing.

4. Any motion made and seconded, except a motion to adjourn, to lay on the table, a call for the previous question, for the yeas and nays, and for a division of the house, shall be handed to the Chair when required by the Secretary, signed by the mover and second, and be read by the Secretary before any debate is had thereon.

5. No interruption shall be suffered while a member is on the floor, but by a call to order by the Chair or some other member of the Conference. In such cases, the member making the call shall state the ground on which he makes it, and the member supposed to be out of order shall have an opportunity to explain. All questions of order shall be decided by the President, agreeably to the rules of the Conference; provided, however, that any member may, by obtaining a second, appeal to the Conference from the decision of the Chair; but the question thereon shall be taken without debate, after the member has stated his ground of appeal and after the President has stated his reason for the decision.

6. No member shall speak more than once on the same question, nor longer than ten minutes, without special leave from the Conference, and he shall confine himself strictly to the subject under discussion, provided, however, that the chairman of a committee and the member presenting an original paper shall be entitled to make a second speech.

7. All motions or resolutions shall, at the request of any member, be divided when the sense will admit of it.

8. If two or more members rise to speak at the same time, it shall be determined by the President which of them is entitled to the floor.

9. The appointment of all committees shall be by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.

10. The number of which any committee shall be composed shall be determined by the Conference, the question being taken on the highest number first, and so on until the Conference shall determine the number.

11. Upon a call for the previous question, if made by five members and sustained by two-thirds of those voting, the question shall be put without debate. But it shall not be in order for a member to move the previous question at the close of his own speech.

12. When a question is under debate no motion shall be entertained but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to commit, amend or postpone, which several motions have precedence in the order they stand arranged, and the first two shall be taken without debate, and a motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

13. Every member within the bar shall vote on all questions submitted to the action of the Conference, unless excused for sufficient reasons.

14. No personalities shall be allowed in debate, nor improper allusion upon any religious denomination.

15. All reports of committees, when read by their respective authors shall be regarded as the property of the Conference, and subject to its action.

16. Any motion to reconsider shall be made by some member

who voted with the majority, and shall require a majority of the members present to sustain it; nor shall a motion to reconsider be entertained, if made later than the second day after the original action is had, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

17. Any member shall have the right to call for the reading of any subject under consideration. No member shall be allowed to explain remarks made in a previous speech, except in regular debate, unless a member requests it; but any member so called upon to explain shall have the right to decline any explanation.

18. The President shall administer the rules rigidly and impartially. He shall promptly suppress unseemly demonstrations, such as stamping, clapping of hands and conversation, or other behavior which obstructs the business of the Conference.

19. Persons not members having business with the Conference shall present their business to the appropriate committees, who may, in their discretion, recommend that the persons applying be heard by the Conference, or the committee itself may bring the business, if deemed of sufficient importance, to the notice of the Conference.

20. No one shall be constituted an honorary member; but persons duly presented to the President by the Committee on Fraternal Relations shall be presented to the Conference at the convenience of the President, and may be invited to a seat within the bar, and, by vote, may be permitted to address the Conference on any specified subject.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call to order.
2. Devotional service.
3. Roll call.
4. Reading minutes.
5. Presentation and reference of papers.
6. Unfinished business.
7. Roll call of Committees for reports.
8. Incidental business.
9. Committee announcements.

PAPER NO. V.

STATEMENT OF GENERAL CONFERENCE SECRETARY'S FUND.

*Expenditures.*

Stationery .....	\$ .25
1904.	
May 28—Trunk transportation.....	.35
May 31—Trunk transportation.....	.25
Sept. 30—Telephone fee.....	.50
Sept. 30—Stationery, letter heads.....	1.75
Oct. 31—Telephone fee.....	.35
Dec. 31—Mrs. J. R. Edelbutt, recording minutes.....	20.00
1908.	
May 5—Postage to date.....	1.50
	\$24.95

*Receipts.*

1904.	
May 21—Received from Dr. Elderdice.....	22.12
	\$2.83
Account overdrawn.....	
	By F. C. CHAMBERS, Secretary.

SESSION

GENERAL CONFERENCE

submit the follow

the Annual Conference of the General Conference records in proper form. There are also a number of Journals, viz.: so many years; and we would like to see the Annual Conferences be more uniform in the reports published by the Discipline. We would like to see the reports of a number of the Conferences published, and we would like to see the reports of the General Conference

of Ohio, Muskingum and W. We would like to see the reports of the General Conference of 1900 in having the reports published in the volume, and would like to see the reports with this request; which would be getting the Journals of the General Conference published them, one year later.

These Conferences which have been held in written form and the reports of the Journals be printed and bound.

Submitted,

- S. W. DUNGAN,
  - A. L. McKEEVER,
  - J. R. HURTON,
  - J. T. BLACK,
  - C. F. HILTY,
- Committee.

SECTION VII.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We would respectfully report: The Christian Church has throughout its history on the subject of temperance, we feel that we should not be silent nor speak in a whisper of intemperance, whose awful and inevitable effects upon men and women are and destructive beyond description.

This General Conference reiterates its opposition to intemperance in all its forms; in the most destructive form among men and women; and many of our young people upon whom such use has the most injurious effects. We would urge the disuse of tobacco and alcohol, which emasculates many of our boys and

young men and which in its excessive use in any form becomes a great and sore evil.

We rejoice in the remarkable spread of temperance sentiment in our country and reports of prohibition victories in various states, especially in the Southern section of our land, have thrilled our hearts. We congratulate the temperance people of North Carolina upon their hope of victory in the prohibition campaign they are now waging.

And since the saloons and dispensaries are the distributing centres of the liquor traffic and are all, from the gilded saloon down to the vilest whisky dives, haunts of vice and links of iniquity and breeding places of anarchy and pauperism, of corruption and crime, we would urge our ministry and laity to press hard the present battle against the saloon and by voice and vote to demand its overthrow, pledging their suffrages only to those candidates who stand against the continuance of the liquor traffic, and in every way possible creating legislation and sentiment, making the evils of intemperance impossible.

We desire to express our appreciation of the work of the Anti-Saloon League of America and to recommend that the President of this General Conference appoint a minister or a layman to represent our denomination on its Board of Trustees.

We recommend that the following resolution be transmitted to the United States Senate and House of Representatives:  
To the President and Members of the United States Senate and the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

WHEREAS, Amendments to the Interstate Commerce Law are now pending in Congress proposing to prohibit the shipment of malt and spirituous liquors into the dry counties and states, thus securing to the people of such territory the power to enforce law and protect morals.

*Therefore Resolved*, By the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church now in session in the city of Pittsburg, Pa., That we petition the President and members of the United States Senate and the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives to bring to a vote and to enact into a law, during the present session of Congress, some such measure as will secure the above desired end.

*Resolved*, That we oppose the reestablishment of the canteen, believing its discontinuance to have been to the best interest of our army and especially helpful to the morals of our soldiers.

T. J. OGBURN, Chairman,  
J. W. KIRK,  
W. G. McDANIEL,  
DR. JOS. B. WATSON,  
A. W. STEWART.

#### PAPER NO. VIII. DEACONESS WORK.

We believe the time has come when the Methodist Protestant Church should recognize the hand of God in the Deaconess movement in opening another avenue of usefulness for Christian women. There is an imperative and constant need of their benevolent sympathies and human ministeries. And desiring to follow faithfully the worthy example of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in all His healing, saving ministeries and wishing to do our full part in all gracious work, we deem it wise and proper at this time to take such action as will provide for the organization, maintenance and direction of the society of Deaconesses in the Methodist Protestant Church. Such an organization of Deaconesses to be recognized as

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and to be organized and directed by the General Conference of the Methodist

Deaconess is to minister to the poor, visit the sick, care for the orphan, seek the wanderer, and in general, to devote herself to such forms of service as are commensurate to her abilities. No vow of perpetual celibacy is required for any Deaconess.

Deaconesses may be organized into a Deaconess Board, consisting of not less than seven members, one-third of the number to be men and one-third to be women, shall have the general control of the work. The term of the members of the Board shall be three years, one-third of the number being

eligible for re-election. No woman of suitable age shall be admitted to the office of a Deaconess. Provided that she shall not be conferred except on the annual conference, and she shall have served in continuous service.

The Board shall annually report both the names of the Deaconesses to the Annual Conference, and the reasons for the continuance of any Deaconess.

Each Deaconess shall be under the jurisdiction of the church which she is serving. When in a Home, all the members of the Home shall be subject to the discipline of the church, and directed by, the superintendent placed in

charge of the Home. She shall be selected by the Conference Board and shall be protected and protected her. This should, if possible, be throughout the church.

The following is to be inserted in the Book of Discipline, to be the same as that in Part Four, page 136.)

Consecration of Deaconesses.

Order of Services.

"Our Dying Love." Hymnal 319.

Psalm Selection 10 in the Psalter.

Scripture. Matt 25.

Our Father of all grace and salvation, the author of all our mercies, we assemble in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we trust, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, to worship Thee reverently and acceptably according to Thy will, and that we may realize in our service the fullness of Thy divine blessing.

God, that in the goodness of Thy providence, Thou hast called men and women into the work of Thy Kingdom, we beseech Thee with grace and power to proclaim Thy truth and to abide in Thy will. Look graciously now upon these Thy servants, who are gathered before Thee for Thy favor and blessing.

As we draw apart for a sacred service in Thy Church, we beseech Thee, upon this consecration, by bestowing upon us the gift of the Holy Spirit, and grant that the work which Thy hands may be worthily accomplished, that we may increasingly realize the joy of Thy salvation.

and that they may live to Thy glory—and to the praise of Thy dear Son—in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

To be followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Hymn: "I'll go where You want me to go." Hymnal 398.

\*Sermon or address.

Presentation of the Candidates.

Dear Brother—I present to you these candidates for Deaconesses in the Church of Jesus Christ, they having successfully completed the course of study prescribed for this office by the — Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and having given evidences of their call to this work by their godly living, I take pleasure in presenting them to you for this service of consecration.

The President? or Officiating Minister.

Dearly Beloved.—We are assembled in the presence of God and this company for the consecration of these persons unto the work of Deaconesses in the Methodist Protestant Church. They have presented themselves in obedience to a conscious call to yield themselves to this special ministry of benevolence and love. They have been approved as to their mental and spiritual qualifications and have received the training which was deemed necessary for their success as servants of the church, in teaching, in ministering to the poor, the aged, little children, the sick, the afflicted, the neglected; and in general work for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God.

As you have expressed your desire to enter upon the work of a Deaconess, it is proper that you should give public response to the following questions:

Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

Do you sincerely receive, and will you maintain the faith and practice of this church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?

Do you approve of the government and discipline of the Methodist Protestant Church?

Will you diligently strive to promote an active spiritual and general interest in behalf of the church among the people committed to your care?

Do you believe that you have been called into the work of a Deaconess, and do you promise faithfully to perform the duties pertaining thereto?

Will you cheerfully accept the direction of those whom the Church may set over you in the prosecution of your work?

Charge To Candidates.

Dear Sisters in the Lord.—This service to which you now devote yourselves is an honorable one, recognized in the Holy Scriptures. It is a labor of love to which the Spirit of Christ from the beginning moved His church; and like your divine Master, you are called to go about doing good and ministering, as He did, to the needs of a suffering, sorrowing, and sin-burdened world. You will need the guidance, the comfort, and the support of the Holy Spirit in the fulfillment of the labors of this chosen office, and will need often to be found alone with your Master in prayer. In being set apart for the specific work of a Deaconess you are released from other cares, so that you may devote yourselves without reservation to this one office. You will carry a great burden, but you will also be the recipients of a great joy. You should not seek for worldly gain or glory, but rather for the praise of



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... should be self-denying, humble, meek, wholly consecrated to your work, ever remembering that true sacrifice is the law of God. You are to be faithful students of the Word of God, and are to seek to be filled with the Holy Spirit. You have a long and highly honorable record of good work, and you will receive from God, as did Phoebe, a faithful servant of the New Testament, and at last receive from Christ the crown of life. Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord."

... of every good and perfect gift, granted us through Thy servants, now set apart for the service of Thy Church. Bless, we pray Thee, those who are called into the holy service for which they have been chosen. We beseech Thee, to grant them that Thou wilt wholly sanctify them in the body and spirit; and that Thou wilt bestow upon them a long life of usefulness; and that Thou wilt make them messengers of mercy, comfort, and hope, to the poor, to the sick, to the afflicted, and to the ignorant; and may they bring many souls to Christ, building up the Kingdom of God to the glory of Thy most holy name, Amen. We pray, O Lord.

... the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Creator of the world, that didst fill with Thy Spirit Mary and Deborah, that didst not disdain that Thine only Son should be born of a woman, who didst admit into the Temple and into the temple, the women of the Gates, do Thou now look down on these who are appointed unto the work of Deacons, and cleanse them with Thy Holy Spirit, and cleanse them from all unrighteousness of the flesh and of the Spirit, that they may worthily perform the work committed unto them, to Thy glory and to the glory of the Father, with whom to Thee and the Holy Spirit be glory and honor without end. Amen.

... or officiating minister, shall then lay his (or her) hands upon the head of the candidate and say.)

... (name in full)..... In the name of our Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and by the authority of the Methodist Protestant Church, we receive the divine call which you have heard and heed, and set you apart as one chosen of God for the office of a deacon in the church.

... "New firm a foundation," Hymnal 374.  
... at abbreviated service, those parts indicated by a star  
... to be put in the ritual of the discipline.

PAPER NO. IX.  
CHURCH UNION.

The General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, held in Pittsburg, May 15, 1908, has had three important resolutions addressed to it on the subject of organic union with other denominations.  
The National Council of Congregational Churches, assembled at Cleveland, Ohio, October, 1907, has invited us to join them in a new commission for revision and amendment of the "Book of Union," adopted by the representatives of the Congre-

gational, United Brethren and Methodist Protestant Church at Chicago in March, 1907.

A Committee appointed by the Bishops of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ has appeared before the Conference and expressed their belief that their people are ready to join us in a movement to consummate organic union at once on the general principles of the Chicago platform.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church assembled in Baltimore May, 1908, has sent a deputation to present resolutions adopted by the Conference proposing the renewal of organic fellowship with them as the beginning of a movement for a reunited and common Methodism in America.

The General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church hails with joy these tokens of the triumph of love and unity in the Church of the loving Christ, and it is our earnest desire to prove ourselves worthy of the honor conferred upon us by being made the recipient of these proposals. It is our conviction that the Church is learning new lessons and is being prepared for new duties by the movement so unmistakably beginning in many directions towards a common center. Rejoicing in all these as we do, it will not seem strange that the movement for a re-united and common Methodism in America should be most attractive to us and most nearly concern our own obligations.

All our history and traditions are connected with Methodism, and while we are few in numbers compared with the two great bodies of Episcopal Methodism, we have an advantage over both of them perhaps, in that we are distributed over all sections of our country. And it may be that this circumstance constitutes an obligation upon us to respond to the powerful and loving appeal of the Methodist Episcopal Church with loving and appreciative heartiness, and to carry on this appeal to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to other Methodist bodies in America, until the sun shall rise no more upon the divided and scattered children of Wesley, but our united country shall rejoice in a united church that will need no other name than the Methodist Church of America.

We, therefore, solemnly dedicate ourselves to this service, and praying for the Divine blessing upon the effort and for Divine guidance in all the steps that may be taken, we, the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, hereby resolve

1. That we express our affectionate esteem for the brethren of the Congregational Church and for the deep interest they have shown in the movement for church union; but that we deem it inadvisable at this time to send back the "Act of Union" for revision.

2. That we respond heartily to the proposal of the Methodist Episcopal Church, not unmindful of the difficulties to be overcome before a satisfactory conclusion can be reached, but ready to go as far and as rapidly in consummating a universal Methodism as the interests and integrity of our own denomination will permit; and to pray continually for the full realization of their and our hope.

3. That a commission, consisting of nine members, be appointed by this Conference for the purpose of meeting with a like commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and of other Methodist churches in this country, to promote and complete so far as may be possible the reunion of Methodists in America.

4. That since we have had such assurances from the United Brethren Church of their cordial feeling for us and their deep interest in church union, evidenced by their inauguration of the

movement which culminated in the "Act of Union" already referred to, we hereby empower this commission to meet with a like commission of the United Brethren Church with the view of promoting organic union with them, and of enlisting them in this movement.

5. That this Commission shall report to the next General Conference a full account of their proceedings together with their suggestions for further action of the General Conference.

And may the blessing of Almighty God, in His Wisdom, Grace and Peace, be with this Commission and with the Churches they may visit, "for the edifying of the body of Christ; till we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

T. H. LEWIS, Chairman.

F. T. LITTLE, Secretary.

PAPER NO. X.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

Home Missions.

To the Members of the General Conference:

Your Committee on Missions would report as follows:

Our examination of the report of the Board on Home Missions has brought to us great pleasure, and we commend it to our entire church as a most satisfactory and encouraging statement of the condition of the Board for this quadrennium.

Our examination of the financial statements show that receipts from the Conferences aggregate an increase of \$11,296.15 for this quadrennium.

It shows that the work of the Secretary-Treasurer in the performance of his duties has been resourceful and successful and deserves the hearty commendation of the church. We commend his business acumen and discretion in the successful management of our church properties in Seattle and Cincinnati, by which the funds of the Board were so largely increased as to show a net gain of \$76,519.14 above the increase of the preceding quadrennium.

We would also commend the summary of the receipts and expenditures as found in the comparative financial review of the printed report of the Board to the careful consideration of the whole church.

Believing the new rules adopted by the Home Board to be wise we would ask for the hearty cooperation of the church in making them effective.

We are of the opinion that the Bureau of Evangelism, recently established by the Board, will be productive of great good, and that this General Conference should lend to it every possible encouragement.

It gives us great pleasure to note the growing popularity of the Easter Services as prepared by the Home Board and we recommend it as a stimulating and indispensable method of educating our children in this great interest of the church.

We would ask that this session of our General Conference place its most emphatic disapproval upon the action of such of our Conferences as reduce the assessments laid upon them by this Board.

We do most heartily concur in the Young People's Missionary Movement inaugurated by the Home Board and ask for it the co-operative sympathy of the entire church.

**Recommendations.**

After thus reviewing the work of the Home Board, we would make the following recommendations:

1. That the plan of presenting and preserving the records as set before us in the bound volume prepared by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Home Board be followed by both our Mission Boards.
2. In view of the fact that \$70,000 has been spent already on the Seattle property, we recommend that no more money be spent thereon by this Board.
3. That the bond of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Home Mission Board be raised to \$15,000 and that of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Foreign Missions to \$10,000.
4. That no bills be paid by the Secretary-Treasurer of either Board without the authority of the President of the Board he serves.
5. That the President of the General Conference be made a member of both Boards of Missions.
6. That the accounts of our Mission Boards be audited by a certified public accountant every four years, or when a Secretary-Treasurer vacates his office.
7. We recommend that when mission churches be established, care be taken that they are not so distant from an Annual Conference as to be beyond the reach of its influence and care.
8. We recommend the following as members of the Board on Home Missions: Rev. J. M. Sheridan, Maryland; Rev. J. C. McCain, Indiana; Rev. C. L. Queen, West Virginia; Rev. A. O. Horney, Ohio; F. C. Chambers, Muskingum; H. W. Reeves, Pittsburg; T. A. Hunter, North Carolina; Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D.

#### Woman's Board Of Home Missions.

This organization has been in existence for about fifteen (15) years, but seems not to have made much progress in the organization of auxiliaries, the collection or the establishment of mission work. A church was built at Lawton, Okla., valued at \$2,500, which seems to have made but little progress, and is yet far from being a self-sustaining church.

The latest report of the pastor shows that it contributed during the year only \$17.80 to the pastor's salary. Recently, however, the Board has taken some advanced steps in increasing its Conference organizations from four to seven and its auxiliaries from twenty to fifty, and now reports about eight hundred (800) contributing members.

It has continued to make some appropriations to the Lawton Church; it has taken up work among the mountains of Tennessee and among the Navajo Indians in Arizona, and it is also educating a young woman in a training school for work among immigrants.

The new management has made some changes in the constitution of the Board, has developed considerable activity in several directions, adopted some plans for the collection of funds, the extension of its sphere of operations and the vigorous prosecution of its work.

In order to make its plans more hopeful of success, the Executive Committee of the Board asks this General Conference to endorse the following recommendations:

1. That this Board be made auxiliary to the Board of Home Missions.
2. That the Woman's Board continue to carry on its specific work of uplifting and evangelizing the women and children of these special classes of people through mission schools and the house to house work of the women missionaries.
3. That the Board of Home Missions supervise this work and cooperate with the Woman's Board in the purchase of property, the care of mission churches and the placing of missionaries where

collect some part of the amount before finally charging it off. Referring to the accounts receivable, Mr. Browning states that the total loss, from bad accounts, during the past four years, including \$78.41, has not exceeded one-half of one per cent. of the total sales of Merchandise and Sunday School periodicals. Such a showing reflects great credit upon the careful and faithful management of our Agent, Mr. T. R. Woodford, and demonstrates the reliability of our patrons.

A better conception of the growth of the general business may be obtained from the following comparative statement:

	Total Income 1904-5	1907-8	Increase	Decrease	%
"Methodist Protestant" .....	\$6,074.88	\$5,379.66		\$695.22	11.44
Sunday School Periodicals .....	7,685.34	9,508.15	1,822.81		23.72
Merchandise .....	4,887.38	10,172.16	5,284.78		108.13
Net increase from all Departments .....			6,412.37		34.38

While we do not own any real estate and have to depend solely for revenue from trading in the three departments mentioned, it will be of interest to you to learn that we are privileged, through the generosity of the Maryland Annual Conference, aided by a few contributions from other Conferences, to occupy the premises located at 316 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland, free of rent. While the property is deeded absolutely to the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference as a part of the holdings of the Conference, by subsequent action of said body, a resolution, jointly agreed to by the Baltimore Book Directory and the Board of Trustees, was adopted, conferring upon the Baltimore Book Concern the right to occupy as much of the building as may be necessary for carrying on its business, free of rent, provided, however, that if at any time the rents from the portion not needed for its use are insufficient to meet the taxes and other current expenses, they are to be paid for out of the funds of the Book Concern. The rents during the past four years have been ample to meet all the current expenses, consequently we have occupied the building free of charge, which of course has helped to increase our earnings.

Under the agreement the property is managed by a joint committee composed of six members, three from the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference and three from the Baltimore Book Directory.

In reviewing the work of the past four years we feel encouraged to believe that the foundation has been laid upon which to build a substantial and successful Book Concern business in Baltimore, which in time ought to produce an income more than sufficient for its operation, which could be applied by the General Conference in support of our benevolent organizations. With this object in view we appeal to our people everywhere to give us their loyal and undivided patronage.

In closing this report we wish to express our appreciation of the faithful services rendered by our Editor and Agent in conducting the business of the Concern. Whatever of success has been accomplished we believe has been due largely to them and their faithful employes. Above all, however, we recognize the fact that the guiding hand of our kind Heavenly Father has ever been present with us, directing us in the discharge of our duties, and we are sincerely grateful to Him for whatever He has been pleased to accomplish through us.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signed]  
[Signed]

WM. B. USILTON, President.  
J. L. MILLS, Secretary.

THE BALTIMORE BOOK CONCERN OF THE METHODIST  
PROTESTANT CHURCH.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR  
THE QUADRENNIUM ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1908.

ASSETS.

	Feb. 28, '05	Feb. 28, '06	Feb. 28, '07	Feb. 29, '08
Cash—on Hand and in Bank.....	\$1,018.92	\$635.41	\$641.05	\$1,298.97
Special Deposit Baltimore P. O..	50.00	50.00	50.00	25.00
Accounts Receivable.....	1,181.99	1,586.75	2,023.37	2,118.66
Suspended Accts.—Methodist Protestant 20% valuation.....	110.00	150.00	60.30	64.98
Accrued Advertising—Methodist Protestant .....	399.51	333.60	231.37	230.76
Advance Orders—S. S. Periodicals Inventories by T. R. Woodford:	1,250.00	1,420.83	1,634.17	1,716.01
Merchandise—				
Stock on Hand.....	3,050.72	5,090.89	6,220.76	8,029.28
Drinkhouse Histories.....	2,147.50	2,082.50	600.00	596.25
Drinkhouse History Plates....	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Hymnal Plates.....	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
Old Electros.....	100.00	100.00		
S. S. Periodicals.....			3.33	5.11
Methodist Protestant—Paper....	15.75	27.40	34.50	33.54
Loans—				
Trustees Maryland Annual Con- ference .....	4,905.73	4,371.64	3,054.30	1,083.93
Furnishings "Drinkhouse Me- morial Room" .....	135.28	135.28		
Historical Society Maryland Annual Conference.....	17.50	37.50	22.50	
Furniture & Fixtures.....	755.65	895.53	1,278.83	1,360.69
Rent Fund "Book Concern Bldg." advanced .....	92.73			
<b>Total Resources.....</b>	<b>\$16,831.28</b>	<b>\$18,417.33</b>	<b>\$16,454.48</b>	<b>\$17,763.22</b>

LIABILITIES.

	Feb. 28, '05	Feb. 28, '06	Feb. 28, '07	Feb. 29, '08
Accounts Payable.....	\$1,892.27	\$2,114.94	\$2,439.53	\$2,605.66
Advance Subscriptions:				
Methodist Protestant.....	791.35	645.12	387.63	412.25
S. S. Periodicals.....	528.60	627.97	654.90	669.55
Accrued Interest:				
On Acct. T. A. Reese Fund....	90.73	108.73	126.73	147.73
Maryland Annual Conference Fund .....	545.91	555.91	575.91	565.91
Rent Fund "Book Concern Bldg." .....		481.62	7.78	62.02
<b>Total Liabilities.....</b>	<b>\$3,848.86</b>	<b>\$4,534.29</b>	<b>\$4,192.48</b>	<b>\$4,463.12</b>
Capital .....	12,982.42	13,883.04	12,262.00	13,300.10
	<b>\$16,831.28</b>	<b>\$18,417.33</b>	<b>\$16,454.48</b>	<b>\$17,763.22</b>

T. R. WOODFORD, Agent.

Baltimore, April 30, 1908.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have carefully examined the Accounts of the BALTIMORE BOOK CONCERN of the METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH for the Quadrennium ending February 29, 1908, and find the above statement of Assets and Liabilities correct, as shown by said accounts.

R. M. BROWNING,

Certified Public Accountant

... .. QUADRENNIAL SESSION

... .. primary and kindergarten, we have had flat ... .. of two hundred and twenty-eight ... .. teachers. Our buildings are used to the:

... .. work our pupils and teachers assist in the ... .. in Yokohama, and have charge of six ... .. of Sunday in Kitagata, a sector ... .. building up. More than four hundred chil- ... .. influence of our teachers and pupils every

... .. Meetings, Cooking Classes are all ... .. work in its center and outlying stations ... .. in some manner as many of these

... .. is valued at \$20,000, and is as ... .. the church holds in Japan.

... .. moving on in a very satisfactory manner. ... .. a beautiful building for kindergarten pur- ... .. of the best schools in Japan, drawing ... .. prominent citizens. During the past year ... .. children and 50 have graduated from its ... .. a superintendent and four native

... .. the "Mary A. Murray Home" and ... .. with three assist- ... .. to evangelical work. Meetings are ... .. other stations, for the betterment of ... .. property here is about \$5,000.

... .. the points where the Board of Foreign ... .. and where for sometime we have had a mis- ... .. property and will make in the city

... .. kindergarten here with an enroll- ... .. and English classes we have 58 enroll- ... .. class. In all these kindergartens we ... .. Sabbath, also assist in the work of the ... .. missionary and three assistants here. Our

... .. the success which has attended our work ... .. to still greater effort.

... .. an open door to all who seek to do good ... .. church as yet has taken no part in the ... .. The Woman's Foreign Missionary ... .. to take up work in that country, and ... .. of Foreign Missions, we petitioned the ... .. to take us under their super- ... .. where we might accomplish some work. ... .. we have been offered a station in the ... .. A generous offer has been made ... .. this work, and we are waiting ... .. with the full assurance that ... .. movement.

... .. "The Missionary Record," is in its twenty- ... .. and edited at Greensboro, N. C., under ... .. and Mrs. McCulloch. It has ... .. and we ask for this publication

... .. the fields of the church. By the Discipline ... .. her privileges, but we, however, ask for ... .. cooperation from the broad minded ministry

COMPARATIVE DEPARTMENT TRADING STATEMENTS SHOWING YEARLY INCOME AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE QUADRENNIUM ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1908.

RETURNS.

THE METHODIST PROTESTANT PUBLICATION AND TRADING STATEMENT.

	1904-5	1905-6	1906-7	1907-8	Total Returns	
Subscriptions .....	\$4,771.73	\$4,834.03	\$4,941.84	\$4,520.22	\$19,067.82	
Advertisements .....	1,303.15	1,104.37	854.48	761.84	4,023.84	
Commission & Disc't....		30.84			30.84	
Suspended Accounts....		54.86	159.32	97.60	311.78	
Loss on Methodist Protestant to P. & L. Acct.	\$6,074.68	\$6,024.10	\$5,955.64	\$5,379.66	\$23,434.28	\$23,434.28
	309.14	715.39	850.97	1,095.75	2,971.25	
	\$6,384.02	\$6,739.49	\$6,806.61	\$6,475.41	\$26,405.53	

TRADING STATEMENT.

Sales .....	\$7,685.34	\$8,637.47	\$9,019.03	\$9,508.15	\$34,849.99	
Suspended Accounts....		3.62	1.50		5.12	
	\$7,685.34	\$8,641.09	\$9,020.53	\$9,508.15	\$34,855.11	34,855.11

TRADING STATEMENT.

Sales .....	\$4,833.84	\$7,273.41	\$8,382.31	\$10,095.81	\$30,585.37	
Commission & Disc't....	53.54	69.27	72.79	76.35	271.95	
Loss on Mdse. to Profit & Loss Acct.....	*151.79					
	\$5,039.17	\$7,342.68	\$8,455.10	\$10,172.16	\$30,857.32	30,857.32

ACCOUNT—GENERAL.

Sundry Items.....			\$1.47		1.47	
Interest .....	\$83.50	\$236.13	62.66	\$9.63	391.92	393.39
Gain on S. S. Periodicals	1,330.99	1,077.61	1,209.99	1,402.98	5,021.57	
Gain on Mdse.....		323.38	455.81	722.11	**1,349.51	
Net Loss to Capital....			†1,621.04			
	\$1,414.49	\$1,637.12	\$3,350.97	\$2,134.72	\$6,764.47	\$89,540.10

\*Deducted contra.

\*\*Total gains, 3 years, \$1,501.30, minus loss, 1904-5, \$151.79 per contra total, \$1,349.51.

†While the books technically show a loss of \$1,621.04 in 1906-7 there was actually a business profit of \$878.96 realized. This technical loss was produced by charging \$2,500.00 from book value of old plates, etc., which had been carried at an excessive valuation.

T. R. WOODFORD, Agent.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Statement of Income and Expenditures for the Quadrennium ending February 29, 1908, is correct as shown by the books of the BALTIMORE BOOK CONCERN of the METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.

Baltimore, Md., April 30, 1908.

R. M. BROWNING,  
Certified Public Accountant.



SEVENTH QUADRENNIAL SESSION

The Joint Commission that the Basis was not  
that there was not enough Episcopacy in it for  
Methodist Episcopal Missionaries, while the Canadians claimed  
for them, and as our missionaries had given  
there, there was ground for the attempt at

In the proceedings it was evident that any plan looking  
the Episcopacy would not secure the sanction  
of the two Methodist Episcopal Churches.  
The Commissioners of the Methodist Episcopal  
of which they acknowledged, was that  
of 1904 "recognized the desirability of the  
Methodist bodies in Japan, and referred the  
in Japan to a commission of five, and con-  
to confer with similar commissions, and  
the adoption of a plan of unification," and  
elected Rev. M. C. Harris, D. D., "Mis-  
the Methodist Episcopal Church for Japan and  
was already on the field.

that they could not ignore, much less nullify, the  
General Conference. While their explanation of the  
General Conference to forestall action by any  
and that it was chargeable to the rush of busi-  
which they greatly regretted, was accepted, never-  
hand had to be dealt with on their own merits.  
agreement by the four Commissions on the name  
"Church of Japan," upon the terms of mem-  
Church, upon the doctrines, and upon some features

was reached over the term of office of the  
which the Basis stated "shall not exceed  
General Superintendent shall not be eligible for  
at the first General Conference, one  
for a term of four years only, so that there  
election every four years."

was offered to insert "shall be for life," and a  
"He shall be elected for 12 years."

The General Superintendent, after consultation  
Presiding Elders assembled, shall appoint all ministers and  
their charges; but any Presiding Elder shall have  
against any proposed appointment, and if his  
by a three-fourths vote of the Presiding Elders,

was offered to strike out all the verbage after  
substitute was presented covering all under the gen-  
Church government which had been under consideration,  
of office of the General Superintendent 12  
relieved by the action of the General Conference  
eliminated all referring to the right of appeal by

was withdrawn in favor of the substitute, and  
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The substitute was then voted on, and our Commission voted with the Canadian Commission in opposition thereto, and the two Methodist Episcopal Commissions voted for it.

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As a matter of history we deem it proper to state, based upon the printed report of the delegation of the Canadian Methodist Church that visited Japan after the meeting of the Joint Commission, that Japanese pastors and laymen connected with the churches of the three interested bodies met in Tokyo and adopted a memorial calling for at least a union of the three larger Methodist Churches in Japan, and adopted a revised copy of the Basis of Union, both of which were forwarded to the home authorities.

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It was claimed in the Joint Commission that the Basis was no longer acceptable, that there was not enough Episcopacy in it for the Methodist Episcopal Missionaries, while the Canadians claimed there was too much for them, and as our missionaries had given us no deliverance thereon, there was ground for the attempt a revision.

Early in the proceedings it was evident that any plan looking to the restriction of the Episcopacy would not secure the sanction of the Commissioners of the two Methodist Episcopal Churches.

A fact which figured prominently in the deliberations and influenced markedly the Commissioners of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the embarrassment of which they acknowledged, was that their General Conference of 1904 "recognized the desirability of the union of the several Methodist bodies in Japan, and referred the Basis of Union adopted in Japan to a commission of five, and conferred on them full power to confer with similar commissions, and to take final action in the adoption of a plan of unification," and also, on a subsequent day, elected Rev. M. C. Harris, D. D., "Missionary Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church for Japan and Korea," and he was already on the field.

They held that they could not ignore, much less nullify, the action of their General Conference. While their explanation of the non-intention of their General Conference to forestall action by any Joint Commission, and that it was chargeable to the rush of business and oversight which they greatly regretted, was accepted, nevertheless, the matters in hand had to be dealt with on their own merits.

There was agreement by the four Commissions on the name "The United Methodist Church of Japan," upon the terms of membership in the church, upon the doctrines, and upon some features of church government.

The crucial point was reached over the term of office of the General Superintendent, which the Basis stated "shall not exceed eight years, and the General Superintendent shall not be eligible for reelection. If two be elected at the first General Conference, one of them shall be chosen for a term of four years only, so that there should be a recurring election every four years."

An amendment was offered to insert "shall be for life," and a substitute was presented, "He shall be elected for 12 years."

Further consideration was deferred, and another sub-section was taken up: "The General Superintendent, after consultation with the Presiding Elders assembled, shall appoint all ministers and probationers to their charges; but any Presiding Elder shall have the right of appeal against any proposed appointment, and if his appeal be sustained by a three-fourths vote of the Presiding Elders it shall prevail."

An amendment was offered to strike out all the verbage after "charges." A substitute was presented covering all under the general head of church government which had been under consideration and making the term of office of the General Superintendent 12 years, unless sooner relieved by the action of the General Conference for cause," and it eliminated all referring to the right of appeal by a Presiding Elder.

The amendment was withdrawn in favor of the substitute, and then a substitute was offered that "The first General Superintendent or Superintendents shall be elected for life, but the second session of the General Conference shall determine whether thereafter the General Superintendent shall be elected for life or for a limited term, and if for a limited term, whether or not incumbents of the office shall be eligible for reelection." This also made no reference to the right of appeal by a Presiding Elder. All these amendments

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In the Annual Conferences "one lay representative from each

self-supporting church" is provided for, but the number is not large, and the appointing power of the General Superintendent is absolute, there being no right of appeal even by a Presiding Elder in the Basis adopted.

The Commissioners of the Methodist Episcopal Church declared they were "compelled to regard Missionary Bishop M. C. Harris as an integral part of the said church in Japan and Korea by virtue of his election to that office by the General Conference of 1904."

Bishop Harris declined to act on his own initiative, and decided to continue in his present church relations until the meeting of their next General Conference.

In May, 1907, in Tokyo, the unification of the three Methodist Churches took place, two Commissioners from each of the home churches being present and participating, and thus the United Methodist Church of Japan came into being as an independent, self-governing church, its first Bishop being a Japanese.

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. HARRIS,  
T. J. OGBURN,  
FRED C. KLEIN,  
W. W. LINEBERRY,  
FRANK F. BRIERLY,  
Commissioners.

#### PAPER NO. XI.

##### AGGRESSIVE EVANGELISM.

Your committee would submit the following for consideration:

1. It is the duty of the church to carry the message of salvation to mankind everywhere in every legitimate way, but among the great movements of the twentieth century is the one known as the World Wide Evangelistic Movement which is coming to be more and more a special factor in turning men from sin unto God. All denominations are awakening as never before to the duty and value of evangelistic work. The church in general is feeling that the time has come when it is its supreme duty to "cry aloud and spare not;" when the unregenerate should be made to feel the sinfulness of sin and their need of salvation.

2. We recognize and urge that the primary responsibility for evangelistic work rests upon each pastor, and that he should be the best evangelist in his own pulpit and among his own people, and that he above all others should be the most constant in presenting Christ as the "only way under heaven given among men whereby they must be saved." We believe that the pastor should not only present Christ, but when he presents Him that opportunity and invitation should be given to the unsaved to accept Him.

3. We also approve of the help which may be obtained by the employment of duly authorized and accredited evangelists as an associate where special efforts are to be made; hence we would recommend that as far as possible such evangelists, when employed, have the proper endorsement of the President of the Conference in which work is to be done, and the approval of the Quarterly Conference at which place service is to be rendered.

4. In order that proper shape may be given in our denomination to this present aggressive movement we would recommend that each Conference take up this particular work in the manner it may deem best; provided, that the officials of the Conference give direction to such work as far as practicable and consistent with their other duties.

5. We believe that cooperation is the order of the day; hence,

wherever opportunity offers we recommend a union of effort with other evangelical denominations be engaged in; that the greatest good may be realized to a community at large as well as benefits to the individual church.

In conclusion we would most earnestly urge a deeper and more prayerful consecration to the one great work of winning the world to Jesus Christ and the stimulating of all churches and pastors to more aggressiveness along evangelistic lines.

C. F. SWIFT,  
C. D. SINKINSON,  
G. W. HADDAWAY,  
W. O. ATWOOD,  
T. C. HODGES,  
Committee.

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#### PAPER NO. XII.

##### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

We have examined the reports of the Board of Publication, the Pittsburg Directory and the Baltimore Book Concern.

1. We concur in the recommendations of the Board of Publication that the issuing of a Junior Quarterly be left to the discretion of the Board and that the Board be required to meet but once during the quadrennium unless in its judgment a special meeting is necessary.
2. We recommend that the present form of report be retained with such modifications by each directory as its peculiar business may require and the addition of any information necessary to a complete understanding of the business.
3. We recommend that each directory be required to employ an expert accountant to examine the books and property of the Directory and to certify as to the correctness of the quadrennial report.
4. We recommend that the publication of an intermediate Sunday School paper be left to the discretion of the Board of Publication; also the publication of the Teachers' Journal monthly instead of quarterly.
5. We recommend that the Pittsburg Directory consider carefully whether expenses may not be reduced to an amount more nearly in proportion to the business done.
6. Our attention having been called to the fact that part of the printing of the Pittsburg Directory is done by a printing house in which the Publishing Agent and one of the directors are personally interested, we have inquired concerning the matter and been informed that the contract for printing was made by the Directory with the lowest bidder after sealed bids had been solicited and received from a number of printing houses.
7. We recommend the acceptance of the report of the Pittsburg Directory with the understanding that hereafter a statement of each year's business be given as required by the Discipline.
8. We recommend that the report of the Baltimore Directory be accepted and commended for its conciseness and completeness.
9. For members of the Pittsburg Directory we recommend A. L. Reynolds and C. E. Sheppard and Messrs. W. H. Warwick, Wm. E. Sankey, Jr., and F. K. Brierly.
10. For members of the Baltimore Directory we recommend J. L. Mills and C. D. Sinkinson and Messrs. W. B. Usilton, C. R. Durbin and N. T. Meginniss.
11. We recommend that the Baltimore Book Directory, whose duty it is to publish the Journal of the General Conference this year,

Store and Office Fixtures.....	893.69	
Suspended Accounts.....	155.07	
Copyrights.....	353.57	
Stocks.....	40.00	
Bills Receivable.....	514.00	
Hymnal Plates.....	555.76	
Accounts Receivable.....	2,702.55	
Books and Merchandise, Inventory.....	3,201.78	
Paper, Inventory, S. S. Per.....	\$1,458.63	
Paper, Inventory, M. R.....	340.00	
	<u>1,798.63</u>	
Cash on hand and in Bank.....	7,503.77	
<b>Total Assets.....</b>		<b>\$157,308.40</b>
<i>Liabilities.</i>		
Mortgage.....	\$31,000.00	
Thomas New Fund.....	1,148.61	
Accounts Payable.....	2,237.57	
	<u>34,386.18</u>	
<i>Stock.</i>		
Balance, Net Capital March 1, 1907.....	\$120,600.74	
Profit for Year.....	2,321.48	
	<u>122,922.22</u>	
<b>Total Liabilities.....</b>		<b>\$157,308.40</b>

### Receipts and Disbursements.

#### *Receipts.*

Methodist Recorder Subs.....	\$6,340.51	
Methodist Recorder Adv.....	1,351.17	
	<u>\$7,691.68</u>	
Sunday School Periodicals Subs..	\$16,308.20	
S. S. Periodicals, New Guide....	9,139.40	
	<u>25,447.60</u>	
Books, Sales, etc.....	6,070.19	
Rents.....	5,930.00	
Interest and Discount.....	74.64	
Waste Paper.....	5.94	
	<u>\$45,220.05</u>	
<b>Total Receipts.....</b>		<b>\$45,220.05</b>
Books, Merchandise on Hand.....		3,201.78
Paper, Inventory Meth. Rec.....	\$340.00	
Paper, Inventory S. S. Per.....	1,458.63	
	<u>1,798.63</u>	
<b>Total.....</b>		<b>\$50,220.46</b>

#### *Disbursements.*

Books and Merchandise Bought.....	\$4,984.71	
Paper, S. S. Per.....	\$3,220.61	
Paper, Meth. Rec.....	2,374.92	
	<u>5,595.53</u>	
Press Work, S. S. Per.....	\$2,272.89	
Press Work, Meth. Rec.....	831.64	
	<u>3,104.53</u>	
Composition, S. S. Per.....	\$918.67	
Composition, Meth. Rec.....	1,837.33	
	<u>2,756.00</u>	

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Editorial Salaries, S. S. Per.....	\$2,200.00	
Editorial Salaries, Meth. Rec.....	2,700.00	
		4,900.00
Business Dept. Sal. S. S. Per.....	\$1,156.34	
Business Dept. Sal. Meth. Rec.....	1,156.34	
Business Dept. Sal. Books.....	121.72	
		2,434.40
Postage, S. S. Per.....	\$522.05	
Postage, New Guide.....	500.85	
Postage, Meth. Rec.....	384.10	
		1,407.00
Engravings, S. S. Per.....	\$23.81	
Engravings, Meth. Rec.....	103.29	
		127.10
Electrotyping, S. S. Per.....		97.07
Printing Material.....		116.88
Traveling Expense.....		661.48
Expense.....		1,681.92
Stamps.....		445.15
Premium and Commission (Recorder).....		851.65
Store and Office Fixtures.....		47.04
Bad Accounts.....		52.51
Interest on Mortgage.....		1,395.00
Taxes and Insurance.....		2,302.99
Building Expense.....		2,830.99
Printing Department, Gas.....		11.78
Rent Commission.....		135.74
Rebates (S. S. Per., \$63.77; M. R., \$1.60) ..		65.37
Maps.....		40.00
New Guide Expense.....		6,905.24
Methodist Recorder Delinquents.....		113.88
Mailing Expense, S. S. Per.....	\$716.00	
Mailing Expense, M. R.....	429.60	
		1,145.60
Stereotype Plates.....		44.61
Linotype Machine (5% for depreciation in value) .....		156.72
Copyrights.....		39.28
Total.....		44,450.17
Merchandise on Hand, March 1, 1907.....		3,199.81
Methodist Recorder Paper, March 1, 1907..		249.00
Loss and Gain (Gain).....		2,321.48
		<u>\$50,220.46</u>

Methodist Recorder.

Debtor.

Meth. Rec. Paper, Inv. Mar. 1, 1907	\$249.00	
Meth. Rec. Paper Bought.....	2,034.92	
		\$2,283.92
Press Work.....		831.64
Postage.....		384.10
Mailing Expense.....		429.60
Commission.....		851.65
Traveling Expense.....		217.49
Expense.....		504.58
Stamps.....		178.06
Editorial Salary.....		2,700.00



collect some part of the amount before finally charging it off. Referring to the accounts receivable, Mr. Browning states that total loss, from bad accounts, during the past four years, including \$78.41, has not exceeded one-half of one per cent. of the total of Merchandise and Sunday School periodicals. Such a showing reflects great credit upon the careful and faithful management of our Agent, Mr. T. R. Woodford, and demonstrates the reliability of our patrons.

A better conception of the growth of the general business may be obtained from the following comparative statement:

Total Income	1904-5	1907-8	Increase	Decrease
"Methodist Protestant" . . . . .	\$6,074.88	\$5,379.66		\$695.22
Sunday School Periodicals . . . . .	7,685.34	9,508.15	1,822.81	
Merchandise . . . . .	4,887.38	10,172.16	5,284.78	
Net increase from all Departments . . . . .			6,412.37	

While we do not own any real estate and have to depend for revenue from trading in the three departments mentioned, it will be of interest to you to learn that we are privileged, through the generosity of the Maryland Annual Conference, aided by contributions from other Conferences, to occupy the premises located at 316 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland, free of charge. While the property is deeded absolutely to the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference as a part of the holdings of the Conference, by subsequent action of said body, a resolution, jointly agreed upon by the Baltimore Book Directory and the Board of Trustees, adopted, conferring upon the Baltimore Book Concern the right to occupy as much of the building as may be necessary for carrying on its business, free of rent, provided, however, that if at any time the rents from the portion not needed for its use are insufficient to meet the taxes and other current expenses, they are to be paid out of the funds of the Book Concern. The rents during the past four years have been ample to meet all the current expenses, consequently we have occupied the building free of charge, which course has helped to increase our earnings.

Under the agreement the property is managed by a joint committee composed of six members, three from the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference and three from the Baltimore Book Directory.

In reviewing the work of the past four years we feel encouraged to believe that the foundation has been laid upon which to build a substantial and successful Book Concern business in Baltimore which in time ought to produce an income more than sufficient to cover its operation, which could be applied by the General Conference in support of our benevolent organizations. With this object in view we appeal to our people everywhere to give us their loyal and undivided patronage.

In closing this report we wish to express our appreciation for the faithful services rendered by our Editor and Agent in conducting the business of the Concern. Whatever of success has been accomplished we believe has been due largely to them and to their faithful employes. Above all, however, we recognize the fact that the guiding hand of our kind Heavenly Father has ever been with us, directing us in the discharge of our duties, and we are sincerely grateful to Him for whatever He has been pleased to accomplish through us.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signed]  
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Wm. B. USILTON, President  
J. L. MILLS, Secretary.

**Books.**

<i>Debtor.</i>		
Inventory, March 1, 1907.....	\$3,199.81	
Books Bought.....	4,984.71	
Business Department Salary.....	121.72	
Stamps.....	89.03	
Expense.....	168.19	
Profit and Loss (Profit).....	708.51	
	<hr/>	\$9,271.91
<i>Credit.</i>		
Book Sales.....	\$6,070.19	
Inventory.....	3,201.78	
	<hr/>	\$9,271.91

**Profit And Loss.**

<i>Debtor.</i>		
Building Expense.....	\$734.72	
Store and Office Fixtures.....	47.04	
Suspense Account.....	52.51	
Stereotype Plates.....	44.61	
Linotype Machine.....	156.72	
Copyrights.....	39.28	
Methodist Recorder.....	3,966.13	
Balance Credit to Stock.....	2,321.48	
	<hr/>	\$7,362.49
<i>Credit.</i>		
Interest and Discount.....	\$74.64	
Waste Paper.....	5.94	
S. S. Periodicals.....	6,573.40	
Books.....	708.51	
	<hr/>	\$7,362.49

**Building Expense Account.**

<i>Debtor.</i>		
Expense.....	\$2,830.99	
Taxes and Insurance.....	2,302.99	
Interest on Mortgage.....	1,395.00	
Rent Commission.....	135.74	
	<hr/>	\$6,664.72
<i>Credit.</i>		
Rent Receipts.....	\$5,930.00	
Profit and Loss (Loss).....	734.72	
	<hr/>	\$6,664.72

**Receipts And Disbursements.**

<i>Receipts.</i>		
March 1, 1904, to March 1, 1908—Four Years.		
Meth. Rec. Subs. year ending March 1, 1905.	\$7,985.42	
Meth. Rec. Subs. year ending March 1, 1906.	7,931.20	
Meth. Rec. Subs. year ending March 1, 1907.	6,139.61	
Meth. Rec. Subs. year ending March 1, 1908.	6,340.51	
	<hr/>	\$28,396.74
Increase 5 4-10 per cent.		
Meth. Rec. Adv. year ending March 1, 1905.	\$2,202.13	
Meth. Rec. Adv. year ending March 1, 1906.	2,313.38	
Meth. Rec. Adv. year ending March 1, 1907.	1,675.22	
Meth. Rec. Adv. year ending March 1, 1908.	1,351.17	
	<hr/>	\$7,541.90

COMPARATIVE DEPARTMENT TRADING STATEMENTS SHOW  
YEARLY INCOME AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE QUADRENNIUM  
ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1908.  
COST.

THE METHODIST PROTESTANT PUBLICATION AND TRADING  
STATEMENT.

	1904-5	1905-6	1906-7	1907-8	Total Cost
Paper .....	\$1,207.11	\$978.34	\$974.61	\$968.21	\$4,128.27
Printing .....	2,796.13	3,027.72	2,995.51	2,834.50	11,653.86
Salary .....	1,743.00	2,081.89	2,100.00	2,064.33	7,989.22
Postage .....	297.24	252.69	266.75	254.27	1,070.95
Direct Expenses.....	91.18	157.84	174.92	151.61	575.55
Commission & Disc't....	20.91	38.74	54.03	11.77	125.45
Engraving .....	72.83	14.50	7.60	1.80	96.73
Traveling .....	96.63	65.62			161.25
Sundry Items.....	16.96				16.96
General Expenses.....	43.04	172.15	233.19	188.92	637.30
	\$6,884.02	\$6,739.49	\$6,806.61	\$6,475.41	\$26,405.53

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERIODICALS.

Net Purchases.....	\$5,172.17	\$5,825.04	\$6,088.36	\$6,476.05	\$23,561.62
Salary .....	782.08	973.21	934.75	896.88	3,586.92
Direct Expenses.....	45.59	181.61	205.21	202.56	634.97
Postage, Express & Frt.	239.50	340.84	349.03	338.76	1,268.13
Traveling .....		65.62			65.62
Sundry Items.....	8.74				8.74
General Expenses.....	106.27	172.16	233.19	188.92	700.54
	\$6,354.35	\$7,563.48	\$7,810.54	\$8,105.17	\$29,833.54
Profit on S. S. Periodicals to P. & L. Acct..	1,330.99	1,077.61	1,209.99	1,402.98	5,021.57
	\$7,685.34	\$8,641.09	\$9,020.53	\$9,508.15	\$34,855.11

MERCHANDISE.

Net Purchases.....	\$3,800.35	\$5,460.92	\$6,200.82	\$7,296.22	\$22,758.31
Salary .....	676.92	978.22	935.00	1,233.44	3,623.58
Direct Expenses.....	392.96	342.87	620.26	731.47	2,087.06
Traveling .....	47.81	65.63			113.44
Sundry Items.....	28		10.02		10.30
General Expenses.....	120.85	172.16	233.19	188.92	715.12
	\$5,039.17	\$7,019.30	\$7,999.29	\$9,450.05	\$29,507.81
Profit on Mdse. to Profit & Loss Acct.....		323.38	456.81	722.11	*1,349.51
	\$5,039.17	\$7,342.68	\$8,455.10	\$10,172.16	\$30,857.32

PROFIT AND LOSS.

Sundry Items.....	\$	\$21.11	\$	\$	\$21.11
Depreciation, Plates, etc.			2,500.00		2,500.00
Interest .....				87	87
Loss on Methodist Protestant .....	309.14	715.39	850.97	1,096.75	2,971.25
Loss on Mdse.....	**151.79				
	\$460.93	\$736.50	\$3,350.97	\$1,096.62	\$5,493.23
Net Profit to Capital...	953.56	900.62		1,038.10	11,271.24
	\$1,414.49	\$1,637.12	\$3,350.97	\$2,134.72	\$6,764.47

\*Total gains, 3 years, \$1,501.30, minus loss, 1904-5, \$151.79 per cent total, \$1,349.51.

\*\*Deducted contra.

†Net gains, 3 years, \$2,892.28, minus net loss, 1906-7, \$1,621.00 contra total, \$1,271.24.

**Books.**

<i>Debtor.</i>		
Inventory, March 1, 1907.....	\$3,199.81	
Books Bought.....	4,984.71	
Business Department Salary.....	121.72	
Stamps.....	89.03	
Expense.....	168.19	
Profit and Loss (Profit).....	708.51	
	<hr/>	\$9,271.91
<i>Credit.</i>		
Book Sales.....	\$6,070.19	
Inventory.....	3,201.78	
	<hr/>	\$9,271.91

**Profit And Loss.**

<i>Debtor.</i>		
Building Expense.....	\$734.72	
Store and Office Fixtures.....	47.04	
Suspense Account.....	52.51	
Stereotype Plates.....	44.61	
Linotype Machine.....	156.72	
Copyrights.....	39.28	
Methodist Recorder.....	3,966.13	
Balance Credit to Stock.....	2,321.48	
	<hr/>	\$7,362.49
<i>Credit.</i>		
Interest and Discount.....	\$74.64	
Waste Paper.....	5.94	
S. S. Periodicals.....	6,573.40	
Books.....	708.51	
	<hr/>	\$7,362.49

**Building Expense Account.**

<i>Debtor.</i>		
Expense.....	\$2,830.99	
Taxes and Insurance.....	2,302.99	
Interest on Mortgage.....	1,395.00	
Rent Commission.....	135.74	
	<hr/>	\$6,664.72
<i>Credit.</i>		
Rent Receipts.....	\$5,930.00	
Profit and Loss (Loss).....	734.72	
	<hr/>	\$6,664.72

**Receipts And Disbursements.**

<i>Receipts.</i>		
March 1, 1904, to March 1, 1908—Four Years.		
Meth. Rec. Subs. year ending March 1, 1905.....	\$7,985.42	
Meth. Rec. Subs. year ending March 1, 1906.....	7,931.20	
Meth. Rec. Subs. year ending March 1, 1907.....	6,139.61	
Meth. Rec. Subs. year ending March 1, 1908.....	6,340.51	
	<hr/>	\$28,396.74
Increase 5 4-10 per cent.		
Meth. Rec. Adv. year ending March 1, 1905.....	\$2,202.13	
Meth. Rec. Adv. year ending March 1, 1906.....	2,313.38	
Meth. Rec. Adv. year ending March 1, 1907.....	1,675.22	
Meth. Rec. Adv. year ending March 1, 1908.....	1,351.17	
	<hr/>	\$7,541.90

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES FOR  
THE QUADRENNIUM ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1908.

## INCOME.

	1904-5	1906-6	1906-7	1907-8	Totals
Methodist Protestant...	\$6,074.88	\$6,024.10	\$5,955.64	*\$5,379.66	\$23,434.28
Sunday School Periodicals .....	7,685.34	8,641.09	9,020.63	9,508.15	34,855.11
Merchandise .....	4,887.38	7,342.68	8,456.10	10,172.16	30,857.32
Dept. Totals.....	\$18,647.60	\$22,007.87	\$23,431.27	\$25,069.97	\$89,146.71
Sundry Profit & Loss Items .....	83.50	236.13	64.13	9.63	393.39
Net Loss to Capital....			*1,621.04		
	\$18,731.10	\$22,244.00	\$25,116.44	\$25,069.60	\$89,540.10

## EXPENDITURES.

Methodist Protestant...	\$6,384.02	\$6,739.49	\$6,906.61	\$6,475.41	\$26,406.53
Sunday School Periodicals .....	6,354.35	7,563.48	7,810.54	8,105.17	29,833.54
Merchandise .....	5,039.17	7,019.30	7,999.29	9,450.05	29,507.81
Dept. Totals.....	\$17,777.54	\$21,322.27	\$22,616.44	\$24,030.63	\$85,746.88
Sundry Profit & Loss Items .....		21.11		.87	21.98
Depreciation .....			*2,500.00		2,500.00
Net Profit to Capital....	963.56	900.62		1,038.10	**1,271.24
	\$18,731.10	\$22,244.00	\$25,116.44	\$25,069.60	\$89,540.10

\*Actual Trading Profit during year ending February 28, 1907, was \$878.96, but a special charge to Profit and Loss for Depreciation of old electros, plates, etc., results in a net charge (Loss) to Capital of \$1,621.04.

\*\*Net gains, 3 years, \$2,892.28 minus net loss, 1906-7, \$1,621.04, total, \$1,271.24.

T. R. WOODFORD, Agent.

Baltimore, Md., April 30, 1908.

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R. M. BROWNING,  
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Actual expense of sending out one copy of "The Methodist Protestant:"

	Circulation.	Cost per copy.
For year ending March 1, 1905.....	3,461	\$1.59
For year ending March 1, 1906.....	3,499	1.70
For year ending March 1, 1907.....	3,413	1.75
For year ending March 1, 1908.....	3,251	1.83

## Salaries.

1904-5.

Meth Prot. Editor, Dr. F. T. Tagg.....	\$1,200.00
Agent, T. R. Woodford.....	825.00
Bookkeeper, I. D. Burton.....	804.00
Clk, Harry Green.....	105.00
Clk (part year), Chas. Reiner.....	96.25
Clk (part year), Edwin Griffith.....	10.26
Author, Elmer Johnson.....	161.50
	<b>\$3,202.00</b>

COMPARATIVE DEPARTMENT TRADING STATEMENTS SHOWING  
YEARLY INCOME AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE QUADREN-  
NIUM ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1908.

RETURNS.

THE METHODIST PROTESTANT PUBLICATION AND TRADING  
STATEMENT.

	1904-5	1905-6	1906-7	1907-8	Total Returns	
Subscriptions .....	\$4,771.73	\$4,834.03	\$4,941.84	\$4,520.22	\$19,067.82	
Advertisements .....	1,303.15	1,104.37	854.48	761.84	4,023.84	
Commission & Disc't....		30.84			30.84	
Suspended Accounts....		54.86	159.32	97.60	311.78	
Loss on Methodist Prot- estant to P. & L. Acct.	\$6,074.88	\$6,024.10	\$5,955.64	\$5,379.66	\$23,434.28	\$23,434.28
	309.14	715.39	850.97	1,095.75	2,971.25	
	\$6,384.02	\$6,739.49	\$6,806.61	\$6,475.41	\$26,405.53	

TRADING STATEMENT.

Sales .....	\$7,685.34	\$8,637.47	\$9,019.03	\$9,508.15	\$34,849.99	
Suspended Accounts....		3.62	1.50		5.12	
	\$7,685.34	\$8,641.09	\$9,020.53	\$9,508.15	\$34,855.11	34,855.11

TRADING STATEMENT.

Sales .....	\$4,833.84	\$7,273.41	\$8,382.31	\$10,095.81	\$30,585.37	
Commission & Disc't....	53.54	69.27	72.79	76.35	271.95	
Loss on Mdse. to Profit & Loss Acct.....	*151.79					
	\$5,039.17	\$7,342.68	\$8,455.10	\$10,172.16	\$30,857.32	30,857.32

ACCOUNT—GENERAL.

Sundry Items.....			\$1.47		1.47	
Interest .....	\$83.50	\$236.13	62.66	\$9.63	391.92	393.39
Gain on S. S. Periodicals	1,330.99	1,077.61	1,209.99	1,402.98	5,021.57	
Gain on Mdse.....		323.38	455.81	722.11	**1,349.51	
Net Loss to Capital....			11,621.04			
	\$1,414.49	\$1,637.12	\$3,350.97	\$2,134.72	\$6,764.47	\$89,540.10

\*Deducted contra.

\*\*Total gains, 3 years, \$1,501.30, minus loss, 1904-5, \$151.79 per contra total, \$1,349.51.

†While the books technically show a loss of \$1,621.04 in 1906-7 there was actually a business profit of \$378.96 realized. This technical loss was produced by charging \$2,500.00 from book value of old plates, etc., which had been carried at an excessive valuation.

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\$3,202.00

## 1905-6.

Total. Editor, Dr. F. T. Tagg.....	\$1,400.00
T. R. Woodford.....	1,100.00
per, I. D. Burton.....	804.00
has. Reiner.....	169.00
Miss Minnie Baker.....	319.32
(part year), Milton Magill.....	121.00
(part year), Elmer Johnson.....	75.00

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\$3,988.32

## 1906-7.

Total. Editor, Dr. F. T. Tagg.....	\$1,500.00
T. R. Woodford.....	1,000.00
per (part year), I. D. Burton.....	201.00
per and Clerk, Chas. Reiner.....	306.00
per and Clerk, Miss R. Allen.....	246.75
(part year), Miss Minnie Baker.....	390.00
(part year), Wm. F. Spangenberg.....	24.50
(part year), Emmette Spencer.....	100.50
(part year), Henry Harley.....	100.50
(part year), Henry Terrill.....	100.50

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\$3,969.75

## 1907-8.

Total. Editor, Dr. F. T. Tagg.....	\$1,500.00
T. R. Woodford.....	1,200.00
per, Chas. Reiner.....	500.00
Wm. F. Spangenberg.....	400.50
(part year), Emmette Spencer.....	76.15
Henry Harley.....	195.00
(part year), Wallace Woodford.....	130.00
Henry Terrill.....	195.00

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\$4,196.65

T. R. WOODFORD, Agent.

#### Report Of The Pittsburg Book Directory.

The Pittsburg Directory, conforming to the form laid down by the General Conference, takes pleasure in submitting to the General Conference, the General Conference and the church at large, a full and concise statement of the publishing interests at Pittsburg, prefacing the financial report with the following additional information. The receipts for the four years were as follows:

Receipts ending March 1st, 1905.....	\$43,267.39
Receipts ending March 1st, 1906.....	47,699.21
Receipts ending March 1st, 1907.....	46,000.96
Receipts ending March 1st, 1908.....	47,220.05

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\$184,187.61

The total receipts for the quadrennium were \$184,187.61, the never reported by the Directory. The total profits, including the valuation of the property was \$19,852.28, the profits on day School literature and books amounted to \$21,426.31. The profits \$975.31. The losses sustained during the quadrennium on the permanent investment, the building and on the list Recorder." All other departments showed a profit. The increase in taxation and the cost of issuing and establishing new publications with the enlargement of a third, together with a considerable addition to the salary list, were extraordinary



expenses that ate up the cash profits that otherwise would have been shown. The sinking fund created during the last quadrennium, however, was not drawn upon and still contains over \$3,000 interest in savings banks.

The Board of Publication is now issuing more separate publications, more varied in their contents, more in the number of pages printed, and larger in size, than ever before and selling them at a less profit and this, too, in spite of the fact that everything that enters into the cost of producing this literature has advanced 10 to 25 per cent. in the last four years. Salaries, paper, ink, labor, type, ink, stationery, light, heat, clerical hire, electric service, taxes, insurance, water rents and all the multitude of small articles that enter into the production of our Sunday School literature, has materially increased in price. Especially is this true of paper stock, and when it is considered that we buy in car lots, an increase of half a cent a pound means a heavy burden for us to bear. Yet in spite of all this the selling prices of our publications have not been raised to the schools one penny, on the contrary, in one instance, at least, that of "Our Children," the price of the paper was doubled without any increase in its cost. The liberality, of course, has cut in on the Board's profits, but the schools have been the gainers. It is mentioned here to show that the Board is doing its best with the means at its hand, to produce a cheap and satisfactory literature for the schools, and that it is worthy of their support.

#### The Sunday School Literature.

The recommendations made by the last General Conference have been carried out during the quadrennium. First, a new quarterly publication, known as the "Intermediate Quarterly," for the use of children from 12 to 16 years of age, was introduced. At first it was largely on the circulation of the Advanced Quarterly, a number of schools dropped the former and substituted the latter, the demand for which fell off several thousand copies. The new quarterly, however, now made a place for itself and has reached a circulation of 26,000 copies per issue, while the "Advance Quarterly" has fallen to 75,000, or within 500 copies of what it was before the "Intermediate" entered the field. The new "Intermediate Quarterly" was published at a loss, but its circulation is showing a profit.

Second, the primary study of the lesson, contained in the people's paper, "Our Children," was brought out more prominently as a doubling of the size of the paper permitted this improvement.

Third, the "New Guide" was issued shortly after the beginning of the quadrennium. It met with instant favorable reception by the schools, and its circulation has steadily increased from 10,000 a week at the start to 20,000 at the present time. "The New Guide" is a high grade young people's paper, free from sensationalism and yet intensely interesting and instructive. During the next quadrennium it is the intention to make it more of an organ of young people's work. For the first three years of its publication the "New Guide" hardly met expenses, but its increased circulation is now beginning to show a profit to the Board, and could it be given the patronage rightfully belonging to it, but which is thought to be denied it by many of our own schools, now taking young people's papers of other publishing concerns, its circulation would probably be again doubled.

The Catechism prepared by Dr. T. H. Lewis and given to the Board, has been added to the list of Sunday School

and has had a steady sale. The first edition of 5,000 copies has been exhausted and another printed. We would recommend its more general use by our schools, both by the young and older pupils as it contains much information upon which there is lamentable ignorance.

#### The Building.

It is not often that we complain of too much prosperity, but it is nevertheless a fact that the rapid increase in the taxable valuation of our property together with the increase in the rate of taxation and in the rate of insurance, is fast becoming and in fact has become, a burden that it is difficult to bear and to meet which a large part of our annual profits are expended. The taxable valuation of our property in the last eight years has increased over \$56,000, while the large number of modern office buildings erected in the neighborhood has robbed us of some of our best tenants, has kept some of the rooms vacant and caused a lowering of rents in others; and yet in spite of all this, by the introduction of economies in administration and a new process of heating, the building has made a better financial showing than ever before, while at the same time the physical condition of the property is better than it has been for years. A handsome tiled entrance has taken the place of the dilapidated plastered walls on the ground floor, and a substantial cement pavement has been laid in front of the building. The taxes and insurance this year will run over three thousand dollars.

#### "The Methodist Recorder."

"The Recorder" has been able to pass through the quadrennium without resorting to an advance in price or a decrease in size, as has been done by some of its religious contemporaries in other denominations. No important changes have been made in its typographical appearance, but its pages have been brightened from time to time by original, illustrated articles contributed by our own people. The circulation of "The Recorder" during the quadrennium has maintained about the same general average as in past years. The increased cost of paper and the loss of several good advertisers through business changes, has told against its financial showing.

#### Home Department And Cradle Roll.

During the quadrennium considerable attention has been given to the Home Department and Cradle Roll movements. A number of special helps along these lines were published, among them being a handsome Cradle Roll Certificate, bearing the faces of some fifty Methodist Protestant babies, enrollment cards together with Home Department envelopes, cards, visitors' books, blanks, etc. The circulation of the Teachers' Journal has increased 50 per cent. during the quadrennium. Part of this increase is due to its use in Home Department work.

It is recommended that, as soon as possible, the Board of Publication authorize the issuing of a Junior Quarterly, in order to keep abreast of the growing needs of our church and schools.

F. W. PIERPONT, Agent.

#### Statement of Condition.

March 1, 1908.

#### Assets.

Book Room Property: .....	\$135,000.00
Stereotype Plates.....	401.47
Linotype Machine.....	3,177.80
Engravings .....	95.74
Printing Material.....	914.57

Store and Office Fixtures.....	893.69	
Suspended Accounts.....	155.07	
Copyrights.....	353.57	
Stocks.....	40.00	
Bills Receivable.....	514.00	
Hymnal Plates.....	555.76	
Accounts Receivable.....	2,702.55	
Books and Merchandise, Inventory.....	3,201.78	
Paper, Inventory, S. S. Per.....	\$1,458.63	
Paper, Inventory, M. R.....	340.00	
	<u>1,798.63</u>	
Cash on hand and in Bank.....	7,503.77	
<b>Total Assets.....</b>		<b>\$157,308.40</b>
<i>Liabilities.</i>		
Mortgage.....	\$31,000.00	
Thomas New Fund.....	1,148.61	
Accounts Payable.....	2,237.57	
	<u>34,386.18</u>	
<i>Stock.</i>		
Balance, Net Capital March 1, 1907.....	\$120,600.74	
Profit for Year.....	2,321.48	
	<u>122,922.22</u>	
<b>Total Liabilities.....</b>		<b>\$157,308.40</b>

### Receipts and Disbursements.

#### *Receipts.*

Methodist Recorder Subs.....	\$6,340.51	
Methodist Recorder Adv.....	1,351.17	
	<u>\$7,691.68</u>	
Sunday School Periodicals Subs..	\$16,308.20	
S. S. Periodicals, New Guide....	9,139.40	
	<u>25,447.60</u>	
Books, Sales, etc.....	6,070.19	
Rents.....	5,930.00	
Interest and Discount.....	74.64	
Waste Paper.....	5.94	
	<u>\$45,220.05</u>	
<b>Total Receipts.....</b>		<b>\$45,220.05</b>
Books, Merchandise on Hand.....		3,201.78
Paper, Inventory Meth. Rec.....	\$340.00	
Paper, Inventory S. S. Per.....	1,458.63	
	<u>1,798.63</u>	
<b>Total.....</b>		<b>\$50,220.46</b>

#### *Disbursements.*

Books and Merchandise Bought.....	\$4,984.71	
Paper, S. S. Per.....	\$3,220.61	
Paper, Meth. Rec.....	2,374.92	
	<u>5,595.53</u>	
Press Work, S. S. Per.....	\$2,272.89	
Press Work, Meth. Rec.....	831.64	
	<u>3,104.53</u>	
Composition, S. S. Per.....	\$918.67	
Composition, Meth. Rec.....	1,837.33	
	<u>2,756.00</u>	

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Editorial Salaries, S. S. Per.....	\$2,200.00	
Editorial Salaries, Meth. Rec.....	2,700.00	
		4,900.00
Business Dept. Sal. S. S. Per.....	\$1,156.34	
Business Dept. Sal. Meth. Rec.....	1,156.34	
Business Dept. Sal. Books.....	121.72	
		2,434.40
Postage, S. S. Per.....	\$522.05	
Postage, New Guide.....	500.85	
Postage, Meth. Rec.....	384.10	
		1,407.00
Engravings, S. S. Per.....	\$23.81	
Engravings, Meth. Rec.....	103.29	
		127.10
Electrotyping, S. S. Per.....		97.07
Printing Material.....		116.88
Traveling Expense.....		661.48
Expense.....		1,681.92
Stamps.....		445.15
Premium and Commission (Recorder).....		851.65
Store and Office Fixtures.....		47.04
Bad Accounts.....		52.51
Interest on Mortgage.....		1,395.00
Taxes and Insurance.....		2,302.99
Building Expense.....		2,830.99
Printing Department, Gas.....		11.78
Rent Commission.....		135.74
Rebates (S. S. Per., \$63.77; M. R., \$1.60) ..		65.37
Maps.....		40.00
New Guide Expense.....		6,905.24
Methodist Recorder Delinquents.....		113.88
Mailing Expense, S. S. Per.....	\$716.00	
Mailing Expense, M. R.....	429.60	
		1,145.60
Stereotype Plates.....		44.61
Linotype Machine (5% for depreciation in value) .....		156.72
Copyrights.....		39.28
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Total.....		44,450.17
Merchandise on Hand, March 1, 1907.....		3,199.81
Methodist Recorder Paper, March 1, 1907..		249.00
Loss and Gain (Gain).....		2,321.48
		<hr/>
		\$50,220.46

Methodist Recorder.

Debtor.

Meth. Rec. Paper, Inv. Mar. 1, 1907	\$249.00	
Meth. Rec. Paper Bought.....	2,034.92	
		\$2,283.92
Press Work.....		831.64
Postage.....		384.10
Mailing Expense.....		429.60
Commission.....		851.65
Traveling Expense.....		217.49
Expense.....		504.58
Stamps.....		178.06
Editorial Salary.....		2,700.00

Business Department Salary.....	1,156.34	
Composition Salary.....	1,837.33	
Engravings.....	103.29	
Printing Department, Gas.....	5.89	
Printing Material.....	58.44	
Rebate Sundries.....	1.60	
Delinquents.....	113.88	
		\$11,6
<i>Credit.</i>		
Subscriptions.....	\$6,340.51	
Advertising.....	1,351.17	
Profit and Loss (Loss).....	3,966.13	
		\$11,6

**Actual Expense Sending Out One Copy Recorder.**

1905.....	
1906.....	
1907.....	
1908.....	

**Sunday School Department.**

*Debtor.*

Printing Paper.....	\$1,761.98	
Press Work.....	2,272.89	
Expense.....	1,009.15	
Stamps.....	178.06	
Printing Department, Gas.....	5.89	
Postage.....	522.05	
Traveling Expense.....	443.99	
Mailing Expense.....	716.00	
Business Department Salary.....	1,156.34	
Electrotyping.....	97.07	
Editorial Salary.....	2,200.00	
Composition.....	918.67	
Printing Material.....	58.44	
Engraving.....	23.81	
Maps.....	40.00	
Rebates and Sundries.....	63.77	
New Guide Expense.....	\$6,905.24	
New Guide Postage.....	500.85	
		7,406.09
Profit and Loss (Profit).....	6,573.40	
		\$25,4
<i>Credit.</i>		
Subscriptions.....	\$16,308.20	
New Guide.....	9,068.52	
New Guide, Advertising.....	70.88	
		\$25,4

**Total Circulation Of Periodicals.**

	Total.	Av
Advanced Quarterlies.....	1,092,000	6
Intermediate Quarterlies.....	130,000	1
Teacher's Journal.....	145,170	
Lesson Leaf.....	789,000	1
Our Children.....	1,322,200	2
New Guide.....	3,349,200	1
	6,827,570	14

**Books.**

*Debtor.*

Inventory, March 1, 1907.....	\$3,199.81	
Books Bought.....	4,984.71	
Business Department Salary.....	121.72	
Stamps.....	89.03	
Expense.....	168.19	
Profit and Loss (Profit).....	708.51	
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		\$9,271.91

*Credit.*

Book Sales.....	\$6,070.19	
Inventory.....	3,201.78	
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		\$9,271.91

**Profit And Loss.**

*Debtor.*

Building Expense.....	\$734.72	
Store and Office Fixtures.....	47.04	
Suspense Account.....	52.51	
Stereotype Plates.....	44.61	
Linotype Machine.....	156.72	
Copyrights.....	39.28	
Methodist Recorder.....	3,966.13	
Balance Credit to Stock.....	2,321.48	
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		\$7,362.49

*Credit.*

Interest and Discount.....	\$74.64	
Waste Paper.....	5.94	
S. S. Periodicals.....	6,573.40	
Books.....	708.51	
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		\$7,362.49

**Building Expense Account.**

*Debtor.*

Expense.....	\$2,830.99	
Taxes and Insurance.....	2,302.99	
Interest on Mortgage.....	1,395.00	
Rent Commission.....	135.74	
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		\$6,664.72

*Credit.*

Rent Receipts.....	\$5,930.00	
Profit and Loss (Loss).....	734.72	
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		\$6,664.72

**Receipts And Disbursements.**

*Receipts.*

March 1, 1904, to March 1, 1908—Four Years.		
Meth. Rec. Subs. year ending March 1, 1905.	\$7,985.42	
Meth. Rec. Subs. year ending March 1, 1906.	7,931.20	
Meth. Rec. Subs. year ending March 1, 1907.	6,139.61	
Meth. Rec. Subs. year ending March 1, 1908.	6,340.81	
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		\$28,396.74
Increase 5 4-10 per cent.		
Meth. Rec. Adv. year ending March 1, 1905.	\$2,202.13	
Meth. Rec. Adv. year ending March 1, 1906.	2,313.38	
Meth. Rec. Adv. year ending March 1, 1907.	1,675.22	
Meth. Rec. Adv. year ending March 1, 1908.	1,351.17	
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		\$7,541.90

QUADRENNIAL SESSION

per cent.

March 1, 1905	\$19,569.04
March 1, 1906	23,030.49
March 1, 1907	24,465.98
March 1, 1908	25,447.60
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	\$92,513.11

per cent.

ending Mar. 1, 1905	\$6,288.97
ending Mar. 1, 1906	5,945.33
ending Mar. 1, 1907	5,965.09
ending Mar. 1, 1908	6,070.19
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	\$24,269.58

per cent.

March 1, 1905	\$5,044.56
March 1, 1906	6,348.34
March 1, 1907	5,666.67
March 1, 1908	5,930.00
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	\$22,989.57

per cent.

	\$286.70
Little	35.31
	99.70
	55.00

	\$176,187.61
March 1, 1908	\$3,201.78
March 1, 1908	1,798.63
Property	18,876.97
March 1, 1906	53.22
March 1, 1907	1,380.64
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	\$25,311.24

\$201,498.85

Receipts by Year.

March 1, 1905	\$41,267.39
March 1, 1906	45,699.21
March 1, 1907	44,000.96
March 1, 1908	45,220.05
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	\$176,187.61

Disbursements—Four Years.

Merchandise	\$19,102.45
Per	\$12,083.76
Merch. Rec.	8,731.99
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Per	\$9,227.47
Merch. Rec.	3,731.26
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Per	\$3,622.67
Merch. Rec.	7,245.33
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	10,868.00
Salaries	19,850.00
Department Salaries	10,738.80
	512.76
	523.86
Material	455.06
Expense	1,540.20
Supplies	6,461.11
Operating House	13,772.77
	1,915.85

Commission .....	4,106.36	
Store and Office Fixtures .....	203.53	
Bad Accounts .....	291.23	
Interest on Mortgage .....	5,580.00	
Copyrights .....	131.43	
Linotype Machine (5 per cent.) .....	516.95	
Stereotype Plates .....	152.38	
Taxes and Insurance .....	9,342.74	
Maps and Sundries .....	297.50	
Rebates, Sunday School and Meth. Rec. ....	302.79	
Circulating Agent, Meth. Rec. ....	400.00	
Delinquents, Meth. Rec. ....	1,846.89	
New Guide Expense .....	23,662.88	
Postage and Mailing Expense .....	9,985.80	
Total Disbursements .....		\$176,335.82
Books and Merchandise on hand March 1, 1904 .....		3,876.89
Increase Valuation of Property .....		18,876.97
Net Profit year ending March 1, 1905 .....		87.69
Net Profit year ending March 1, 1908 .....		2,321.48
		<u>\$201,498.85</u>

**Stock Account.**

Balance Net Capital March 1, 1904 .....		\$103,069.94
Net Gain year ending March 1, 1905 .....	\$87.69	
Net Gain year ending March 1, 1908 .....	2,321.48	
		<u>\$2,409.17</u>
Net Loss year ending March 1, 1906 \$53.22		
Net Loss year ending March 1, 1907 1,380.64		
		<u>\$1,433.86</u>
Net Profit four years .....		975.31
Net Increase in Book Room Property .....		18,876.97
		<u>\$122,922.22</u>

Balance to New Account (Net Capital, Mar. 1, 1908) .....		\$122,922.22
<b>Salaries.</b>		
M. L. Jennings, Editor Recorder .....	\$2,200.00	
Chas. E. Wilbur, Editor S. S. Periodicals .....	2,200.00	
F. W. Pierpont, Publishing Agent .....	2,200.00	
Mrs. Ada Palmer, Clerk .....	600.00	
L. H. Neiplin, Bookkeeper .....	600.00	
John Hainey, Mailing Clerk .....	520.00	
Clarence Lemp, Office Boy .....	260.00	
Charles Guellett, Foreman Printing Department .....	1,456.00	
Thomas Jones, Machine Operator .....	1,248.00	
John Skipp, Janitor .....	780.00	
Thomas Thompson, Engineer .....	600.00	
Willie Kinney, Elevator Boy .....	260.00	
		<u>\$12,924.00</u>

**Auditor's Report.**

The undersigned, appointed to audit the books and accounts of the agent, are pleased to report that the books are admirably kept and we believe the accounts to be correct.

C. E. SHEPPARD,  
U. S. FLEMING,  
F. K. BRIERLY.



**PAPER NO. XIII.  
BOUNDARIES.**

We, your Committee on Boundaries, having carefully considered all questions pertaining to boundary lines of the various Conference Districts, respectfully submit the following report:

1. Agreeable to a joint action of the Michigan and West Michigan Conference, we recommend that these two Conferences be consolidated into one Conference, to be known as the Michigan Conference, including the State of Michigan and northern tier of counties in the State of Indiana.

2. We recommend the union of the Genessee and Onondaga Conferences under the name of the Onondaga Conference.

3. We recommend that all the territory, now included within the boundary of the Oklahoma Conference, the Choctaw Indian Mission Conference, and the Indian Mission be consolidated into one Conference to be known as the Oklahoma Conference and to include the State of Oklahoma.

4. We recommend that Tehuacana, now included in the Texas Conference, be transferred to the Central Texas Conference.

5. We recommend that the boundaries of the Charleston Mission, South Carolina (Colored) Conference remain unchanged.

6. We recommend that the Arkansas Conference and the North East Arkansas Conference be consolidated into one Conference, known as the Arkansas Conference, including the State of Arkansas and a strip of country seven miles wide situated in the Northern part of the state of Louisiana, adjacent to the state of Arkansas, between the Red River and the Wachita River.

7. We recommend that the request from the representatives of the Pennsylvania Conference that the Cassville Circuit of the Pittsburg Conference be attached to the Pennsylvania Conference, be granted and that the Cassville Circuit be added to and made a part of the Pennsylvania District.

8. That the boundaries of the Alabama Conference remain unchanged.

9. That for the reason that they have ceased to exist, the Nebraska, Minnesota Mission, Boston Mission, Dallas Mission, California Mission and the Oregon Mission be stricken from the roll of Conferences.

D. G. HELMICK, Chairman.  
C. J. NUTT, Secretary.

**PAPER NO. XIV.**

**COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.**

Your Committee on President's report submits the following:

1. The General Conference shall elect a Treasurer and each Annual Conference at the session next preceding the session of the General Conference forward to the Treasurer of the General Conference five per cent. (5%) of the Conference collection for General Conference purposes and the Treasurer of the General Conference funds disburse the same upon warrants signed by the President and the Secretary, and that the Secretary be made treasurer.

2. We recommend that a Committee of Ten (10) be appointed to attend the Inter-Church Federation Conference to be held in Philadelphia, Pa., December 2nd to 8th, 1908, and that ten (10) persons be appointed to represent the Methodist Protestant Church in the fourth Ecumenical Council of Methodism, to be held at some city in North America in 1911.

GEORGE SHAFFER.  
W. R. GRAHAM,  
JACOB MAY,  
IRA C. POST.

PAPER NO. XV.  
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

The Committee on Statistics submits the following report:  
We have carefully compiled the statistics from the Annual Conference Journals that have come into our hands. We regret to have to report that a very considerable number of Conferences have not sent their Journals to the General Conference, as required by our law. However, in such instances we have used the statistics found in our last General Conference Journal. Others of our Annual Conferences furnished journals for only a part of the quadrennium, and the Committee had to estimate their probable contributions from the data given.

1. We recommend that our publishing houses be directed to prepare and furnish, at the most reasonable price possible, a Church Register and Record Book, also a Quarterly Conference Register and Record Book, each of which shall contain printed forms of report for the several officers of church, Sunday School and Young People's Societies, such as we are required to make to our Annual Conferences.
2. We recommend that the office of Statistical Secretary be created by this body, and that said Statistical Secretary compile and publish on May 1, annually, a statistical report for our entire denomination in our official church papers.
3. We recommend that the expense incurred in compiling such statistics be paid by the Board of Publication.

Comparative Table.

Ministers—1904 .....	1,551
1908 .....	1,362
Unstationed Ministers—1904 .....	648
1908 .....	490
Members—1904 .....	185,445
1908 .....	189,708
Probationers—1904 .....	3,932
1908 .....	3,520
Churches—1904 .....	2,242
1908 .....	2,390
Parsonages—1904 .....	599
1908 .....	663
Value of Church Property—1904 .....	\$6,327,334
1908 .....	7,589,576
Sunday Schools—1904 .....	2,003
1908 .....	2,123
Officers and Teachers—1904 .....	18,122
1908 .....	17,812
Scholars—1904 .....	125,924
1908 .....	141,899
Sunday School Papers—1904 .....	80,448
1908 .....	55,264
Money Raised—1904 .....	\$47,272.80
1908 .....	232,494.00
Christian Endeavor Societies—1904 .....	660
1908 .....	736
Members—1904 .....	21,125
1908 .....	24,052
Money Raised—1904 .....	\$8,703.31
1908 .....	36,583.59

J. MCD. RADFORD, Chairman,  
W. N. SWIFT,  
W. W. TAPP,  
D. S. BOGGS,  
A. O. HORNEY.

**STATISTICS.**  
**MEMBERSHIP AND PROPERTY.**

CONFERENCES.	Itinerant Ministers.	Unstationed Ministers.	Members.	Probationers.	Churches.	Parsonages.
Alabama	24	39	6,475	116	103	12
Arkansas	19	9	3,736	32	56	8
Central Texas	15	16	1,696		15	9
Colorado Texas	23	13	1,157		10	7
Georgia	18	11	3,911	18	42	4
Indiana	55	47	9,153	47	118	37
Iowa	25	8	2,748	31	57	22
Kansas	22	2	2,725		30	18
Kentucky	24	17	2,725		18	1
Louisiana	48	38	3,450	194	54	10
Maryland	139	73	26,377	1,350	293	106
Michigan and West Michigan	69	17	4,670	68	133	59
Mississippi	30	22	3,324	194	59	3
Missouri	34	11	2,184		32	
Muskingum	53	21	14,648		153	31
New Jersey	39	32	4,783	90	50	25
New York	26	3	2,108	83	32	17
North Carolina	59		19,831	225	231	38
Northeast Arkansas	22	7	2,188	141	24	7
North Illinois	26		2,852	65	43	26
North Missouri	16	1	1,535		28	8
North Mississippi	8		581	2	17	
Ohio	40	4	7,770	46	90	33
Onondaga-Genesec	61	8	3,033	124	56	37
Pittsburg	63	10	10,120		93	30
Pennsylvania	14		986		21	5
South Carolina	12	1	517	16	10	
South Illinois	21		2,187		55	6
Tennessee	30	12	1,857	25	34	6
Texas	17	12	3,009	17	37	10
Virginia	18	19	1,965	12	25	
West Virginia	71		21,465		266	61
Totals	1,141	441	175,614	2,896	2,285	636

MEMBERSHIP AND PROPERTY.

MISSION CONFERENCES.	Itinerant Ministers.	Unstationed Ministers.	Members.	Probationers.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of Church Property.
Alabama (Col.).....	7	4	500		7		\$1,000
Arkansas (Col.).....	10		114	1	6		1,775
Baltimore (Col.).....	16		238		10	7	
Charleston (Col.).....	12		645	183	17	2	
Colorado Texas (Col.).....	11	19	668				17,900
Choctaw.....	5	1	311				
Dallas (Col.).....	9		487				
Florida.....	5		165	25			1,100
Fort Smith.....	21		1,772	211	14	4	8,331
Indian.....	20	3	612	12	5		1,600
Japan.....	14		1,037	187	10	4	13,500
Georgia (Col.).....	23	14	597	5	23	3	21,756
North West Texas.....	20		1,097		9	3	9,900
Oklahoma.....	23		847				3,030
South West Texas.....	7	4	520		3	4	3,330
South West Oklahoma.....	18	4	602		1		2,000
	221	49	10,212	624	105	27	\$35,222

Summary.

Conferences.....	1,141	441	17,561	2,896	2,285	636	\$7,507,354
Mission Conferences.....	221	49	10,212	624	105	27	85,222
	1,362	490	18,682	3,520	2,390	663	\$7,592,576

Conferences, 32; Misson Conferences, 16; Itinerant Ministers, 1,362; Unstationed Ministers, 490; Probationers, 3,520; Total Membership (including ministers and probationers), 190,708. Total value of Church Property (Schools, Colleges, and Publishing Houses not included), \$7,592,576.00.

**STATISTICS.**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOLS.**

CONFERENCES.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	S. S. Papers Taken.	Collections
Alabama	48	216	1,685	1,470	
Arkansas	25	105	983		
Central Texas	12	98	666		
Colorado Texas	2	8	117		
Georgia	35	197	1,846	911	
Indiana	119	981	7,571	2,773	
Iowa	54	430	2,600	1,241	
Kansas	34	350	1,856	1,569	
Kentucky	23	110	1,090	80	
Louisiana	52	185	1,634		
Maryland	280	3,660	28,312		
Michigan and West Michigan	145	1,271	7,378	5,269	
Mississippi	37	119	1,238	98	
Missouri	28	245	1,325	387	
Muskingum	143	1,606	10,577	11,377	
New Jersey	44	747	5,913	5,734	
New York	31	398	3,121	1,068	
North Carolina	193	874	16,510		
Northeast Arkansas	23	74	844		
North Illinois	45	339	3,390	1,462	
North Missouri	23	200	1,043	340	
North Mississippi	1	3	40		
Ohio	85	1,152	6,419	3,199	
Onondaga-Genesee	64	549	2,855	2,487	
Pittsburg	94	1,150	8,571	11,658	
Pennsylvania	18	182	1,210	511	
South Carolina	2	10	85		
South Illinois	27	244	1,300		
Tennessee	14	50	545		
Texas	20	91	989	915	
West Virginia	274	1,817	15,028	2,512	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,995</b>	<b>17,399</b>	<b>136,651</b>	<b>55,061</b>	

MISSION CONFERENCES.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	S. S. Papers Taken.
Charleston (Col.)	10	27	362	
Choctaw	13	47	295	
Fort Smith	30	87	1,270	
Georgia (Col.)	17	59	510	
North West Texas	10	31	335	
Oklahoma	17	99	500	
Colorado-Texas		40	447	
North West Texas	2	15	137	142
Japan	27		1,302	
South West Oklahoma	2	8	100	41
<b>Totals</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>5,258</b>	<b>183</b>

**Summary.**

Sunday Schools, 2,123; Officers and Teachers, 17,812; Sch  
141,909; Sunday School Papers taken, 55,264; Collections for  
purposes, \$232,494.00.

STATISTICS.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

CONFERENCES.	Societies.	Members.	Contributions for all Purposes.
Indiana .....	45	1,190	\$2,400.00
Iowa .....	21	438	1,206.38
Kansas .....	22	605	1,135.00
Maryland .....	196	7,648	2,960.00
Michigan .....	45	875	3,519.00
Missouri .....	10	283	52.00
Muskingum .....	60	2,395	4,493.67
New Jersey .....	41	1,765	4,200.00
New York .....	29	1,006	5,198.00
North Carolina .....	21	552	
North Illinois .....	30	935	
North Mississippi .....	26	732	
North Missouri .....	7	132	107.00
Ohio .....	49	1,213	2,714.45
Onondaga-Genesee .....	29	866	2,080.00
Pennsylvania .....	5	180	
Pittsburg .....	57	1,955	1,899.00
South Illinois .....	5	156	354.11
Texas .....	3	50	1,134.00
West Virginia .....	36	1,076	3,141.00
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>24,062</b>	<b>\$36,583.59</b>

PAPER NO. XVI.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education submits the following report:

(A) The Colleges.

We have examined with care and interest the reports of the Presidents of our various institutions of learning, and we are very much pleased with the showing. For a more detailed account than we can give, the Conference is referred to the reports submitted herewith. As a committee, we would emphasize the need of patronizing and supporting our own institution, and we feel that the ministers of the church are largely responsible for the interest our laymen manifest in educational work. We urge our people to support our colleges by patronage and means for furtherance of all legitimate enterprises.

Western Maryland College is still growing. The state of Maryland has contributed \$25,000 toward the erection of a new building, the endowment fund is growing and progress has been made all along the line. Westminster Theological Seminary has made notable progress during the quadrennium, not only in increasing its accommodations for students by the erection of an addition to the main building, but it has enrolled and graduated more students in the last quadrennium than in any previous one. This fact is especially gratifying in view of the conditions obtaining at some of the seminaries of sister denominations. We note with pleasure the generous gifts of Mr. H. J. Heinz and of Mr. W. A. Wilson to Kansas City University, and we feel that the denomination especially is under a debt of gratitude to Mr. Heinz for the unflinching support he has given to the University in time of need. Adrian College has also been fortunate during the quadrennium. It has made decided progress since the last General Conference, and we congratulate its

president on the gift of Mr. Carnegie of \$12,500, which will be paid when the debt is lifted, which has practically been done. Westminster College, Tehuacana, Texas, is another institution reporting progress. It has a valuable property worth \$80,000 and gives promise of doing effective work in the Southwest. The report of West Lafayette College is also gratifying. The institution is doing a good work and its president is endeavoring to liquidate its debt.

As we look at these excellent reports of our progress in educational work we are profoundly grateful to God for His leading, and we pray that larger and better work may be done to His glory.

#### (B) Trustees And Examining Committees.

The Committee recommends the election of the following persons to serve in the various offices named:

1. As trustees of Adrian College: Rev. R. E. Fox, Rev. F. Swift, A. D. Williams, O. L. Palmer, Rev. J. H. Lucas, W. Stone, W. N. Swift, Rev. Geo. Miller, Rev. Geo. Schaffer, M. Campbell, S. W. Dungen, W. M. McFarland.
2. As Examining Committee for Adrian: The President of the College, Dean of the Theological Department, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church in Adrian, Mr. Willoughby Swift and Mr. O. L. Palmer.
3. As trustees of Kansas City University: W. S. Wilson, S. J. Geddes, C. J. Yingling, M. L. Jennings, J. S. Chick, Howard Heinz, L. W. Keplinger, C. L. Brokaw, J. E. Peterson, J. C. Williams, Moses T. Runnels, R. D. Sheppard.
4. As Examining Committee for the University: The Chancellor of the University, Dean of the Theological School, pastor of People's Methodist Protestant Church, Mr. Samuel Einsminger and Mr. W. A. Morris.
5. As members of Board of Governors for Westminster Theological Seminary: Rev. C. D. Sinkinson, Rev. A. F. Hess, Mr. J. Norman Wills, C. J. Yingling and F. R. Harris.
6. As Examining Committee for Westminster Seminary and Western Maryland College: President of College, President of Westminster Theological Seminary, pastor of Westminster Methodist Protestant Church, Dr. J. W. Hering and Dr. Chas. Billingslea.
7. As Examining Committee of Westminster College, Tehuacana, Texas: President of College, pastor of church, Rev. G. W. Sanders, Mr. W. M. Moody and Prof. C. O. Stubbs.
8. As Examining Committee of West Lafayette College: President of the College, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church, Rev. J. A. Thrapp, Mr. Harry Ferguson and Mr. H. A. Sicker.

#### (C) Board Of Ministerial Education.

The Committee commends with pleasure the excellent work of our brother, Rev. J. C. Berrien, D. D., and regrets that his affliction keeps him from attending the General Conference and prevents his giving his services to the cause he loves so well. The work of the Board under the assistant secretary has progressed nicely and we congratulate and compliment the Board of Ministerial Education on its excellent showing for the quadrennium.

1. We recommend the election of the following persons as members of the Board: J. H. Claney, J. W. Knott, W. S. Walker, W. W. Tapp and W. D. Stultz.

#### (D) Amendments To Constitution.

1. We suggest that Section 5, Article 8 of the Constitution of the Board of Ministerial Education be stricken out.
2. We recommend that Article 5 of the same Constitution be amended by adding these words: "Any student whose obligations to the Board of Ministerial Education, at the time of his college

graduation, are such as to justify the recommendation of his Examining Committee, be granted by the Board of Ministerial Education an annual scholarship of \$100 during the three years of his Seminary course in any Theological Seminary of the Methodist Protestant Church."

(E) Westminster College.

1. The Committee would also recommend that in view of the conditions existing at Westminster College, Tehuacana, Texas, the pastors of the various Annual Conferences of our church cooperate as far as possible with the President of the College in raising \$5,000 as an emergency fund for immediate use.

(F) College Day And Other Recommendations.

1. We suggest that each Annual Conference set aside a special day to be known as College Day on which day the pastors will present to their people the subject of Christian education.

2. The Committee advises that a diploma from a Theological Seminary of the Methodist Protestant Church conferring the degree of B. D. be received by all Conferences as sufficient evidence of educational preparation for the ministry and exempts the holder from a Conference course of study.

(G) Colored School In Texas.

Since we have heard the statements of Prof. A. L. Maynard concerning the founding of a school for colored people in Lockhart, Texas, your Committee would cordially commend this matter to the kind and favorable consideration of the President of the General Conference and the Board of Home Missions, and urge them to give it their careful consideration at their earliest convenience.

We believe the plea of Prof. Maynard should receive recognition and response if, upon investigation, it is found to be a favorable opening for educational work for colored people.

(H) Board Of Education.

[Not passed—printed for consideration.]

Your Committee would recommend the formation of a Board of Education, consisting of the Presidents of our several educational institutions, the Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, the Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education, who shall be Secretary of the Educational Board, the Editor of "The Methodist Protestant," the Editor of "The Methodist Recorder," the Editor of our Sunday School Publications, and the President of the General Conference, who shall be President of the Board.

Said Board will meet annually to consider and to conserve the interests of all the general departments represented; and each department shall bear the expenses of its own representative. This Board of Education shall make a full report of its proceedings to the General Conference.

It shall be the duty of this Board of Education to give encouragement and counsel to the educational, missionary and publishing interests of our church, and to secure their greatest efficiency in the fullest coordination and cooperation of these several departments.

M. D. HELMICK, Chairman.

H. H. PRICE, Secretary.

**Special Report Of The Board Of Ministerial Education.**

To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church:  
Fathers and Brethren:

Your Board of Ministerial Education at its final meeting for this quadrennium was of the opinion that, in view of the extraor-



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#### (B) Trustees And Examin

The Committee recommends the el sons to serve in the various offices na

1. As trustees of Adrian College: F. Swift, A. D. Williams, O. L. Palm Stone, W. N. Swift, Rev. Geo. Miller, Campbell, S. W. Dungen, W. M. McFar

2. As Examining Committee for College, Dean of the Theological Depart Protestant Church in Adrian, Mr. Will Palmer.

3. As trustees of Kansas City J. Geddes, C. J. Yingling, M. L. Jenni L. W. Keplinger, C. L. Brokaw, J. E. T. Runnels, R. D. Sheppard.

4. As Examining Committee for of the University, Dean of the Theolo Methodist Protestant Church, Mr. S. A. Morris.

5. As members of Board of Gov gical Seminary: Rev. C. D. Sinkinsc man Wills, C. J. Yingling and F. R

6. As Examining Committee Western Maryland College: Preside minster Theological Seminary, pa Protestant Church, Dr. J. W. Herin

7. As Examining Committee cana, Texas: President of College Sanders, Mr. W. M. Moody and P

8. As Examining Committe President of the College, pastor of Rev. J. A. Thrapp, Mr. Harry Fer

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DISBURSEMENTS.

June 1, 1905.	June 1, 1906.	June 1, 1907.	June 1, 1908.	Aggre- gate.
\$1,467.50	\$1,295.00	\$1,582.00	\$1,808.00	\$6,152.50
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nd.....	36.60	3,075.00	166.38	3,277.98
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Distributive Fund.

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dinary circumstances, it would be fitting for them to submit a special report from the members of the Board, in addition to the regular report of the Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer.

The period just closed has been one of signal prosperity for the cause of Ministerial Education; notwithstanding the financial depression so wide spread over the country, the larger appropriations now necessary to maintain students and the greater number of ministerial students assisted, the Board has paid all appropriations and has added over five thousand dollars to the invested permanent fund. This most gratifying condition is, we believe, largely the result of the faithful labor of our beloved brother, Rev. J. C. Berrien, D. D., for twenty years Corresponding Secretary of the Board.

His wisdom contrived, his zeal and fidelity executed the plans which have made the Board of Ministerial Education one of the most successful enterprises of the Methodist Protestant Church.

But while the Board unites with you in self-felicitation over the prosperity vouchsafed us by Divine benevolence and human industry, we cannot forget the grievous affliction which has befallen our beloved Corresponding Secretary, the Rev. Doctor Berrien.

Almost without warning a strong man was laid low, and when the Board assembled in August, 1907, they were facing the busiest period of the year, the meetings of the conferences and the opening of the schools with their effective field agent entirely incapacitated for the arduous labors in the cause to which he had devoted the best years of his life.

The position was without precedent; the law of our church made no provision for such an emergency, so after prayerful consideration and advising with prominent men in the church, the Board decided to act as the occasion demanded.

By unanimous vote Rev. George R. Brown, D. D., a member of the Board, was requested to resign his position as assistant editor of the "Methodist Recorder" and accept the position as assistant Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Ministerial Education, taking up the work of Dr. Berrien and carrying it on to the completion of the term.

That the choice of the Board was well made seems to us to be self-evident from the report of the condition of the Board and the good work done by Dr. Brown during the past eight months. His knowledge of the work of the Board and his peculiar gifts demonstrate his preeminent qualifications for this position.

In closing this special report the Board desires to lay upon the hearts of every member of the General Conference the case of Dr. Berrien, to whom the cause of Ministerial Education owes so much. Let us unite in prayer to Almighty God that our beloved brother shall be restored to health and again be able to take a place among us.

The Board would most respectfully suggest to the General Conference that the continued prosperity of the cause of Ministerial Education, in their opinion, would be well served by the election of Rev. George R. Brown, D. D., as permanent Secretary-Treasurer. If in its wisdom the General Conference shall be pleased to elect Dr. Brown we are confident that the work so well begun will be carried on without interruption or delay to degrees of success beyond the dreams of the most sanguine of our fathers. All of which is most respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. CLANEY, President,  
W. S. WALKER, Rec. Sec.,  
JOSEPH W. KNOTT,  
JAMES H. CLARKE,

Members of the Board of Ministerial Education.

J. C. B. Seaman.....	250.00
William V. Scott.....	125.00
R. E. Baxter, Jr.....	125.00
M. N. Wood.....	20.00
W. F. Stipes.....	62.50
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Westminster.

Henry W. Maier.....	\$125.00
Noah C. Clough.....	90.00
John H. Tuthill.....	90.00
C. S. Wampole.....	165.00
F. L. Brown.....	180.00
Cuthbert W. Bates.....	395.00
G. L. Curry.....	75.00
Theodore W. Darnell.....	365.00
William H. Mikesell.....	400.00
H. M. Phillips.....	67.50
L. E. Purdum.....	220.00
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Charles M. Elderdice.....	75.00
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Lewis W. L. Gordon.....	200.00
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J. W. Shell.....	\$100.00
T. D. D. Quaid (attended Westminster also).....	75.00
E. O. Hearne.....	75.00
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## Expenditures.

Paid Beneficiaries.....	\$13,838.50	
Traveling Expenses.....	933.34	
Postage, stationery, etc.....	105.28	
Treasurer's Bond.....	75.00	
Interest on Bailey Note.....	80.00	
Paid Permanent Fund.....	3,277.98	
Salaries.....	4,717.31	
Balance in Bank.....	3,540.87	
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## Investment of the Permanent Fund.

Loan to C. D. Claney on note.....	\$100. 0
Loan to D. S. Stephens on note.....	200. 0
Dr. John Sargent fund held by Adrian.....	200. 0
Six shares paid-up stock Home Protective Savings and Loan Association, New Brighton, Pa.....	600. 0
Loan on note Beaver County Building and Loan Associa- tion, New Brighton, Pa.....	5,000. 0
Loan on note The Second New Brighton (Pa.) Building and Loan Association.....	5,000. 0
Loan on seven mortgages on real estate.....	14,150. 0
Five Bonds East Ohio Sewer Pipe Company.....	5,000. 0
Cash in Miner's and Mechanics Bank, Steubenville, O....	287.11
Cash in Beaver County Trust Co., New Brighton, Pa....	500.00
Cash in Union Trust Co., Pittsburg, Pa.....	130.00

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The following bequests have been paid during the quadrennium:

Gaven Spence, Newark, N. J.....	\$500.00
James Patterson, Tabor, Ohio.....	100.00

**\$600.00**

GEORGE R. BROWN, Asst. Sec. Treas.

## Beneficiaries Aided In The Four Years Ending May 15, 1908.

## Adrian.

O. W. Bolton.....	\$125.00
A. R. Corn.....	250.00
Alden J. Green.....	375.00
George W. Ramsey.....	125.00
J. C. Walden.....	125.00
Franklin E. Ogle.....	425.00
Frank W. Lineberry.....	469.00
E. C. Corn.....	250.00
Robert E. Cairnes.....	375.00
W. E. Cottrell.....	334.00
H. C. Geran.....	375.00
W. E. Grove.....	125.00
P. B. Leach.....	375.00
J. C. McCaslin.....	140.00
C. J. Morton.....	375.00
Victor N. Witter.....	287.50
Clarke A. Robinson.....	25.00
J. E. Crawford.....	225.00
M. O. Jones.....	200.00
J. R. Smith.....	325.00
E. Leroy Steffey.....	225.00
Clarence Kerlin.....	250.00
Edgar C. Lucas.....	128.00

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J. C. B. Seaman.....	250.00
William V. Scott.....	125.00
R. E. Baxter, Jr.....	125.00
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W. F. Stipes.....	62.56
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George H. Enfield.....	90.00
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J. W. Shell.....	\$100.00
T. D. D. Quaid (attended Westminster also).....	75.00
E. O. Hearne.....	75.00
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## Kansas City.

Claude S. Henby.....	\$290.00
Fred B. Gilhousen.....	225.00
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## Names Of Beneficiaries And Conferences Recommending Them.

O. W. Bolton.....	Pittsburg	W. F. Stepes.....	North Illinois
A. R. Corn.....	Indiana	E. C. Corn.....	Indiana
Alden J. Green.....	Indiana	Robert E. Cairnes..	New Jersey
George W. Ramsey...	Pittsburg	W. E. Cottrell.....	Ohio
J. C. Walden.....	Genesee	H. C. Geran.....	Ohio
Franklin E. Ogle.....	Michigan	W. E. Grove.....	Michigan
Frank W. Lineberry...	Indiana	P. B. Leach.....	Indiana
Victor N. Witter.....	Genesee	J. C. McCaslin.....	Indiana
Clarke A. Robinson..	Onondaga	C. J. Morton.....	Muskingum
M. O. Jones.....	Muskingum	J. E. Crawford.....	Onondaga
E. Leroy Steffey..	South Illinois	J. R. Smith.....	Michigan
Edgar C. Lucas.....	Indiana	Clarence Kerlin....	Indiana
William V. Scott....	Michigan	J. C. B. Seaman....	Pittsburg
M. N. Wood.....	Michigan	R. E. Baxter, Jr....	Pittsburg
Noah C. Clough....	Maryland	Henry W. Maier....	Muskingum
C. S. Wampole		John H. Tuthill....	New York
Cuthbert W. Bates...	New York	F. L. Brown.....	New Jersey
Theodore W. Darnell.	New York	G. L. Curry.....	North Carolina
H. M. Phillips		William H. Mikesell..	Maryland
W. E. Short.....	Maryland	L. E. Purdum.....	Maryland
S. W. Taylor.....	North Carolina	W. F. Tarr.....	Maryland
E. C. Weeks.....	New Jersey	Albert Watson.....	New Jersey
Charles W. Sanderson.	Maryland	Wesley D. Adams...	New Jersey
Ronalds Taylor.....	New York	P. Luther Rice.....	Maryland
Edward L. Bruce.....	Maryland	Charles M. Elderdice.	Maryland
Lewis W. Gordon...	New York	Chas. J. Edwards,	North Carolina
Joshua R. Horsey...	Maryland	Harlan F. Gould...	New York
Willie B. Sanders....	Texas	Marion W. Hungerford.	Maryland
Alonxo W. Minker...	Maryland	W. A. Ledford..	North Carolina
George H. Enfield...	Maryland	John W. Auvil..	West Virginia
Alfred H. Ackley....	New York	R. S. Troxler..	North Carolina
T. D. D. Quaid.....	Texas	Chauncey Day.....	Maryland
Chester A. McGee		Perry W. Davis	
E. O. Herne.....	Texas	J. W. Shell	
Fred B. Gilhousen		Claude S. Hanby	

## Report Of Western Maryland College.

May 12, 1908

To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church:

I have the honor of submitting to you a report of the condition of Western Maryland College, one of the official colleges of the church, located in Westminster, Maryland, at the close of the forty-first year of its history.

I made to the last General Conference such an elaborate report, covering all the facts of the growth and condition of the college, that it is unnecessary to do more in this report with regard to the same matters than to refer to pages 142-7 of the Journal of the General Conference of 1904 for information not contained in this report. I will therefore deal only with facts connected with the period since 1904.

### Students.

The good reputation of the College still brings us a gratifying attendance year after year. In the last four years we have had an average annual attendance of 232, about equally divided between the sexes; and we have graduated during the same period 119 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. This is a good attendance and a gratifying result in graduates. But it is not up to our capacity, and we deplore the fact that many of our own people still do not seem to know anything about our institution, either good or bad, and are sending their children to other colleges, paying more than we charge and receiving nothing that we could not just as well furnish. As always, we still have to spend time, money and energy doing nothing but persuading our own people to permit us to do our own proper educational work, which we ought to spend in making that work better than it is. There is no reason for a Methodist Protestant College at all if it cannot be made the best college for Methodist Protestant children. If we have no such college at present this Conference should at once set about the task of making one. If we have one or more—and I know we have—this Conference ought to be able to convince our people that they should send their children there.

### Buildings.

Since the last report we have added to the buildings of the College an extension to the hall for young ladies, making provision for twenty more boarding students at a cost of about \$6,000. We are just now entering upon a rather extensive scheme of buildings, including a library and administrative building, a second heat and light center, a hall of music and perhaps a professor's residence. We expect to spend \$50,000 in carrying out this scheme. It is a matter of great pride to us that the state of Maryland has for the first time come to our relief with an appropriation of \$25,000 for this purpose and has given us strong encouragement to expect that the next Legislature will give us another appropriation of the same amount. I suppose we will then be equipped with buildings to meet all our needs for many years to come, and indeed such as few small colleges can surpass. As my administration has been largely a building era, nineteen halls, dwellings, etc., having been erected or purchased in that time costing more than \$225,000, it is especially gratifying to me to be permitted to see this splendid cap-stone laid with shouting of grace, grace unto it. In material equipment the church has in Western Maryland College a very great trust and a bounty that many larger churches would envy. I trust we appreciate the opportunity this gives us to show our faith by our works.

The College is in a sound financial condition. It owes altogether less than \$14,000, and this debt bears only two per cent. interest and does not mature until 1918. We are preparing to meet this debt at maturity by a sinking fund. Our annual income is always more than sufficient to meet our annual expenses. We get no collections from the church except in the Maryland Conference, and this money is never used for current expenses, but is invested for endowment. We have received no large gifts from any source, the largest we ever received being a legacy from a lady not a member of our church, which we received since the last General Conference amounting to \$5,000. But we have lived and kept out of debt because the good hand of our God has been over us for good.

### Endowment.

After an existence of forty-one years without endowment the light at last seems to be breaking forth and we begin to see encouraging signs of an endowment fund. We have now an invested fund



of \$27,000, and an assured addition to this of \$12,500 as soon as we raise another \$12,500. We are now actively engaged in an effort to accomplish this and with good hopes of success. We have secured subscriptions amounting to \$5,000 towards this and we believe that the remaining \$7,500 can be secured this year. When that is done we shall have an endowment fund of \$50,000, not enough, not even much for an institution as large and as valuable as Western Maryland College. But still it will take away from us the reproach as a church of making no adequate provision against disaster in so vital an interest. I pray that I may be spared to see this consummation so that when the time comes for me to turn over the institution to my successor it may not be said that I have spent more than twenty years in this work and left nothing to show for it.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. LEWIS.

#### REPORT OF WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church:  
Dear Brethren:

I have the honor of respectfully submitting the quadrennial report of Westminster Theological Seminary.

##### Financial Progress.

##### 1. Conference Support.

As more Conferences have come to our support and some of those formerly contributing have increased their assessments, the income from this source has increased in the quadrennium 14%.

##### 2. Library.

By gifts of money and books valuable additions have been made to the Library. The number of volumes now is about 10,000.

##### 3. Endowment.

There have been some additions to the Endowment Fund which now amounts to \$5,400, all of which is safely invested.

##### 4. Prizes.

In each year of the preceding quadrennium four prizes were awarded. In the quadrennium just closed three new prizes were added, making seven, whose aggregate shows an increase of 47%. The donors are as follows: Hebrew, Dr. J. W. Hering; Greek, Mr. E. O. Grimes, and Theism, Prof. Forlines, all of Westminster, Md.; Thesis, Mr. J. Norman Wills, of Greensboro, N. C.; Impromptu Debate, Mrs. A. B. Drinkhouse, of Washington, D. C., as a memorial to her late husband, Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse, who first offered the prize in 1897; Historical Theology, Mr. E. Bailey Bates, of Baltimore, Md., as a memorial to his late grandfather, Dr. L. W. Bates; and Hymn and Bible Reading, Dr. C. L. Queen, of Grafton, W. Va.

##### 5. Scholarships.

The contributions for free scholarships have had a gratifying increase. For the quadrennium ending 1904, the income for this fund was \$3,120. The receipts for the last quadrennium have been about \$5,500, an increase of over 76%. This money is not loaned to students, but given to them; nor has this increase of free gifts increased the percentage of students receiving such aid, but there is an actual increase in the percentage of self-supporting students. We now have a Permanent Invested Fund for scholarships amounting to \$3,795, the income from which is used each year.

##### 6. Improvements.

The President's house and outbuildings have been improved and repainted; nearly two acres of valuable land have been added to the campus and the whole improved by grading roads and terraces and by planting fruit and shade trees; and last November we

celebrated our 25th anniversary by holding a silver jubilee at which we dedicated our new building, which comprises an office for the President, large chapel, dormitories and trunk and bath rooms, which greatly increase the accommodations and facilities of the building; and the class rooms and library of the old building have been enlarged. The improvements for the quadrennium have aggregated about \$9,500, all of which has been accomplished without incurring any debt. The increase in the total receipts for the quadrennium is 74%.

#### Numerical Progress.

##### 1. Contributing Conferences.

Since our last quadrennium report, three more Conferences have come to our support. The Conferences now contributing are: Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, Maryland, Muskingum, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Onondaga and Genesee, Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh and West Virginia.

##### 2. Conferences Represented in Student Body.

In the quadrennium ending 1904, only eight Conferences were represented by students. In the quadrennium just closed 14 Conferences are represented, an increase of 75%. Those represented are: Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, North Illinois, Maryland, Muskingum, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Texas and West Virginia.

##### 3. Students.

The number of students enrolled has grown each year and the quadrennium shows an increase over the previous quadrennium of 85%.

##### 4. Graduates.

There has been an increase of over 85% in the number of graduates. These are scattered over 18 states; two have been sent as missionaries to Japan, two are College Presidents, three are College Professors, two are Professors in the Seminary and others are taking front rank as preachers in their respective conferences.

#### Scholastic Progress.

##### 1. Instruction.

The Faculty has been increased by the addition of strong men so that every department is now thoroughly equipped for vigorous, aggressive and effective work.

##### 2. Curriculum.

The most notable event in our educational work is the lengthening of the course of study. Hitherto the college graduates completed the course in two years and received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity; henceforth they will be compelled to remain three years for that degree. The non-graduates who remained three years and received a certificate of graduation, must now remain four years. This change will mark an era in the educational qualification of our graduates. In order that our pulpits may be served by the most thoroughly equipped men, it is our aim to encourage the conferences to insist upon their candidates for the ministry first taking a college course and then a Seminary course.

#### Recommendations.

##### 1. Conference Assessments.

We recommend that all conferences now contributing to the Seminary be respectfully requested to continue their assessments with renewed efforts to meet them in full; and that all conferences which have not yet contributed to this cause, lay an assessment according to their ability and open their pulpits to the President and Professors of the Seminary to present the interests of the Institution, in return for which any conference may send any number of

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...any of whom being college graduates  
...scholarships of \$100 a year.

Endowment, Scholarship and Library Funds.

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...the need of the Endowment and Scholarship  
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#### **Buildings.**

There are now two substantial brick buildings in use for college purposes. Orchard Hall, a two-story building with basement, stands on an elevation overlooking the valley and town. The first floor is composed of the chapel, president's office and the library. On the second floor are five large, well-lighted class rooms.

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We have a very satisfactory chemical laboratory, a library containing many helpful books of reference, a Museum, secured through the efforts of Rev. S. S. Fisher during his presidency, consisting of many fine specimens for geological and biological study. The gymnasium is fairly well equipped and occupies one of the large rooms in Music Hall. We have four pianos for the use of our music students. The two literary societies are conducted by the students whose elected representatives meet in annual contest during Commencement week for gold medals, in essay, debate and oration.

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#### **Departments And Curriculum.**

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The curriculum will compare favorably with that of other institutions of the State. Just now it is undergoing a period of transition due to the raising of the course which began two years ago. We provide three courses of study leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Philosophy. For the special departments we give only certificates of graduation and not degrees. By a standing rule of the Board of Trustees we do not give any honorary degrees, which rule became effective three years ago. Our reason for this is that our prestige and age do not justify doing so.

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#### **Control.**

A Board of twenty-one trustees is elected by the Muskingum Annual Conference who serve a term of three years; one-third being elected each year. This Board holds the property for the Conference and elects its own officers and the members of the Faculty, provides

students free of tuition, any of whom being college graduates will be eligible to free scholarships of \$100 a year.

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We recommend that the General Conference emphasize to our well-to-do laymen the need of the Endowment and Scholarship Funds, both of which are essential to the successful conduct of the Seminary, and endorse the plan of the President of the Seminary in seeking donations of one or more books from every minister of the denomination and from any laymen who may be disposed to make like contributions, for the purpose of building up our library.

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also an executive committee which transacts business in the interim of Board meetings. The funds of the College are held and disposed through the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Board. The College books are kept by the Secretary, which office is held beginning with June 11, 1907, by the President of the College.

#### Condition.

##### Students.

The student roll has fluctuated considerably due to varying circumstances. Last year there was a total attendance of 66 in all departments, with an average attendance through the year of about thirty-five. There was at the beginning of this year an increase of thirty per cent. over the registration at the beginning of last year. Our total enrollment this year is 53. There have been times when the total enrollment of the school has exceeded more than a hundred, but I am not advised as to the cause of the decrease in the past several years.

We have had four graduating classes of the College of Liberal Arts. In addition there have been a number of graduates in music, elocution and in the business school. This year we graduate three from the College, two from the music department and twelve from the Business School.

##### Finances.

The College has never been out of debt, and each year there has been a deficit between receipts and expenses. Our only two definite sources of revenue have been student tuitions and the Conference assessments. These have been inadequate, until now there is, according to the report of the Secretary of last year, an indebtedness of \$9,235.22 with an additional shortage on teachers' salaries of \$2,308.34, which latter has since been paid. Our net assets approximate \$25,000. My first endeavor as President of the College was to address myself to its finances. I discovered this annual deficit to range between \$1,500 and \$2,000 on the present basis of expenditure and income, and determined to overcome if possible this shortage. I believed it inexpedient to attempt to secure large offerings and began on a conditional fund of \$5,000 to net us an income of \$1,000 a year for five years, which fund has been secured. The object of this fund was two-fold, to secure funds in the first place, and to win confidence in the College in the second. I believe the second has also been secured. My contact with men while working for this fund has convinced me that there are many men who are interested in the College. The first installment on this fund has been paid and it is hoped and believed that the following year will produce a student body large enough to over balance whatever other shortage might accrue. The financial policy of the school from this point is to work for larger subscriptions during the remaining three years of this provisional fund of \$5,000.

##### Outlook.

The history of the College is known to many of the members of this body. It is needless for me to deny that many people are antipathetic; and also to say that we believe their antipathy is not well founded. It has assumed the character that the success of the College will impair the welfare of another of our well beloved institutions; that there is not room enough for both. I shall speak briefly to this matter, but this I wish to say, that I have studied the matter of field and resources carefully, that I think I am well advised after two years of work for the College, that my judgment is fixed in facts, that I do not believe there is or will be any conflict of interests and that if I did so believe I would resign

my position and recommend that the college doors at West Lafayette be closed. And this I know in addition, that the friends of West Lafayette are the friends also of Adrian and that their attitude corresponds to my own. We are too far apart to conflict and there is room for both.

The College has had a struggle, we do not attempt to deny it. But though the proposition may be difficult it is not unlike that which has confronted our other institutions, and which today are ample proof that a cause should not be abandoned simply because it is hard. Our other institutions have justified the headaches endured for them.

It is unfortunate that the College has had so many changes of administration, which has not permitted any set policy to be pursued and which changes have effected the confidence of the people in the enterprise. But we have a mission. We ought by all means to proclaim that mission. We have young men here studying for the ministry who shall some day stand beside the graduates of other institutions in our Conferences and who will acquit themselves as well. We hope to be the means of reaching many other young men and women and to give them the advantages of a higher education. The cost of living is so low here that an education is brought within the reach of almost every one who desires it. Many of our students last year spent for all school purposes only between \$125 and \$150. And as for its present condition, the President of the Board of Trustees as well as the Vice President, both of whom have been connected with the institution from its incipency, assure me that never in the history of the school has the prospect been so bright as it is now and for which assurance with its attending confidence we reverently give praise to Him in whose name we work and whom we delight to serve.

Faithfully, your servant,

JAS. H. STRAUGHN,  
President West Lafayette College.

#### WESTMINSTER COLLEGE, TEXAS.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church,  
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania:

I have the honor to submit the following report of the condition and progress of Westminster College, Tehuacana, Texas:

##### History.

Previous to the year 1895 Methodist Protestants in the Southwest had no educational institution to train and to educate the youth of the church. However, after much discussion and agitation, in that same year, through the untiring energy and determination of Dr. J. L. Lawlis, Rev. T. L. Garrison and a host of other faithful Methodist Protestants a school was established in Collin County, Texas, under the direct supervision of Dr. Lawlis, who was made its first President. A building was purchased, land secured, a village laid out and a dormitory built at a place which was named Westminster, in honor of the town in Maryland where is situated the Westminster Theological Seminary, in which Dr. Lawlis had received his theological training. It was decided to name the school "Westminster College," and it was so incorporated by the State of Texas, which gave the Board of Regents the right to confer collegiate degrees in conformity with the laws of the State.

In 1896 Prof. C. O. Stubbs was elected to the presidency of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. Lawlis was placed at the head of the College of Theology. Under the direction of these men, who devoted their time and talents unselfishly to the work, the school



was carried on with marked success until the summer of 1902, when an opportunity was offered for its removal to its present location at Tehuacana, Texas.

In the fall of 1902, shortly after the college had opened for its first term of work in its new home, Dr. Lawlis died, prematurely worn out, as many believed, by the work he had done for the College. In September, 1903, Rev. H. H. Price entered upon the work left vacant by the death of Dr. Lawlis as president of the College of Theology. At the annual meeting of the Board of Regents in May, 1906, because of the resignation of Prof. Stubbs from the presidency of the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Theology was made a department of the regular work, and Prof. Price was elected to the presidency of both colleges, which are now known as "Westminster College."

#### **Property Rights.**

The property now owned by the College was deeded to the citizens of Tehuacana by the Trustees of Trinity University, a Cumberland Presbyterian institution which has been located in the town for thirty-five years and which had lately been removed to Waxahachie, Texas. The citizens of Tehuacana, after some negotiations with the Board of Regents of Westminster College, which resulted in very satisfactory agreement to all concerned, gave a warranty deed to the Board with the proviso that a school of collegiate grade be maintained for a period of ten consecutive years—natural calamities which might hinder the work of the school being excepted—when the property passes to the Board in fee simple. Only four more years remain for the fulfillment of the terms of the deed on the part of the Regents. The validity of the title and the right of the College to the property have been tested and established by a suit in the District Court in the year 1905, and there is no longer any question as to the validity of the deed given to the College.

#### **Aims And Purposes.**

As set forth in the charter, the aim of this institution is to give a college education to all who will avail themselves of the advantages of a Christian school, to reduce the expenses of an education to a cost within the reach of those of limited means, and yet to give such a quality of work as that no better education could be acquired by those of more extensive means.

"He who writes a book, edits a paper, or founds a school merely for the money, and one which meets no felt want of humanity is to be considered an imposter rather than a benefactor. A careful consideration of the free tuition to ministerial students, and the children of those actively engaged in the ministry, and the low rates of tuition to others will convince anyone that Westminster College has some benevolent features. Experience has convinced those most intimately acquainted with this institution that benevolence and ability may be combined; that, while the cost has been reduced to the minimum, the teachers are not insufficient or the work poorly done."—Dr. J. L. Lawlis.

#### **Location.**

Tehuacana is in Limestone County, Texas, nearly in the center of the state, on the famous "Tehuacana Hills." A station has been established on the Trinity and Brazos Valley Railroad a mile and a quarter from town, and connection is also made at Mexia with the Houston and Texas Central Railroad.

#### **Buildings And Surroundings.**

The College building is constructed of the very finest limestone, with a front elevation of 116 feet, four stories high, and contains

twenty-five rooms besides a chapel with a seating capacity of over 500. Situated upon a high hill overlooking the surrounding country and towering over a hundred feet in the air, it can be seen for many miles distant and makes an impressive landmark in the scenery. Tehuacana has been a seat of learning for forty years, and the town is composed of cultured Christian people. The healthfulness of the place has become proverbial wherever the town is known. There is an abundance of pure well water, and the free flowing springs made the place a noted point in the days of Indian wars. The hills, the springs, and the rocks make it appear like a miniature mountain in the midst of a broken plain. In forming this place, nature seemingly fitted it for some great purpose.

In addition to the main building the College owns the girls' dormitory, which has been purchased outright and is not affected by the deed mentioned above. This building will accommodate thirty boarders and up to date has been large enough for the accommodation of the girl boarders.

One other building is owned by the College. The Committee on Endowment has invested the money raised by the endowment notes in a building in the business section of the city of Cooper, Texas. This building was purchased for \$4,000, part of which was paid for in cash and part by a note secured by first mortgage on the property. The property was considered a bargain and will yield a return of about 10% on the investment.

#### Enrollment.

The College has steadily grown in its enrollment, and there is promise of an increased number of students next year. Previous to the school year of 1906-07, the College and the public school of Tehuacana occupied the College building together, and exchange of work was made on an agreeable basis, but because of disagreements and conflicts in discipline it was thought best to discontinue the arrangement. The change worked to the advantage of the College. The total enrollment for the year 1906-07 was 168 in all departments, an increase of over a 100% over the preceding year. The year 1907-08 opened with even greater promise than the previous year, but the financial stringency coming on, students and funds expected did not materialize and we were soon facing a deficit in our accounts. Of the enrollment given above, ten per cent. can be assigned to the theological work, and if funds were available more young men could be enrolled in that department. Up to date the College has graduated 29 students with the A. B. degree.

#### Course Of Study.

The course of study is divided into Preparatory and Collegiate, and is designed with the idea of reaching students in the sixth grade of public school work and of finishing with the college courses. Such courses as are necessary are given in the preparatory work before the college work is taken up, and then the course continues through such studies as English Latin, Greek French, German, Physics, Chemistry, Advanced Mathematics, History, Economics, Sociology, Ethics, Metaphysics, Logic, Psychology, Geology, Astronomy and the Bible. On the completion of which course of study the degree of Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Letters is conferred on the student according to the course taken.

#### Theological Department.

In addition to the course of study mentioned above a theological course is available to students who desire to equip themselves for the ministry. This course leads up to the degree of Bachelor of Divinity and embraces studies as Hebrew, Greek, Systematic, Historical, Exegetical, Evidential, Biblical and Practical Theology.

**Endowment.**

The endowment of the College consists of the money invested in the Cooper property and the money represented by the promissory notes called "Endowment Notes," which bear interest at 10 per cent per annum. The income from this source amounts to about \$600 per month. This income is wholly inadequate to meet the needs of a growing college and we feel the need of a larger endowment fund.

**Needs.**

We need \$5,000 by the first of January, 1909. We need a new library, a better furnished chapel, better equipment for our laboratories and a steam heating plant for our dormitory. We need a new dormitory, and above all else we need more endowment.

**Character of Work.**

As indicative of the feeling of the citizens of Tehuacana the following resolutions were unanimously adopted by them with the view of expressing their confidence in and appreciation of the college work to the members of the General Conference:

Resolved that our concern:

First, whereas Westminster College has about completed six years of successful work in the field of Christian education and has thus proven to the satisfaction of the citizens of Tehuacana its worth and ability to do larger things for Christ and the church, and,

whereas its needs for better equipment and facilities are pressing and are pressing hard upon the Board of Regents, we, the citizens of Tehuacana and patrons of the College, do cheerfully and heartily subscribe to the following resolutions:

First, That our confidence in the Board of Regents, the President and the Faculty is of the highest order for the advancement of college work.

Second, That we heartily recommend the Board of Regents, the Faculty and the College to all patrons and friends of Christian education.

Third, That we confidently believe that every dollar invested in the betterance of the interests of the College will return a hundred fold both to the college and to the donor.

J. W. PEARSON,  
W. M. MOODY,  
V. S. NELSON,  
ROBY F. DAY,  
Committee

**Financial Statement.**

**Resources.**

Cooper Building	\$75,000.00
Cooper Property	3,000.00
Endowment Notes	4,000.00
Land and Structures	1,600.00
Scientific and Chemical Laboratory Fixtures	500.00
Library	96.00
Other	350.00
	\$83,946.00

**Liabilities.**

Notes Payable	\$1,300.00
Accounts Payable	1,200.00
Accounts Receivable	250.00
Other	550.00
Cooper Property	2,500.00
	\$5,800.00

With hope in the future and with confidence in God and His goodness and love, we trust that the College may be used by Him to His glory.

Respectfully submitted,

Tehuacana, Texas.

H. H. PRICE, President,  
Westminster College

#### ADRIAN COLLEGE.

Adrian College is located at Adrian, Michigan. It is the oldest educational institution of the Methodist Protestant Church. This institution was organized in 1859 and has been controlled by the denomination to which it now belongs since 1867. From this it will be seen that the institution is approaching its Semi-Centennial Anniversary. During its history the college has passed through various vicissitudes; but it has always maintained a worthy educational standard and has retained the confidence of the best educational institutions of the middle west. Your Committee believe that at no previous period of its history has it been so fully entitled to the respect and entire confidence of the Methodist Protestant Church and general public as at the present time.

During recent years not a few improvements have been made which have added materially to the strength of the institution.

#### Equipment.

The present equipment of the institution compares very favorably with the denominational colleges throughout the country. The large and commodious buildings are a source of justifiable pride to all friends of the school. Its ample campus presents a picture which once seen is sure never to be forgotten. It is very dear to the hearts of several hundred students who have been pleased to make this their home during the period when they were securing their educational preparation for their life work.

#### Improvements.

Since the last meeting of our General Conference the old Cabinet building has been rebuilt and christened Science Hall.

(1) Several hundred dollars have been expended for new apparatus for the chemical and biological laboratories until they are now far better equipped than at any previous period in the history of the institution.

(2) The young men's gymnasium has been increased in size and otherwise improved until it now offers ample facilities for the physical training of the young men of the school. Its basket ball floor is considered one of the best in the state of Michigan. The athletic field offers ample opportunities for all out door sports.

(3) The young women's gymnasium offers facilities equal to those offered the young men for physical training.

(4) The new concrete walks which have been built around the grounds of the institution at an expense of about \$600.00, add greatly to the appearance of the grounds.

(5) Much to the delight of the gentlemen students, a commodious lavatory has been added to the gentlemen's dormitory; matting has been placed upon all the halls of this dormitory and the rooms and halls have been freshly painted.

(6) Two years ago window strips were placed upon all the windows in the ladies' dormitory, which have resulted in quite a saving of fuel as well as affording added comfort to the occupants of the building. Last year through the kindness of Mr. W. A. Stone, of the Board of Trustees, like improvements were made on the gentlemen's dormitory.

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**Endowment.**

The endowment of the College consists in the Cooper property and the money represented by notes called "Endowment Notes," which pay \$100 per annum. The income from this source is \$10,000 per year. This income is wholly inadequate to support the growing college and we feel the need very much.

**Needs.**

We need \$5,000 by the first of the year for a larger library, a better furnished chemistry laboratories and a steam heating plant, a boys' dormitory, and above all else

**Character of**

As indicative of the feeling of the faculty and the following resolutions were unanimously adopted in view of expressing their confidence in the college work to the members of the Board of Trustees. To Whom it may Concern:

That, whereas, Westminster College has twenty years of successful work in the field of higher education fully proven to the satisfaction of the public and its ability to do larger things for the future;

WHEREAS, Its needs for better buildings, growing fast and are pressing upon the attention of the citizens of Tehuacana and Pecos;

and heartily subscribe to the following resolutions:

First, That our confidence in the college work of the Faculty and the College to the Board of Trustees.

Second, That we heartily subscribe to the furtherance of the interest of the college in the furtherance of the interest of the college.

Third, That we consider the college buildings fronting the main street of Tehuacana, Texas, as devoted to the college work.

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- Furniture and Fixtures.....
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#### Improvements And Repairs.

Improvements and repairs have been made amounting to over.....	\$6,000.00
Four pianos have been purchased at a cost of.....	600.00
And a beautiful Self-Player piano was recently donated to the College by an Adrian firm, the price of which was.....	650.00

#### Endowment.

The treasurer of the Endowment Fund reported at the June meeting, 1907.....	\$21,172.11
Since that time we have received from Mrs. Amanda and Miss Mary Gray, of Ohio.....	8,520.00
(On this sum there is an annuity of \$593.75 which must be paid during the life time of the donors.)	
During the next few months the College should receive for this fund as follows:	
From David Metcalf estate.....	\$3,000.00
From the estate of Roger Williams.....	700.00
We also have a promise from Mr. Carnegie to pay into our Endowment fund as soon as we have paid our debt in full, the sum of.....	12,500.00
Upon this, we also hope to be able to realize within the next few months. This will increase our Endowment Fund to.....	45,992.11
From the above statements, including the improvements upon the college property, retirement of debt and increase in the Endowment Fund, it will be seen that the assets of the College have been increased during the closing quadrennium.....	53,759.95
(This calculation is made without considering the \$4,450.84 in subscriptions in excess of unpaid indebtedness.) If the full amount of subscriptions are paid, our assets will be increased by the last named amount; which will give us the handsome total increase in value for the four years of.....	
	63,210.79

#### Increased Earnings.

In 1903-4 the earnings of the institution amounted to..	\$13,482.81
In 1906-7 they had increased to.....	19,695.66
An increase over 1903-4 of.....	6,272.85

#### The Needs Of The College.

The next great need of Adrian College is a reasonable Endowment Fund. Our debt is provided for; but an Endowment sufficient to furnish income to meet in part the current expense is a necessity.

It has always been the purpose of the institution to keep the cost of an education down to a point where the young person of limited means may be able to secure a thorough college training. If this is to be done, and the present management is determined to continue this practice, the cost to the student must be kept below the cost to the institution. In order that this may be accomplished, there must be a source of income independent of that received from students.

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by the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. In September, 1896, the institution was opened and the work has been carried on up to the present time with increasing success.

#### Allied Schools.

From the outset the Kansas City University has been affiliated with several professional schools, thus constituting it a University in fact as well as in name. At the present time the Kansas City Hahnemann Medical College constitutes the Medical Department of the University. This is a prosperous institution and one of the best known of its kind in the West.

The Kansas City School of Oratory, a well established and largely patronized institution, is also affiliated with the University.

Mather College is the Literary Department of the institution and is directly under the control of the Board of Trustees appointed by the General Conference.

The Wilson High School serves as the Preparatory Department of the University and this High School is under the patronage and support of the public school system of Wyandotte County, Kansas.

In all departments of the University the attendance last year amounted to four hundred and thirteen (413) students. Of this number one hundred and thirty-one (131) were entered in the Literary Department.

The preparation of young men for the ministry of the Methodist Protestant Church is one of the important purposes for which this institution is conducted. To this end the Theological Department has been organized and is conducted. The importance of this feature of our work in relation to the progress of our church in the West is apparent. Our Western Conferences must have young men in our own theological schools if our church would succeed in this section of the country. Already some of the Western Conferences are realizing the benefits of our work in this direction.

#### Buildings.

One building, known as "Mather Hall," was constructed in 1896 and has been occupied since that time. This building cost thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000). It is a beautiful structure, well finished throughout.

The tower of this building was left uncompleted when it was originally erected and the auditorium, which was to be a part of the building, is yet unbuild.

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The building as thus completed gives a distinction and character to our institution that singles it out as one of the attractive architectural structures in that vicinity.

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11. Block 10, Riverview, lot 1, with house.....	850
12. Block 10, lot 2, Riverview, with house.....	850
13. Block 137, lots 4, 5 and 6, Northrup's Place, with house	16,000
14. Block 19, Kensington Place (32 lots).....	8,470
15. Block 1, University Place (35 lots).....	8,155
16. Block 2, University Place (30 lots).....	6,715
17. Block 3, University Place (24 lots).....	4,755
18. Block 5, Carpenter Place, lots 14, 15, 18 and 19.....	200
19. Block 3, Chelsea Springs, lots 27 to 36, inclusive....	1,500
20. Block 4, Mather Place, W- $\frac{1}{2}$ 11 and E- $\frac{1}{2}$ 12.....	250
21. Block —, Chelsea Place, lots 9 to 12, inclusive... ..	400
22. Blocks 13, 14, University Hill (962 ft. rough ground).	3,848
23. Blocks 7 to 12, 15, 16, University Hill, 3,825 ft.....	26,789
24. Blocks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, University Hill, 7,304 ft... ..	91,299
25. Blocks 1 and 2, Pinkdale, 858 ft. @ \$7.00 per ft....	6,008
26. Block 5, Midland Park, lots 12 to 21, inclusive, @ \$5.00 per ft.....	1,425
27. Block 7, Midland Park. lots 12 to 21, inclusive, @ \$8.00 per ft.....	2,280
28. Grund Farm tract, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres @ \$7.00 per ft.....	3,059
29. Kerr tract, 5 acres.....	4,000
30. Morrison Farm, 22 acres @ \$1,000 per acre.....	22,000
31. Quintaro Farm, 67 18-100 acres @ \$200 per acre....	13,500
32. Houses and lots in Des Moines, Iowa.....	2,500
33. House and lot in Munice, Ind.....	1,500
34. Block 17, Kensington, lots 1 to 8 and 15 to 23, inclusive	2,000
35. Mather Hall, Wilson Hall and campus.....	100,000
36. Library Furniture and equipments.....	10,000
37. Emergency Fund notes, estimated.....	25,000
38. Mortuary notes.....	20,000
39. Dexter Horton legacy of 10,000 and residuary legacy of \$33,333.....	43,333
40. Joseph Wilson legacy.....	500
41. Bequest of Amanda and Mary T. Gray.....	8,500
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$467,836</b>

The total of this inventory gives the magnificent sum of \$467,836. This is a fine showing, approximating as it does to one-half million dollars. While this is so, the institution practically derives no benefit from this property at the present. It yields no income for current expenses. An analysis of the different items will show this. \$100,000 is locked up in the buildings, campus and equipments; \$75,000 are represented by mortuary notes and legacies that yield no income at present, but are guaranteed for the future of the institution. The remainder consists of real estate that in its present form barely produces enough to pay taxes and keep up repairs. It is apparent, therefore, that funds to meet the current expenses of the institution for the present must come from other sources. We are wholly dependent on the income from tuition and the contributions of friends to keep the institution going until we can convert our large properties into a productive form. It will be some years before this can be done. Our real estate is rapidly growing in value. It would be the height of folly to dispose of our real estate at the present time. The past two or three years have witnessed an increase in value of our property from twenty-five to fifty per cent.

It is reasonable to expect that the next few years will be of equal advantage to us.

The city is growing in the direction of this property at a very rapid rate. No city in the United States is making the growth at the present time, so I am informed, that characterizes the two Kansas Cities on the banks of the Missouri River.

To preserve this property intact for the future benefit of the institution and yet provide for necessary expenses of carrying on the work of the University is taxing our resources, our endurance and our endeavors to the utmost. We can accomplish this work only through a hearty and general support of the Methodist Protestant Church. But the results, if achieved, will be worth the cost. If we are successful, and we certainly will be, the denomination will have an institution with half a million dollars worth of property located in the most prosperous and rapidly growing city in the Great West.

Our University is the only institution of higher learning in either of the two Kansas Cities. We have full possession of the field without a competitor. When our equipment prepares us to meet the educational demands of such a city as we are in, we shall have an ample field for patronage right at our door. Up to the present time we have not had such equipments as prepare us to meet this need. Consequently we have quietly waited until time and opportunity will enable us to meet the educational demands of this great city. The forward movement which we have recently undertaken will go very far toward qualifying us for satisfying the educational demands of our community.

#### Financial Plans.

For several years we have been planning to make a financial campaign to raise a fund sufficient to clear off our indebtedness, to construct a new building and to add to our endowment. A plan was adopted to make an effort to secure one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to apply to the purposes designated. As a start to this movement Mr. H. J. Heinz offered to contribute \$15,000 to this amount, provided the balance could be obtained by July 1, 1909. Mr. W. S. Wilson, of Ohio, Ill., also made a proposition to contribute \$5,000 toward this amount on the same conditions.

The financial depression which occurred last October has seriously interfered with our plans; notwithstanding this, however, we have secured pledges to this fund up to the present time amounting to over thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000). We hope that we may be able to secure the full amount by the time that has been designated.

While the University has a valuable property, we have along with it a debt which sooner or later must be provided for. When the Mather estate came to us it brought with it an incumbrance of about twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000). This debt was further increased in 1896 by the necessity of providing ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to meet the balance due on the erection of Mather Hall. These obligations have been taken care of by Mr. H. J. Heinz. At other times Mr. Heinz has advanced funds for the University so that upwards of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) have been provided by Mr. Heinz to take care of interests, for which the University still owes him with accumulated interest. Mr. Heinz has given outright to the University at various times sums that would aggregate over twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000). The fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) which he has pledged to the University will bring the

amount of his gifts up to not far from forty thousand dollars (\$40,000). The institution, therefore, is indebted to Mr. Heinz for gifts to the amount of about forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) and for monies advanced, forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) additional.

In view of the magnificence of this service rendered the University, we trust the friends of the institution, by responding to our appeal, will make it possible for us to pay to Mr. Heinz the money which he has advanced from time to time in emergencies when no other help seemed to be within reach.

Our enterprises in Kansas City in relation to the church is of a character that should interest the whole church. It is a denominational extension movement on a large scale. The section of country in which it is located is one where our church yet is young and weak. If the University succeeds it will be only through the vigorous support of the denomination at large. The Conferences in our immediate locality are not able alone to sustain an institution of this kind. With the splendid resources which we already have there is no institution in our church that promises more to the denomination for the future. We appeal, therefore, to the General Conference and to the church at large to take such action that will give to us that cooperation and that support that is essential to our success.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. STEPHENS, Chancellor.

#### PAPER NO. XVII.

##### SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools and Young People's Work submit the following report:

According to the statistics gathered by the Secretary of our Denominational Union of Christian Endeavor and presented to the National Convention held in this city May 12-14, 1908, showing 24,000 Endeavorers in 13 Conferences, the Endeavor idea still has an increasing hold on the young people of our church.

The Sunday School work of our church is in good condition. Our literature has a wide circulation, which is gratifying to our workers.

With the added impetus of a campaign of organization along approved lines, we may look for a far reaching increase in the efficiency and unification of our Sunday School forces.

Your Committee has received and considered the memorial of the Methodist Protestant C. E. Union requesting the creation of a Young People's Board and the election of a Young People's Secretary. We have also considered the resolution requesting the creation of a Sunday School Board. After careful thought it appears to your committee that the memorial comprises the Sunday School idea as well as the Christian Endeavor, for which reason we make the following recommendation:

1. We recommend the creation of a Board of Young People's Work to be composed of five members.
2. We recommend the election of a Secretary by this Conference who shall work under the direction of the Board.
3. We recommend that the salary of the Secretary be provided for by the Board of Young People's Work.

4. **Members of Board of Young People's Work:** Rev. G. W. Haddaway, Maryland; Rev. S. W. Rosenberger, Muskingum; Rev. C. D. Sinkinson, D. D., New Jersey; Mr. Robert Rawsthorne, Pittsburg; Mr. W. N. Swift, Michigan.

PAPER NO. XVIII.

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

Item 1, Paper 1. Concerning the transfer of Rev. I. A. Barnes, we report that he is a member of the Pittsburg Conference.

Item 2, Paper 2. Do we correctly interpret the law when we conclude that Sabbath School officers and teachers, together with the qualified members present, have a legal right to elect any person to office of Sabbath School Superintendent without reference to his denominational affiliations? Answer: No.

Item 3. If some of the teachers in the Sabbath School be members of other churches than the Methodist Protestant, is it legal for them to vote in the election of Sabbath School Superintendent? Answer: Yes.

Item 4. Relating to the "Method of calling pastors," the Discipline provides no method of calling pastors.

Item 5. Relating to the Hugo, Okla., Church. Not regularly before us.

Item 6. Art. 4, Sec. 3, Page 145,—Sec. 4: Does it mean two-thirds of the qualified members must be present and all vote affirmatively or that it requires only two-thirds vote of all the members present? Answer: Two-thirds present at a regular called meeting. Constitution, Article 4, Section 3.

Item 7. Executive Board; we find a precedent for such a Board and therefore declare same to be constitutional.

Item 8. What is the status of a minister or member who voluntarily withdraws from the Annual Conference? Answer: He ceases to be a member.

Item 9. What is the status of a minister or members who assume to organize and operate an Annual Conference within the bounds of another Annual Conference District without warrant from the President of the General Conference or a commission as is provided by law? Answer: A State of insubordination and may be proceeded against according to the law of the church.

Item 10. If trustees and other officers, as well as private members, cease to be members of the Methodist Protestant Church, is the title of the Methodist Protestant Church to the property thereby invalidated? Answer: No.

Item 11. In the matter of the case of J. T. Howell against the Alabama Conference, your Committee begs to report that it does not appear that said Howell took a legal appeal and the case therefore is not properly before us. However, the questions therein involved are of such importance that they deem it expedient to render the following rulings: 1st. The credentials of a minister cannot be revoked nor can he be deprived of his membership in the Methodist Protestant Church so long as his moral character stands fair and his teaching and life are in accord with the doctrines of the church; but a minister may be deprived of his membership in an Annual Conference for insubordination or any sufficient cause after legal trial.

Item 12. An accused member or minister shall have twenty

days' notice from date such notice is served, unless shorter notice be accepted by the accused.

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PAPER NO. XIX.

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL AGENTS' SALARIES.

Your Committee on Salaries begs leave to report and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That the word "Agent" is interpreted to mean Secretary, Treasurer, Editor or other representative or party elected by the General Conference, or by any Board or other creature thereof.

2. That no Agent, Editor, Secretary, Treasurer or other such representative shall be paid a salary in excess of eighteen hundred dollars per annum.

3. That the several Committees and Boards elected by the General Conference are requested to take special notice of and observe this limitation.

R. T. PICKENS, Chairman.

M. D. HELMICK, Secretary.

PAPER NO. XX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVISION.

1. A proposition from the Maryland Conference to insert the following in the ritual on Baptism of Infants: "This church does not approve of the baptism of infants, neither parent of whom has made such profession of faith and obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ as admits to membership in the Christian Church," came before us. We do not concur.

2. A resolution from the Pittsburg Annual Conference relating to the "methods of calling pastors" was referred to the Judiciary Committee for decision.

3. An overture was suggested to substitute in Article 13, Section 2, page 39, for the words: "Sinful words and tempers," the following: "The indulgence of sinful tempers shall subject the offender to admonition," etc. We do not concur.

4. A proposition came to us from the New Jersey Conference to submit a revised form of prayer in the administration of the Lord's Supper. We do not concur.

5. Under "Duties of Presidents," page 137, Section 2, we concur in the revision of said section as follows, beginning with the words "No member," etc., we would revise thus: "No member of an Annual Conference shall enter the territory of any other Annual Conference to work or to preach within the bounds of that Conference without the consent of the President of that Conference."

but this is not to be understood as interfering with pastors securing help in special services.

6. Under head, "Duties of Presidents," page 137, Section 3, we concur in the following revision: Allow Section 3 to remain as it is, but change the number of that Section to 4 and insert and number it Section 3 the following: "3. No President of an Annual Conference shall employ a minister or preacher belonging to another Annual Conference without a certificate of good standing from the President of the Conference to which said minister or preacher belongs. Such certificate bearing date of not more than 90 days previous to his appointment." Then change section now numbered 4 to Section 5.

7. A paper suggesting that on page 80, Section 11, after the word "valid" be amended as follows: "And provided further, That if such transfer shall not be presented to the Conference to which it was given in accordance with the above rule, it must be returned to the Conference by which it was given before it closes its session next following. Otherwise the holder shall lose his rights as a member of that Conference." We concur in the amendment.

8. An amendment to Section 9, page 74, was brought before us as follows: Add to the Section as it now stands the following: "When parsonage property is to be purchased, leased, mortgaged or sold it shall require a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Quarterly Conference, except where charters provide otherwise; provided that in stations it may be done by the qualified members of the church." We concur in the revision.

9. We concur in the following amendment to Section 29, page 87. Insert before Section 29 as it now stands but include it in the Section, the words: "In all cases where an Annual Conference shall omit or decline to prescribe the mode for the election of delegates to the Annual Conference, the following shall be the rule," then insert Section 29 as it now stands.

10. We concur in the following revision of Section 2, page 82, paragraph 15, after the words "his license shall not be granted the following year," the following: "Neither shall he be assigned to a pastoral charge the following year unless he promises that he will faithfully pursue the studies of his Conference course."

11. We concur in inserting a new Section under the title of "Deaconesses," following the Section on "Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor," on page 136, as follows:

#### Deaconesses.

The duty of the Deaconess is to minister to the poor, visit the sick, pray with the dying, care for the orphan, seek the wandering, save the sinning, and in general devote herself to such forms of Christian labor as may be suited to her abilities. No vow of perpetual service shall be exacted from any Deaconess.

In every Annual Conference within which Deaconesses may be employed a Conference Deaconess Board consisting of not less than nine nor more than fifteen members, one-third of the number to be ministers, one-third to be laymen and one-third to be women, shall be chosen by the Conference to exercise a general control of the interests of this form of work. The term of the members of the Board shall be for three years, one-third of the number being chosen annually.

The Conference Board may, when any woman of suitable age, health and piety, and in possession of the training deemed necessary, direct that she be consecrated to the office of a Deaconess. Provided, however, that such distinction shall not be conferred except on the recommendation of a Quarterly Conference, and she

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two years of continuous service annually report both the names to the Annual Conference, and the continuance of any Deaconess

Deaconess shall be under the direction which she is serving. When a member of the Home shall be placed by the superintendent

selected by the Conference Board for their protection; this should, if possible

of the ritual on "Ordination and consecration of Deaconesses, under Deaconesses."

Ordination of Deaconesses.

Order of Services.

"Amazing Love." Hymnal 313.

Psalm 10 in the Psalter.

Father of all grace and salvation, thy gift, we assemble in the name of Jesus, and we trust, under the direction may worship Thee reverently and a will, and that we may realize in our divine blessing.

in the goodness of Thy providence women into the work of Thy Kingdom and power to proclaim Thy truth graciously now upon these Thy for Thy favor and blessing for a sacred service in Thy church's consecration, by bestowing upon of the Holy Spirit, and grant that hands may be worthily accomplished joyfully realize the joy of Thy salvation Thy glory—and to the praise of Thy Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost

Prayer.

"I want me to go." Hymnal 398.

Of The Candidates.

to you these candidates for Deaconesses Christ, they having successfully prescribed for this office by the . . . . Protestant Church, and having given work by their godly living, I thank you for this service of consecration

Of Officiating Minister.

assembled in the presence of God consecration of these persons unto the Methodist Protestant Church. The obedience to a conscious call to yield ministry of benevolence and love. The



have been approved as to their mental and spiritual qualifications and have received the training which was deemed necessary for their success as servants of the church; in teaching, in ministering to the poor, the aged, little children, the sick, the afflicted, the neglected; and in general work for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God.

As you have expressed your desire to enter upon the work of a Deaconess, it is proper that you should give public response to the following questions:

Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

Do you sincerely receive, and will you maintain the faith and practice of this church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?

Do you approve of the government and discipline of the Methodist Protestant Church?

Will you diligently strive to promote an active, spiritual and general interest in behalf of the church among the people committed to your care?

Do you believe that you have been called unto the work of a Deaconess, and do you promise faithfully to perform the duties pertaining thereto?

Will you cheerfully accept the direction of those whom the church may set over you in the prosecution of your work?

#### Charge To Candidates.

Dear Sisters in the Lord.—This service to which you now devote yourselves is an honorable one, recognized in the Holy Scriptures. It is a labor of love to which the Spirit of Christ from the beginning moved His church. And like your Divine Master, you are called to go about doing good and ministering, as He did, to the needs of a suffering, sorrowing and sin-burdened world. You will need the guidance, the comfort and the support of the Holy Spirit in the fulfillment of the labors of this chosen office, and need often to be found alone with your Master in prayer. In being set apart for the specific work of a Deaconess you are released from other cares, so that you may devote yourselves without reservation to this one office. You will carry a great burden, but you will also be the recipients of a great joy. You should not seek for worldly gain or glory, but rather for the praise of Christ; you should be self-denying, humble, meek, wholly consecrated to your work: ever remembering that true sacrifice is the law of attainment. You are to be faithful students of the Word of God, constant in prayer, and in seeking to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

May you have a long and highly honorable record of good deeds. May you win honor from God as did Phoebe, a faithful Deaconess of the New Testament, and at last may each of you receive from Christ the commendation, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Prayer: Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, graciously behold these, Thy servants, now set apart for the service and office of Deaconesses in Thy church, bless, we pray Thee, these Thy hand-maidens unto the Holy service for which they have offered themselves; be pleased, we beseech of Thee, to grant them Thy Spirit that He may wholly sanctify them in body and spirit for their work. Vouchsafe unto them a long life of usefulness; grant them access to the hearts of those to whom they shall minister, may they be messengers of mercy, comfort and hope to the broken-hearted, to the poor, the sick and to the little children, and may they bring

many souls to Christ; building up the Kingdom of God to the glory of Thy most Holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Eternal God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Creator of man and woman, that didst fill with Thy Spirit Mary and Deborah, and Anna and Huldah; that didst not disdain that Thine only begotten Son should be born of a woman; Who didst admit into the tabernacle of the testimony and into the temple the women guardians of Thy Holy Gates. Do Thou now look down on these Thy hand-maidens, which are appointed unto the work of Deaconesses; and grant unto them Thy Holy Spirit, and cleanse them from all pollution of the flesh and of the Spirit, that they may worthily accomplish the work committed unto them, to Thy glory and to the praise of Thy Christ, with whom to Thee and the Holy Spirit be glory and worship world without end. Amen.

(The President or officiating minister shall then lay his hand upon the head of the candidate and say.)

Dear Sister \_\_\_\_\_, In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and by the authority of the Methodist Protestant Church we recognize the divine call which you have heard and heeded, and set you apart as one chosen of God for the office of a Deaconess in His church.

Hymn: "How firm a foundation." Hymnal 374.  
Benediction.

\*In an abbreviated service those parts indicated by a star may be omitted.

13. We do not concur in the proposed revision of Paragraph 15, pages 81 and 82, after the first sentence as follows:

"Provided, That College graduates may be relieved from the Conference course of study and may be eligible for ordination after he shall have preached one year under direction of the President or of the Annual Conference."

14. We do not concur in the proposed revision of Section 15, pages 81 and 82 by striking out all of said section relating to granting license to administer the ordinances.

15. We do not concur in the proposed amendment of ritual on page 160 after line 11 to insert the following: "Let those who have scruples concerning the use of the common communion cup be permitted to receive it by means of individual cups."

16. We do not concur in the revision of Section 11, page 80, and last sentence as follows: "All ministers holding transfers shall be responsible to the Conference giving such transfer, until the transfer shall receive the signature of the Presidents and approval of the Conference to which he designs to make application."

17. In the paper brought the Committee establishing an "Executive Committee of the General Conference," and inserting the same after the figure 1, on page 96, to take the place of all that follows in that paragraph to "The President of the preceding Conference," etc., we concur:

#### Executive Committee Of The General Conference.

The President of the General Conference shall be recognized as the connective officer of this body until the succeeding General Conference, together with three ministers and three laymen, who shall be elected by the General Conference to compose an Executive Committee of which the President of the General Conference shall be ex-officio the chairman.

Of the six members to be elected no two shall be of the membership of the same Annual Conference.

Summed up briefly, serving, resting, worshipping are the things that should be done. Any amusement that hinders the doing of these things is a desecration of the Sabbath. Likewise any work on Sunday for the luxuries of life or even for the mere comforts of life, as distinguished from the necessities of life, such work is a desecration of the Sabbath to the extent that it hinders from resting, or worshipping or serving.

Any work to meet the actual necessities of man that cannot be done beforehand or cannot be deferred until afterwards is not desecration of the Sabbath.

This also includes work of mercy. If the reading of a secular paper or other mail so occupies the mind with other things on Sunday, that one is not fitted for the best worship, this too is a desecration of the Sabbath.

Each individual has the right and should be accorded the privilege of cessation from work one day in seven. We are in hearty sympathy with the working man, who is insisting that he have one day in seven for rest, hence recommend that this Conference and our church lend its influence to the efforts of labor organizations to that end.

Protecting the Sabbath from further encroachment, as well as restoring what of sanctity has already been lost is primarily with our teachers as sentiment makers rather than with our legislators as law makers. We need strong public sentiment thrown around the Sabbath to strengthen the law for its protection.

Respectfully submitted,

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON METHODIST PROTESTANT BROTHERHOOD.

We, your Committee on Methodist Protestant Brotherhood, after having given due consideration to the condition and needs of our denomination are convinced that the establishment of a Brotherhood in the Methodist Protestant Church will materially advance its interests.

Experience teaches that men will combine their general interests and if the church fails to provide organizations into which they can be gathered they will seek other societies.

Therefore, we recommend that this General Conference authorize the establishment of a Brotherhood to be known as the Methodist Protestant Brotherhood for the following purposes:

To promote the social and moral welfare of the men and boys connected with our church.

To create a widespread interest among men in the attendance upon church and prayer-meeting services.

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To create a society which will promote greater fraternity and aid the church in reaching many men and boys not now being reached by the church.

of which meeting at least four weeks' public notice shall have been given, to purchase, build, repair, lease, rent, mortgage or otherwise procure or dispose of property, provided however, when any church building or real estate, or any portion thereof is to be sold, then it shall require the presence and vote of two-thirds of the local church to sell or dispose of the property."

21. A proposition was submitted to add to page 94, first paragraph, the following:

"Provided that no such commission shall be appointed looking to the division of the territory of any annual conference except upon the request of said Conference by a two-thirds vote." We concur in this amendment.

M. L. JENNINGS, Chairman.

C. L. QUEEN, Secretary.

#### PAPER NO. XXI.

##### REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FIRE INSURANCE.

*Resolved*, That the Maryland Annual Conference respectfully memorializes the next General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church at its session in Pittsburg in May to create a Fire Insurance Association for the purpose of insuring our own church, parsonage and other properties.

J. M. SHERIDAN, President.

W. S. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

Your Committee, to which has been referred the memorial from the Maryland Conference for the creation by this General Conference of a Fire Insurance Company for the purpose of insuring our own church, parsonage and other properties, respectfully begs leave to report: That after a careful consideration of the matter your Committee is of the opinion:

First, That it is inadvisable for the church to engage in a business outside of the purpose of its organization.

Second, That in addition to the above, and aside from the legal difficulties which would be involved, we deem the scheme impracticable.

THOMAS A. MURRAY, Chairman.

W. S. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

#### PAPER NO. XXII.

##### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Recognizing the fact that the "Sabbath Was Made For Man," we believe that every care should be taken to preserve it in all its purity and keep it holy, in order that it may serve man's highest interests. The protection of the Sabbath from encroachment is assured only by a healthy public sentiment as regards its sanctity. Such a sentiment may be created and kept alive by continuous, faithful teaching in the home, the Sunday School and the pulpit.

The fact that the first part of the Commandment concerning keeping of the Sabbath is positive, not negative. "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy," suggests to us that we should teach first positively, not negatively, concerning it. Your Committee believes that we should teach first and emphasize most the things we should do on the Sabbath, afterwards the things we should not do. First get firmly fixed in the heart the things that ought to be done, and that these things ought very much to be done, then it will be easy to teach whatever hinders the doing of the things that ought to be done in a desecration of the Sabbath.

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To help organize Bible classes and reading circles and to further the great interests of Christ's Kingdom upon earth.

#### **The Organization.**

We recommend that this General Conference elect a president and secretary to be known as the President and Secretary of the Methodist Protestant Brotherhood, whose duty it shall be to have a general supervision over the entire organization.

We further recommend that each Annual Conference elect two persons, one of which shall be president and the other secretary of the Brotherhood of that annual body and who shall confer, when necessary, with the President of the general Brotherhood.

We further recommend that those in a local church who may wish to organize a Brotherhood shall first consult their pastor, then by proper advertising either by letter or personal solicitation, gather all of the men and boys together at some convenient point, state the purpose of the organization, and then elect the following officers: President and vice president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary and treasurer. Then appoint the necessary committees.

The members of the Brotherhood shall include all men above the age of sixteen, who will conform to the principles and support the constitution and by-laws of the organization. All members under the age of sixteen shall constitute the Junior Organization of the Methodist Protestant Brotherhood.

#### **Representation.**

We recommend that each local organization send delegates to the annual organization which shall convene each year at the same time and place of the annual conference. The annual council shall elect president, secretary, treasurer and appoint the necessary committees. Each annual council preceding the General Conference shall elect one delegate for each five hundred members of the Brotherhood or fractional part thereof within the jurisdiction of the annual body, to convene in general council in the month of May, following the annual election, at the same place of the assemblage of the General Conference.

The general council shall elect a president, secretary and such boards and committees as its needs from time to time require, and make quadrennial report to the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

We submit the following form of Constitution and By-Laws:

#### **General Council.**

##### **ARTICLE I.**

The name of this organization shall be known as the Methodist Protestant Brotherhood.

##### **ARTICLE II.**

The object of this Brotherhood is to promote and develop fraternal relations and advance the spiritual welfare of its members, strengthen the fellowship of men and engage them in Christian usefulness, to provide means of helping each other in a business, moral and fraternal manner by bringing into closer bonds of union the men of each community and of our entire field of work, to assist in the study of the Bible and carry out the purpose of the Brotherhood as authorized by the General Conference at its session in Pittsburg, May, 1908.

##### **ARTICLE III.**

##### **Membership.**

Every male member of this church and those who are attendants on it services from sixteen years and upwards, shall become mem-

and new comers, and the bringing about of a greater and more effectual work in our church.

Section 3. The Department of Solicitation shall include the securing of new members, special work among foreigners, and a general appeal in all directions for a broader and more effective Christian Brotherhood.

Section 4. The Department of Aid, for helping the sick, relieving the poor, visiting the widows and orphans, shall have general supervision over all local benevolent requirements.

Section 5. Consecration, shall include the effort and work to secure among the membership and in the community brighter type of citizenship.

#### ARTICLE II.

Questions of parliamentary law arising in this organization shall be determined by the constitution and by-laws of the general council and Robert's Rules of Order.

We further recommend that each local council form such other by-laws as it may need.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### PAPER NO. XXIV.

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Your Committee on Fraternal Relations reports with pleasure and pride the presence of many distinguished visitors.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, in General Conference assembled in Baltimore, Maryland, has sent to us a fraternal delegation composed of Bishop H. W. Warren, Dr. J. F. Goucher, of Baltimore, and Senator J. P. Dolliver, of Iowa, whose greetings met an enthusiastic reception and will be immediately returned by our fraternal delegation: Dr. T. H. Lewis, President of our General Conference; Dr. A. L. Reynolds, President of the Ohio Conference, and J. W. Hering, M. D., LL. D., Comptroller of the Treasury of Maryland.

Your Committee is happy and honored in making mention of the presence of Dr. W. D. McKenzie, President of the Hartford Theological Seminary. We hold in highest esteem his broad culture, liberal mind, lovable spirit and complete consecration to the service of our Lord and Master; and we are deep in debt to him for his illuminating and inspiring address on Aggressive Evangelism.

The message which he brought from the Cleveland Council of the Congregational Churches has been answered by the Committee on Church Union.

Your Committee would also report that the United Brethren, in sending to us so large a delegation to express their desire to enter into immediate negotiations for organic union, have won our keen appreciation. In reply to their spokesmen, Bishop T. C. Carter, President Bookwalter, of the Otterbein University, Rev. G. I. B. Brane, of Reading, Pa., and W. R. Funk, of Dayton, Ohio, a commission of nine has been appointed to enter into official negotiations.

Your Committee expresses the hope that the presence and words of Dr. E. B. Sanford, Secretary of the Executive Committee of the

**ARTICLE III.**

All male members of this church or male members of any evangelical church shall be eligible to membership. All male members of the congregation or vicinity, not members of the church, but who are actively cooperative and are in sympathy with the general work of the church shall be eligible to associate membership.

Section 2. An application for membership must be signed and recommended by a membership committee.

Section 3. No person shall be admitted to membership unless they pledge in open council to support the Brotherhood, constitution and by-laws, and such pledge shall be considered a pledge of service.

**ARTICLE IV.**

The officers shall be: President, vice president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary and treasurer. The officers shall be elected by ballot at the regular meeting in . . . . ., and shall hold their term of office for one year. The pastor shall be ex-officio member of each committee.

**ARTICLE V.**

This council shall have the following committees:

First. Executive Committee, to be composed of the officers and chairman of the several committees to have general direction of the council.

Second. Membership Committee, to secure new members and the fidelity and usefulness of its present members.

Third. Committee of Inside Work, to have special responsibility in connection with meetings in the church, to welcome strangers and attendants, to cultivate a spirit of fellowship among the men of the church and congregation, to assist in the musical program, to provide such social meeting as to be of the best interest of the men of the congregation, and to inform and interest the men of the congregation in its missionary and benevolent operations and to stimulate the interest of men in all the church services.

Fourth. Committee of Outside Work, to have special responsibility for work done outside of the church, to invite strangers and non-church-goers, to secure regularity of attendance by the men of the congregation, to use all proper means to advertise the work and service of the church, to visit strangers and the sick and report all such cases to the pastor and Executive Committee.

Fifth. Finance Committee, to provide funds necessary for the work; the treasurer shall be chairman.

**ARTICLE VI.**

Regular meeting shall be held on . . . . .

Section 2. Special meetings shall convene at the call of the president.

**ARTICLE VII.**

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting, provided such amendment is submitted in writing at prior meeting, and upon a two-thirds vote of the members present.

**By-Laws.****ARTICLE I.**

The work of this council shall be grouped under the head of service, solicitation, aid and consecration.

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Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, may result in marked progress in the great work which he so ably and enthusiastically represents.

We recommend the following vote of thanks:

To the pastor, officials and members of the First Methodist Protestant Church, Pittsburg, Pa., for the thoughtful and lavish arrangements made for the comfort, convenience and luxury of the representatives of the General Conference.

Not only has ample provision been made for every bodily need, but our social instincts have been gratified by delightful receptions and excursions, and our intellectual cravings have been satisfied with rare lectures.

The hospitality of the homes in which we have been entertained will abide with us as one of the most pleasant memories of this session, and upon every threshold we carve our parting prayer: "Blessed be their going in and blessed be their going out."

We recommend that the gratitude of this body be expressed to the President of the General Conference for the fair and forceful exercise of his executive prerogatives so manifest in every act of his administrative office; and also to the Secretary and his assistants for fidelity and efficiency in meeting the exacting demands of their responsible position.

Nor do we forget the constant attendance of the representatives of the press of Pittsburg, whose luminous reports have kept the proceedings of the General Conference before the public eye.

Respectfully submitted,

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J. W. HERING, Secretary,  
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Committee.

**QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.**

To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, in session at Pittsburg, Pa., May 15, 1908:

The Board of Foreign Missions respectfully submits this report of its work and of the interests of the Foreign Missionary work of the church at home and in the foreign field for the quadrennium, May 1, 1904, to April 30, 1908.

We respectfully ask for this report the earnest consideration of your body and would appreciate gratefully your approval of what we have done that was right, and would accept humbly disapproval and correction of any mistakes we have made. We know we have not always done the best that could have been done; but we do claim that we have done the best we could, and that we have always tried to act sincerely, consistently and with loyalty to the Methodist Protestant Church. The more we learn about this great work the less we feel we know about it, and we are glad thus to submit our report for your review.

**The Work Of The Board.**

The annual meetings of the Board have been duly held, as have all the Executive Committee meetings, except one from which a majority of the members were kept by sickness or court duties rendering their attendance impossible. The actions of all the Executive Committee meetings have all been reported to and endorsed by the Board in annual meeting. But the attendance of the Annual Conference members at the annual meetings has not been satisfactory. Three of the seventeen conferences entitled to membership failed to report any members elected. Of the fourteen members elected only seven have attended altogether, and from four to six at a meeting. Perhaps this matter will be further urged upon your attention by the report of a committee appointed by the Board to submit some suggestions to your Committee on Foreign Missions.

In changing the first article of the Constitution of the Board of Foreign Missions the last General Conference failed to provide any rule for filling any vacancies occurring in the Board's membership. In such cases the Board has left vacancies to be filled by the conferences affected by them. But vacancies in the Executive Committee have been filled by vote of its members, Mr. S. R. Harris, of North Carolina, being elected in place of Mr. Walter T. Searing, of New York, who felt compelled to decline accepting membership; and later, upon the resignation of Rev. W. L. Wells, D. D., as President and member of the Board, he having temporarily transferred his membership to another denomination, Mr. Harris was elected, on February 26, 1908, President of the Board.

The Board has published annually a full report of its proceedings, together with a general report from its Corresponding Secretary; the Treasurer's report, which with accompanying vouchers and published receipts, has been audited quarterly; a table of assessments on the conferences and receipts from the same; a brief but comprehensive report of the work in Japan, and various other matters of interest relating to the work. The Treasurer has served under the required bond and his books and accounts have been found correct.

It has seemed impracticable to make the Board year end in February, because the Japan Conference year closes March 31. and the Annual Report of our foreign mission work should include complete and up-to-date accounts of the Board year here and in Japan.

During the quadrennium Rev. G. B. McElroy, D. D., for many

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... years its honored President, en-  
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Appointments Of Missionaries.

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Finances.

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... Mrs Josie Case Frank, wife of Rev. J.  
... failing health to come home. In the  
... boy died in Greensboro, N. C., Mr.  
... and heroism, remaining at his post in  
... continuing feeble, the Board in annual  
... felt that Mr. Frank should be permit-  
... is now serving a charge in the North

... P. Richardson retired from the work  
... Board, which expressed high appre-  
... and faithful work.  
... contract was to expire in January,  
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... Mr Layman conscientiously believed the  
... of the Japan work would better be devoted  
... than to his support.

Rev. U. G. Murphy, who, on account of ill health, had been advised and urged by the Board to take a vacation in this country, after sixteen months of vacation was re-employed August 10, 1904. Rev. E. I. Obee and his wife were employed about the same time and sailed with Mr. and Mrs. Murphy, October 3.

After some three years of anxious waiting, the Board not having the funds necessary for their re-employment, Rev. and Mrs. E. H. VanDyke were reappointed as missionaries and sailed March 3, the present year.

Recently the health of Rev. U. G. Murphy and his wife and daughter has been adjudged such as to require their return to this country, which they reached April 29.

The late Annual Conference in Japan voted to ask for Mr. Layman's return to Japan, believing his services there now would be very helpful and efficient.

#### Methodist Union In Japan.

The union spirit prevails in Japan as in no other country in the world and mission work there has been attended with very little denominational friction and prejudice. Many sectarian differences emphasized in Christian lands are there almost entirely ignored and for several years the general drift has been toward a union of all the branches of every separate ecclesiastical vine.

In January, 1900, the various Methodist bodies met and agreed to take steps to organize themselves into one "Japan Methodist Church."

Our missionaries there favored such a union, as did all the other Methodist missionaries and the native members. But the Board advised our missionaries "not to take too much for granted as if the union were an assured fact, but to await patiently the action of the General Conference," which they have done.

The Methodist Protestant Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Church in Canada, in their General Conferences, all acted favorably on this question of Methodist union in Japan, appointing commissioners to meet like commissioners from the other interested Methodist bodies to consider and devise a plan of union acceptable to all. The Executive Committee of our Board was appointed by your body at its last session to act for the Methodist Protestant Church and met, at the call of Bishop A. W. Wilson, of the M. E. Church, South, with the commissioners of that church, the M. E. Church and the Methodist Church in Canada, in Baltimore, Md., January 3, 1906. After free and full discussion of the kindest character, the commission adjourned subject to the call of Bishop Wilson, awaiting further information from Japan before final action. A second meeting was held in Nashville, Tenn., March 1, 1906. Here, as at the meeting in Baltimore, the Episcopal commission insisted upon larger Episcopal powers in the polity of the "Japan Methodist Church" than were contemplated in the "Basis of Union" submitted by the Methodist bodies in Japan. The non-Episcopal commissioners insisting so strongly upon the Japanese basis of union that agreement seemed impossible, it was unanimously resolved that any two or more of the Methodist Churches interested in these negotiations for union might feel at liberty to act for themselves as authorized by their several General Conferences. The missions of the M. E. Churches and the Canada Methodist Church in Japan have since been united. The Methodist Protestants, Congregationalists, and United Brethren in Japan are working in delightful harmony, being already united in spirit and one in Christ Jesus.

The Recording Secretary of the Board, Rev. F. C. Klein, will report more fully and definitely the proceedings of the meetings of

the Commissioners on Methodist Union in Japan, giving a succinct history of the movement.

#### The Home Department Of The Work.

While we must sadly acknowledge that our beloved church has failed to keep pace with the great general forward foreign missionary movement in the home land and that it has not always responded readily and liberally to the demands of our work abroad, it is yet pleasing to note in the financial report presented herewith, and to which we kindly invite your attention, some evidences of improvement. And we believe there are other signs of an awakening of our people, leading us to hope for better things. Our Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies are beginning to show greater interest in mission studies and we hope there will soon be a general organization of our Sunday Schools into Juvenile Foreign Missionary Societies and that in hundreds of them there will be formed mission study classes, with libraries now so abundant and excellent. There is springing up into vigorous expression also a more general dissatisfaction with our present methods and efforts, which predicts, we hope, an early change for the better.

The financial tables show that 18 conferences gave more last year than they gave four years ago—enough more to increase by \$1,024 the aggregate receipts from conferences. And the total receipts for the present quadrennium exceed those of the preceding quadrennium by \$18,351.15, a slight advance in the Children's Day receipts and in the general collections contributing to this general advance. Could those conferences that have failed to advance—many of them have really gone back—be inspired to move forward, our report would make more pleasant reading and a finer showing. That we are in the main improving should encourage us to do better. That our church is so far behind our sister churches should urge us to do better. That some of the conferences do so little would shame their leading men into doing better, and the situation should give, and doubtless will give, your body serious concern. These tables cannot be scanned with indifference by an intelligent Methodist Protestant.

#### Japan Statistics.

The present preaching force consists of 14 members of the conference and 3 probationary members, and 4 evangelists laboring under conference authority and direction. There are 10 regular preachers, one of the evangelists and four other young men are in school finishing their education for the ministry. I quote from the minutes of the Annual Conference, April 2-6, 1908:

"One of the pleasing features of the conference this year was the presence of so many young men from the Seminary, some just graduated and others just entering. Their voices added to the music of the church, their hope and enthusiasm strengthened every plan for the future and their presence brightened every heart. We have a fine band of the young men who are being thoroughly fitted for the service of the Master."

The pastors served, last year, 25 regular preaching places, besides holding numerous special services in homes and other places. The conference services numbering 1,975. They paid 7,260 visits. The churches held 419 prayer meetings, received thousands of visits. The conference distributed over 19,000 tracts, baptized 159 persons and received 318 inquirers on the roll and 189 candidates awaiting baptism. The 37 Sunday Schools held 1,192 sessions with an average attendance of 43—number of scholars 1,302. There are 11 churches and several kogishos or probationary societies, and 1,437 members—an increase of 30 per cent. over last quadren-

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Charleston Miss. (Col.)	10.00	4.00		4.40	14.40
Colorado Texas	26.25	14.35	21.00	10.07	71.67
Florida	6.00	4.25	1.70		11.95
Georgia	173.35	223.11	204.50	216.79	817.75
Georgia (Col.)	1.73	2.15	6.85	6.83	17.56
Indiana	748.00	796.82	949.12	1,221.32	3,717.26
Indian Mission		10.95	4.43		15.38
Iowa	298.39	372.95	215.28	271.12	1,157.74
Kansas	178.11	190.56	243.96	373.06	985.69
Kentucky	2.10	1.00	14.46	1.56	19.12
Louisiana	144.96	139.83	173.58	76.00	534.37
Maryland	7,007.13	6,285.13	6,694.71	7,528.35	27,515.32
Michigan & W. Michigan	946.83	1,107.70	947.64	886.62	3,888.79
Minnesota		2.13	8.00		10.13
Mississippi	75.78	80.87	39.30	52.95	248.90
Missouri	39.58	60.31	62.95	121.81	284.65
Muskingum	1,279.12	1,527.28	1,273.54	1,991.93	6,071.87
Nebraska	80.40	5.00			85.40
New Jersey	271.69	344.77	372.07	539.72	1,528.25
New York	294.31	257.44	406.56	457.33	1,415.64
North Carolina	1,550.22	1,950.95	2,037.20	2,214.02	7,752.39
Northeast Arkansas	28.90	33.52	54.28	35.26	151.96
North Illinois	395.43	613.38	570.32	815.65	2,394.78
North Mississippi	3.15				3.15
North Missouri	96.49	82.33	88.95	41.97	309.74
Northwest Texas	8.70		34.12	20.10	62.92
Ohio	861.83	918.69	1,165.69	1,184.04	4,130.25
Oklahoma		8.90	4.10	13.00	26.00
Onondaga & Genesee	436.45	483.19	433.50	443.53	1,796.67
Pennsylvania	81.42	50.30	64.14	53.83	249.69
Pittsburg	1,238.56	1,090.79	1,418.02	2,047.95	5,795.32
South Carolina	3.45	4.80	9.06	3.00	20.31
South Carolina (Col.)				8.00	8.00
South Illinois	75.04	161.41	141.88	99.13	477.46
Southwest Texas	9.90	18.30		17.80	46.00
Tennessee	39.51	27.90	63.80	39.52	170.73
Texas	124.52	118.75	163.59	51.32	458.18
Virginia	9.25	10.35	8.82	17.00	45.42
Washington	48.40	33.50	83.00	191.30	356.20
West Virginia	490.44	655.06	525.74	501.72	2,182.96
Total from Conferences	\$17,485.23	\$18,020.41	\$18,827.69	\$21,925.50	\$76,258.87
Requests	721.36		3,413.33	813.18	4,947.87
Rent, Dr. S. A. Baker, Property	79.92	48.01	88.00	111.00	326.93
On Notes	151.58	10.00	2.10	16.85	180.53
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**Property Interests.**

A good lot on which to rebuild the Yokohama First Church, which had to be removed from its unfavorable location, was purchased for \$3,750.00. February 6, 1905, and the house was removed and rebuilt that year and dedicated January 7, 1906. It is now a valuable property and the membership there is flourishing. The Shizuoka Second Church building was removed to Hamamatsu, rebuilt on a fine site, and dedicated September 24, 1905. One of the Yokohama mission cottages has been taken down, removed nearer the Night School building and refitted for a recitation room. A lot was purchased in Toyko for the Shiba Church in 1907, costing nearly \$2,000, and in June of that year a neat chapel, to seat 150, had been erected. A larger building will soon be needed for the growing church in this important center. The Oyama chapel was dedicated January 7, 1907. One thousand dollars of the funds necessary for the removal of the Yokohama First Church was furnished by the late Dexter Horton, Esq., of Seattle, Washington, and his bequest of over \$3,200.00 made possible the purchase of the Tokyo Church lot. Such noble generosity deserves the grateful recognition of the entire church.

During the past year a gymnasium has been completed at Nagoya College and the larger of the two mission cottages has been moved to the campus and reerected for a recitation room.

Our ten church buildings, four parsonages and college and night school buildings are valued at more than \$40,000.00, and they are in good condition, with no indebtedness.

In the year 1904 incorporation papers were secured from government officers and the Yokohama Night School property was soon thereafter transferred to a legally formed land trust company. The remaining properties will be transferred as soon as funds can be appropriated to cover the heavy expense such transfer involves. It is hoped that the incorporation of some part of the native church for holding mission property may after awhile obviate this necessity.

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. HARRIS, President.

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TABLE B.—DETAILED ACCOUNTS.

Permanent Fund:			
Amount reported to General Conference of 1904.....		\$468.00	
Bequest received from estate of Mr. Caleb J. Sears, of Ohio .....		890.00	
Bequest from "an" Ohio friend of Missions .....		50.00	
Loaned to Odell Hardware Co.....		898.00	
Requests to the General Fund:			
From the estate of Elijah Holmes, of Illinois.....		200.00	
From the estate of Matilda Ann Sears, of Ohio.....		141.36	
From the estate of C. E. Horton, Seattle, Washington.....		3,290.00	
From the estate of Rev. S. A. Till, of Alabama.....		100.00	
From the estate of Miss Celia M. Cook, of Washington.....		23.33	
From the estate of Mrs. Maria Cleaves, of Pennsylvania.....		688.18	
From the estate of James Patterson, of Ohio.....		100.00	
From the estate of Miss Sophia Otto, of Maryland.....		25.00	
Turned into the General Fund.....		4,517.87	
Amount of notes reported to General Conference of 1904 .....			\$450.00
Received on said notes.....	Interest	Principal	
From James R. Caton.....	\$31.58	120.00	
From W. L. and M. L. Wells.....	15.64	18.31	183.31
	\$47.22		
Amount of old notes now held by the Board.....			316.69
Geo. W. McGrew and wife, mortuary note.....		300.00	
W. L. Wells and wife, note 7% interest paid to December 20, 1907.....		16.69	316.69
New note: Odell Hardware Co., 6 per cent.....		898.00	1,214.69
Miscellaneous Items:			
Interest on bank deposits .....		47.57	
Famine relief funds, per T. R. Woodford.....		187.45	
"Independent M. P. Church" (?).....		10.00	
Unknown contributor.....		1.10	601.28
E. H. VanDyke, Coulbourn Building Fund.....		405.18	

TABLE C.—SHOWING ASSESSMENTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE QUADRENNIUM 1904-1908.

CONFERENCES.	No. of Mem- bers Re- ported 1904	Assessments for this Quadrennium	Amount paid for this Quadrennium	Amount paid for Quad- rennium 1900-1904	Cts. per mem- ber 1904-1908 annually
Alabama .....	6,640	\$1,680.00	\$365.50	\$663.26	3 1/2
Arkansas .....	1,714	1,065.00	338.06	349.97	3 2/5
Central Texas .....	1,990	540.00	202.09	225.84	2 1/2
Georgia .....	3,703	1,420.00	817.75	542.85	5 1/2
Indiana .....	8,992	3,595.00	3,717.26	2,243.65	10 1/2
Iowa .....	2,747	1,700.00	1,152.74	1,140.37	10 1/2
Kansas .....	2,224	1,400.00	985.09	785.05	11
Louisiana .....	3,214	705.00	534.37	349.99	4 1/2
Maryland .....	24,121	21,500.00	27,515.32	22,355.06	23 1/2
Michigan and West Michigan.....	4,661	3,030.00	3,888.79	2,872.51	21
Mississippi .....	3,147	750.00	243.90	224.74	2
Missouri .....	2,137	600.00	284.65	240.98	3 1/2
Muskingum .....	14,722	6,850.00	6,081.87	4,119.54	10 1/2
New Jersey.....	4,398	2,150.00	1,528.25	1,183.61	8 7-10
New York.....	2,045	1,700.00	1,415.69	1,119.35	17 1/2
North Carolina.....	19,005	8,200.00	7,752.39	7,222.90	10
North Illinois.....	2,689	2,000.00	2,394.78	1,455.72	23
North Missouri.....	1,529	645.00	309.64	229.59	5
Ohio .....	8,208	4,300.00	4,130.25	4,108.47	13
Onondaga & Genesee.....	3,176	2,090.00	1,796.67	1,282.75	14
Pennsylvania .....	930	430.00	249.69	156.01	6 1/2
Pittsburg .....	9,491	6,400.00	5,795.32	4,375.14	15
South Illinois.....	2,595	800.00	477.46	368.34	4 2-5
Texas .....	4,703	875.00	458.18	319.28	2 2-5
West Virginia.....	18,736	6,400.00	2,182.96	2,038.26	3

Note.—For Mission Conferences and other smaller ones, see table A.

**Table D.—Showing Annual Contributions Per Member For Each Quadrennium Since The Separate Organization Of The Board.**

1888-92—Total Contributions, \$25,028.94; per member, 8 7-8 cents
1892-96— " " 52,380.79; " " 7 9-10 cents
1896-1900 " " 52,688.72; " " 7 cents
1900-04— " " 65,604.33; " " 8 9-10 cents
1904-08— " " 83,965.48; " " 11 3-10 cents

**TABLE E.—SHOWING DISBURSEMENTS FROM MAY 1, 1904. TO APRIL 30, 1908.**

	1904-05	1905-6	1906-07	1907-08	Totals.
<b>Salaries of Missionaries:</b>					
E. H. VanDyke.....	\$305.58			\$850.00	\$1,150.58
H. L. Layman.....	900.00	\$800.02			1,700.02
J. P. Richardson.....	37.50				37.50
U. G. Murphy.....	1,041.83	999.00	\$997.55	999.95	4,038.33
J. W. Frank.....	920.01	416.82			1,336.83
F. A. Ferry.....	823.27	928.01	900.00	981.95	3,653.23
Frank Totten.....	900.69	916.67	900.00	981.95	3,599.31
E. I. Obee.....	506.65	820.00	800.01	941.66	3,068.32
<b>Total Salaries to Missionaries..</b>	<b>\$5,335.53</b>	<b>\$4,880.52</b>	<b>\$3,597.56</b>	<b>\$4,756.51</b>	<b>\$18,569.12</b>
<b>Evangelistic and Educational Exp.</b>	<b>9,561.57</b>	<b>11,608.90</b>	<b>10,642.99</b>	<b>11,033.33</b>	<b>42,846.79</b>
<b>Missionaries' Voyage Expenses:</b>					
J. P. Richardson, returning.....	14.00				
Messrs. Murphy and Obee going out.....	922.86				
J. W. Frank, returning.....		100.00			
J. W. Frank, on freight.....			22.45		
E. I. Obee, freight on books.....		16.00			
E. H. VanDyke and wife, going out.....				500.00	
E. H. VanDyke, freight on goods.....				250.00	
U. G. Murphy and family, returning.....				550.00	2,375.31
<b>Special Expenses:</b>					
J. W. Frank, loss on property left in Japan.....		100.00			
Missionaries' traveling expenses to Board Meetings.....	56.22				
J. W. Frank, canvassing for funds.....		25.63			
E. H. VanDyke, canv. for funds.....				412.58	
U. G. Murphy and family, hospital expenses.....				150.00	744.43
<b>Special Appropriations to Japan:</b>					
Storm damage repairs.....	161.81				
Celling Nagayo College Chapel.....	70.00				
New Gymnasium Building.....			1,120.00		
New Church lot, Tokyo.....			2,000.00		3,351.81
Scholarships and Miscellaneous.....	187.50	206.49	270.26		664.25
Mrs. I. F. Smith, relief appropriation.....	50.00	2.88	390.00	385.00	
Mrs. I. F. Smith, earnest appeal fund.....	575.00	147.12		159.43	1,709.43
T. J. Ogburn, salary.....	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,350.00	1,193.75	4,943.75
T. J. Ogburn, traveling expenses.....	324.78	350.35	493.27	191.60	1,360.00
Traveling expenses board members.....	252.70	411.70	342.50	429.87	1,436.77
Children's Day supplies.....	350.33	384.81	388.97	482.40	1,606.51
Postage and express on same.....	125.00	173.25	170.00	144.97	613.22
Printing and stationery.....	98.17	21.55	26.14	34.54	180.40
Postage.....	88.59	44.30	38.41	45.00	216.30
Express, freight and drayage.....	3.43	3.34	3.00	10.01	19.78
Taxes and repairs, Baker property.....	17.90	16.60		19.73	54.23
Publishing annual and quadrennial report.....	66.25	52.80	58.75	34.65	212.45
Annual Conference reports.....		4.20	1.05	2.28	7.53
Publishing pamphlet history.....			42.00		42.00
T. J. Ogburn, moving expenses.....	200.00			186.14	386.14
	<b>\$19,661.64</b>	<b>\$19,750.44</b>	<b>\$20,957.35</b>	<b>\$20,970.79</b>	<b>\$81,340.22</b>

the receipts from other sources is still more remarkable, being \$76,519.14, or an increase of 1211 per cent. The gain in the total receipts has been \$87,815.29, an increase of 231 per cent. The assets of the Board today reach the magnificent sum of \$171,947.45, an amount more than three times that of four years ago. Does not this remarkable showing indicate that our people are waking up to the possibilities and needs of the hour, and that, when properly informed about our work, they may be depended upon to loyally and enthusiastically support and carry it forward? To me these figures are inspiring. They lead me to look, in the very near future, for the time when, as a denomination, we will at last be doing something for the cause of Home Missions worthy of it and when the Methodist Protestant Church will become a much more effective factor in the extension of the Master's Kingdom than it now is.

Another very gratifying thing that we have to report in connection with the financial operations of the Board is that, on account of certain transactions hereinafter referred to, the Board has been enabled to secure an income during the last quadrennium, absolutely independent of the gifts of the people, large enough to defray its administrative expenses, so that hereafter every dollar that is contributed by the people may be directly applied to the work.

#### Expansion Of Work.

The splendid increase in our receipts has enabled us to greatly expand our work. During the quadrennium just passed, donations or appropriations for pastoral support have been made to the following churches: North Carolina Avenue Church, Washington, D. C., Asheville, N. C., Chicago, Ill., North Tarrytown, N. Y., Georgetown, Wash., Ravenna, Wash., Eaton Rapids, Mich., Berwick, Pa., Harpe, Kans., Kahoka, Mo., Gentry, Mo., San Angelo, Texas, Green Lake, Wash., White Plains, N. Y., Hancock, Mich., Parkersburg, W. Va., Holloway, Ohio, Paris, Texas and First Church, Seattle, Wash. Donations to finish the payments of church debts have been made to the Broadway Church, Baltimore, and the church at McConnellsville, O. Loans have been made to the following churches: Winton, Mass., Hoyt Avenue, Indianapolis, Christ Church, Baltimore, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, Elkins, W. Va., Greensboro, N. C., Morgantown, W. Va., Lansing, Mich., Comanche, Oklahoma and Coolidge, Texas. A detailed description of each of the foregoing mission stations will be found in the various reports I have made to the Board and Executive Committee at different times. These reports, along with the minutes of all the transactions of the Board, will be submitted to the Committee on Home Missions as a part of this report.

#### New Church Buildings.

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#### Seattle, Washington.

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us a period of increasing income and expansion. We cannot burden this statement with a detailed financial report, but we owe it to the loyalty of our people whose interest in and support of our work has been steadily growing and manifesting itself during these years to give the following summary of the receipts of the Board for the last quadrennium:

#### Quadrennial Summary.

##### Receipts.

##### From Conferences.

For year ending April 30, 1905...	\$9,267.72
For year ending April 30, 1906...	10,399.32
For year ending April 30, 1907...	11,598.04
For year ending April 30, 1908...	11,765.68
Total receipts from Conferences	<u>43,030.76</u>
for Quadrennium.....	\$43,030.76

##### From All Other Sources.

For year ending April 30, 1905...	\$5,685.72
For year ending April 30, 1906...	825.97
For year ending April 30, 1907...	54,817.09
For year ending April 30, 1908...	19,834.52
Total receipts from other	<u>81,163.30</u>
sources for Quadrennium	\$81,163.30
Balance from former Quad-	
rennium .....	1,663.17

Grand Quadrennial total..... **\$125,857.23**

##### Disbursements.

For year ending April 30, 1905...	\$13,805.04
For year ending April 30, 1906...	9,381.17
For year ending April 30, 1907...	51,546.15
For year ending April 30, 1908...	47,932.92
Total disbursements for Quad-	<u>122,665.28</u>
rennium .....	\$122,665.28

Balance on hand..... **\$3,191.95**

#### Comparative Summary.

##### Assets.

April 30, 1908.....	\$171,947.45
April 30, 1904.....	53,928.67

Gain in Assets..... **\$118,018.78, or 220%**

##### Receipts.

Conferences for Quadrennium 1904-08.	\$43,030.76
Conferences for Quadrennium 1900-04	31,734.61

Gain in receipts from Conferences.	\$11,296.15, or 35 2-3%
Other Sources for Quadrennium 1904-08	\$82,826.47
Other Sources for Quadrennium 1900-04	6,307.33

Gain in receipts from other Sources	\$76,519.14, or 1211%
Total receipts for Quadrennium 1904-08	\$125,857.23
Total receipts for Quadrennium 1900-04	38,041.99

Gain in Total Receipts..... **\$87,815.29, or 231%**

#### Comparative Review.

It will be seen from the foregoing that the receipts from the Conferences for the quadrennium, which represent the direct contributions of the people, exceed those of the preceding quadrennium, \$11,296.15, a splendid net gain of 35 2-3 per cent. The gain in

The increase from other sources is still more remarkable, being 211 per cent. or an increase of 1211 per cent. The gain in the total receipts has been \$37,815.29, an increase of 231 per cent. The assets of the Board today reach the magnificent sum of \$171,947.45, an amount more than three times that of four years ago. Does not this remarkable showing indicate that our people are waking up to the possibilities and needs of the hour, and that, when properly informed about our work, they may be depended upon to loyally and unflinchingly support and carry it forward? To me these figures are inspiring. They lead me to look, in the very near future, or in the time when, as a denomination, we will at last be doing something for the cause of Home Missions worthy of it and us, and when the Methodist Protestant Church will become a much more effective factor in the extension of the Master's Kingdom than it is at present.

Another very gratifying thing that we have to report in connection with the financial operations of the Board is that, on account of certain transactions hereinafter referred to, the Board has been enabled to secure an income during the last quadrennium, absolutely independent of the gifts of the people, large enough to defray its administrative expenses, so that hereafter every dollar that is contributed by the people may be directly applied to the work.

#### Expansion Of Work.

The splendid increase in our receipts has enabled us to greatly expand our work. During the quadrennium just passed, donation subscriptions for pastoral support have been made to the following churches: North Carolina Avenue Church, Washington, D. C., Lincoln N. C., Chicago, Ill., North Tarrytown, N. Y., Georgetown, Wash., Navona, Wash., Eaton Rapids, Mich., Berwick, Pa., La Grange, Mo., Gentry, Mo., San Angelo, Texas, Green Lake, Wash., White Plains, N. Y., Hancock, Mich., Parkersburg, W. Va., Nottoway, Ohio, Paris, Texas and First Church, Seattle, Wash. In order to finish the payments of church debts have been made to the Broadway Church, Baltimore, and the church at McConellsville, Pa. Loans have been made to the following churches: Winona, Minn., Hoyt Avenue, Indianapolis, Christ Church, Baltimore, Md., Newark, Ohio, Elkins, W. Va., Greensboro, N. C., Morgantown, W. Va., Lansing, Mich., Comanche, Oklahoma and Coolidge, Texas. A detailed description of each of the foregoing mission stations will be found in the various reports I have made to the Board and Executive Committee at different times. These reports, along with the accounts of all the transactions of the Board, will be submitted to the Committee on Home Missions as a part of this report.

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One thing which we believe ought to be brought to your attention is the proneness of so many of our pastors and churches, ignoring the direction of the General Conference in the matter, to report the Easter Offering as a part of their assessment for Home Missions. If all of our churches were to do this, our reports would be diminished instead of increased, by reason of the fact that we would be at a great expense to furnish the service and yet only the assessments, which are expected at any rate, would be raised thereby. I hope that this General Conference will make a pronouncement on this subject even stronger than that of its last session and provide for the keeping of our Easter Offering a "Free-Will Offering." So long as our assessments are so very low our only hope for securing enough funds to meet the ever increasing demands of the work is to secure, as a "Free-Will Offering," additional contributions from the people; and besides all this, the educational value of the Easter Service and the opportunity offered the children of the Sunday Schools and their friends to make a voluntary contribution to this great cause by the special Easter Offering, is too great to be lightly esteemed or overlooked. Allow us to suggest that, if, in addition to giving specific direction to the pastors and churches in regard to this matter as the last General Conference did, you will provide a place for the Easter Offering on the report blanks used by the pastors and churches, you will do much to correct this evil. It would not be fair to the many pastors and churches, who always loyally obey the General Conference in this regard, to leave the subject without saying that the offenders in this matter are in the minority.

#### Assessments.

Another matter I feel it my duty to bring to your attention is the fact that some of the conferences change the assessments placed upon them. I think they do this under a misapprehension rather than because of a spirit of disloyalty or disobedience. They seem to regard the assessment made as a request rather than an actual assessment. The law reads, "The Board shall estimate at each annual meeting the amount of money required to carry on its work the following year, and assess each annual conference, notice of which assessment shall be sent to the president of each annual conference, who shall present the same to the next session of his conference and have the same apportioned to the several stations, circuits and missions, and the money, when collected, shall be forwarded at once to the Treasurer of the Board." I recommend that this Conference take such action as will make the conferences understand that the assessments levied by the Board are made by the direction of the General Conference as expressed by the law just quoted, and are authoritative and binding, and no more to be disregarded or changed by an annual conference than are its assessments to be altered or repudiated by the charges on which it lays them.

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**City Organizer.**

... planning for and expects soon to be able ... whose business it will be to go into the ... to establish the Methodist Protestant ... denomination, are largely a rural church. We ... Recognizing the cities as centers of ... that the time has come when ... efforts to locate ourselves there- ... particularly adapted to this kind of ... city to city, remaining long enough to ... and make it sufficiently strong to ... by a regular pastor.

**Work Among Immigrants.**

... Board has been planning to begin ... and on behalf of immigrants. The church in ... to recognize the fact that, in the immi- ... we have a foreign mission problem at home, ... imperative in its demands upon us, as the ... While some of the denominations ... they can to evangelize the strangers within ... effective work has been done. Con- ... being taken, and it is greatly to be hoped ... take its place among the others in pro- ... against the ignorance, incom- ... and the Christian ideals and customs of the incom- ... a necessity.

**Some Mission Bulletin.**

... a necessity to establish a periodical to ... membership of our churches. The need ... immediate response was given to the appeal ... Mission Bulletin, a little quarterly ... every member of this General Confer- ... are here for free distribution. An ... journal will prove a very effective ... people in the work of the Board, and ... It is hoped that, in the near future, ... a wealthy out of this quarterly periodical.

**Home Service.**

... report to you the rapidly growing popu- ... published by the Board, and the corres- ... in the special Easter Offering ordered by ... at the beginning of the last quadrennium ... in the habit of observing this service ... Last Easter more than 500 did this, and ... from \$1,000 to more than \$4,000, or 400 ... we continue to press this matter, it will not ... service will become the source of an in- ... than the entire present receipts from the



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years elapsed before it was sent, and even then it was gotten only after repeated intimations that an exposure would be made. The law is a wise one. The Treasurer of the Board is bonded and is, therefore, the proper custodian of the Board's funds rather than one who is neither bonded nor answerable to the Board. If the conferences wish to keep tab on the money they can require that the pastors and others lifting the collections shall send their receipts to the Conference Steward as soon as they receive them. Thus the money will reach the Treasury for use at the earliest possible moment and the Conference Steward will be in possession of the fact.

#### Young People's Missionary Movement.

One of the increased needs of missionary work today is a campaign of education, which will thoroughly inform the people of our churches in regard to mission work. It is coming to be understood that the failure of the people to adequately support mission work is not so much due to wilful neglect of this important interest or disobedience to the great command of the Master, as it is to a lack of missionary information. This fact has given rise to the organization of the Young People's Missionary Movement, the outgrowth of the Volunteer Student Movement, which has done so much for the cause of Foreign Missions, but it differs from the latter in that it seeks to interest all young people in mission work instead of college students only, and covers the whole scope of Missions, both Home and Foreign, instead of confining its efforts to foreign missionary interests. It does not propose to take the place of any organization heretofore existing, nor to in any way interfere with the work of the various mission boards and societies. Its operations are supplemental to their work and helpful thereto. It is under the control of a board of managers, composed of the General Secretaries of the leading missionary organizations. Its object is, not to raise money or to deal with the affairs of mission fields and stations in any way, but to educate the young people of all the churches upon the great subject of missions; so that the church of the future will pray, pay and plan for missions more intelligently and successfully than the church of today. It provides text-books, maps, charts and other missionary paraphernalia to the denominational boards and societies at a nominal cost, leaving entirely to them the matter of organizing their young people for study and placing the necessary supplies in their hands.

Most of the leading denominations of our country have availed themselves of the educational opportunities this new movement affords, and today, although not yet six years old, 172,000 students of missions are enrolled under its banner. I have been studying its methods for sometime and know of nothing better calculated to meet the great need of the Methodist Protestant Church along missionary educational lines than this organization. The Board of Home Missions desires to adopt it as its educational agency and to avail itself of the splendid facilities it affords for mission study. We have already made a beginning along this line, and anything the General Conference can do to encourage and further this work will be greatly appreciated by the Board. The fact is that unless we come into line with this new movement we must of necessity fall behind other denominations in our mission work. Let us march to the front and secure, for our young people, just as good facilities for the study of missions as is afforded by any church in the land.

#### Board Vacancies.

Two vacancies have occurred in the membership of the Board within the quadrennium; one by death, and the other by resignation. Mr. John C. Rockwood, one of the most capable and con-

secreted laymen ever chosen for such a responsible position, was called to his heavenly reward in the third year of the quadrennium. The loss of the Board, occasioned by his death, was very great indeed. With an earnestness and devotion characteristic of him, he had just taken up a special study of the Home Mission problem, and was preparing himself for most efficient work, as a member of the Board. May kind Providence deal most tenderly with the dear ones left. Within the last year of the quadrennium Rev. J. A. Selby, D. D., resigned as a member of the Board. The quadrennium was so nearly gone, when these vacancies occurred, that the Board deemed it best to waive its right of filling them and await the action of the General Conference.

**Records.**

To complete my report and give you the details of every transaction of the Board, I have prepared a book containing the portraits and signatures of the members of the Board, the complete minutes of every Board and Executive Committee meeting, and all the reports made from time to time by the Secretary-Treasurer. This book contains all the records of the Board for the quadrennium. I also present the Treasurer's books for examination and audit.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. LUCAS, Sec.-Treas.

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C. W. Walley, Waynesboro, Miss.	A. D. Sharpe. #

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 D. G. Jackson, Renrock, Ohio.  
 S. T. Allen, Brownsville, Ohio.

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 N. Y.

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 Aves., Atlantic City, N. J. 1  
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*Lay*

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 A. J. Harris, Henderson, N. C.  
 J. H. Harrison #

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*Lay*

J. W. Fonda, Luray, Mo.

**North Illinois***Ministerial*

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 T. P. Collier, Long Point, Ill.

*Lay*

Jacob Roberts, Ponemah, Ill. 1  
 Anna R. Wilson, Ohio, Ill. 1

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 C. H. Bogart, Hyde Park, Cincin'ti.  
 E. W. Gillespie, Middletown, Ohio.  
 Jos. Corfman, Leipsic, Ohio.

**Onondaga***Ministerial*

E. C. Weaver, R. 30, Morton, N. Y.

*Lay*

W. M. Pasco, South Butler, N. Y.

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A resolution having reference to the Brotherhood movement was referred to a special committee to be appointed by the President. Bishop A. W. Wilson of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was introduced to the conference and invited to a seat upon the platform. Resolutions offered by A. O. Horney of Ohio were referred to the several proper Committees.

A communication from the Federated Council of Churches was referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations. The report of the Executive Committee was referred to a committee to be raised by this conference. The report of the Secretary was approved and the bills for his expenses ordered paid. The Treasurer was directed to pay all bills approved by the Finance Committee to be appointed by the President, and if there shall be a deficiency that he refer it to the Board of Publication for payment. The Treasurer was directed to pay only such bills as shall be approved by the Finance Committee.

The resolution offered by M. R. Saigeon of Michigan relative to an assessment for general conference expenses was referred to the Finance Committee. The time of adjournment was extended twenty minutes by motion, and Bishop Wilson was invited to address the conference. This address was very cordially received. Conference joined in singing *Blest be the tie that binds*, and closed with the benediction by Bishop Wilson.

#### **Afternoon's Session.**

The Conference was called to order by President Davis. The Devotional exercises were conducted by D. S. Stephens. The Secretary announced the appointment of Rev. F. A. Perry, of Michigan, and Rev. Geo. R. Brown of West Virginia as the Assistant Secretaries. The roll was called. On motion of Rev. T. H. Lewis of Maryland, the Secretary was instructed to call the roll at the morning and afternoon sessions; note the absentees and report the result in the Journal.

On motion of S. R. Harris of North Carolina the time for adjournment of the morning session was changed from 12 o'clock to 12:30 o'clock. The President read the following list of Committees. (See list). On motion the Secretary was ordered to print the list of committees for distribution in the conference. Rev. B. W. Anthony, D. D., President of Adrian College, presented a report of the work being done by that institution and the report was referred to the Committee on Education.

The President of the Conference was authorized to make such changes in the Committees as would meet the exigencies of the case. On motion it was ordered that all speakers desiring to speak at any length shall come to the front of the house. The Trustees of the Western Maryland College were excused for the purpose of holding a meeting. The Secretary was instructed to write letters of sympathy and condolence to the families of W. N. Swift, L. E. Ellis and Rev. T. J. Pearce. F. T. Benson of Maryland offered a resolution endorsing the Jones-Works Bill now before Congress which was referred to the Committee on Temperance with instructions to act immediately. J. O. Ledbetter of Indiana asked to be excused from voting on the question. A resolution offered by Dr. F. T. Tagg was referred to the Committee on Finance. On motion the conference accepted the invitation of the Committee on Entertainment to go on an excursion down the Bay on Thursday.

Mrs. D. S. Stephens of Kansas City, Kansas, Corresponding Secretary of the Women's Board of Foreign Missions read her report. At the suggestion of F. A. Perry of Michigan the conference joined in prayer, led by L. D. Stultz of New Jersey. On motion the report was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions. On motion the following Committee was appointed to prepare suitable resolution on the death of the representatives elected to this general conference, C. S. Johnson, J. J. Barge, M. R. Saigeon.

The Committee on Entertainment announced that Captain Richmond P. Hobson would address the conference at 8 o'clock tonight and by order of the conference no seats were reserved.

The Temperance Committee made the following report:

Your Committee to whom was referred the resolution offered by F. T. Benson of Maryland, recommend that the following telegram be sent to the Chairman of the Temperance Committee of the House of Representatives at Washington, D. C.

Hon. Benj. Johnson,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

The General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in Baltimore assembled representing 35 conferences and a constituency of 200,000 most heartily endorses the Jones-Works Bill looking to the reduction of the number of saloons in the District of Columbia and urgently requests immediate report of said bill to the house.

LYMAN E. DAVIS, President of the Conference.

CHAS. H. BECK, Secretary.

A. L. REYNOLDS, Chairman of the Temperance Committee.

The Committee on Home Missions reported that it deemed it inadvisable to report on the matter referred to it at this session of the General Conference. On motion the conference adjourned. Benediction by L. D. Stultz of New Jersey.

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#### FOURTH DAY

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##### Morning Session, May 21st, 1912.

Conference was called to order by President Davis. Devotional exercises were conducted by C. E. Sheppard of Muskingum. The roll was called and absentees noted. The Commission on Church Union was granted leave to retire for a meeting. The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

On motion of D. S. Stephens of Oklahoma, that part of the report of Kansas City University referring to the Theological Seminary was referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

J. C. Broomfield, of Pittsburgh, at the request of the Board of Foreign Missions, offered a paper suggesting changes in the law governing the Board, which was referred to the Committee on Revision.

T. L. Garrison, of Texas, offered several resolutions relative to Conference boundaries in the Southwest which were referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

On motion of G. W. Haddaway, of Maryland, the report of the Board of Young People's Work was read by C. H. Hubbell, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board. The report was referred to the Committee on Young People's Societies.

Mr. Daniel Baker, of Maryland, spoke to a question of personal privilege.

The report of the Board of Foreign Missions was read by Secretary and Treasurer, Fred C. Klein and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

On motion of J. W. Kirk, of Maryland, Rev. C. H. Mead, D. D., and Rev. S. R. Murray, D. D., Fraternal Messengers from the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, were introduced. Each of these distinguished visitors brought most cordial fraternal greetings which were enthusiastically received. The President of the Conference responded most heartily to these addresses.

At the close of these addresses the Conference joined in singing "How Firm a Foundation."

The Commission on Church Union submitted its report which was read by T. H. Lewis. (See report No. 3.)

On motion the report was ordered printed.

On motion the consideration of the report of the Committee on Church Union was made the order of the day for tomorrow at 2 o'clock.

On motion of J. H. Lucas, of Pittsburgh, the resolution relating to union with the United Brethren Church, which was laid on the table until the Commission on Church Union submitted its report, was taken from the table, ordered printed and its consideration was made the order of the day, immediately after the consideration of the report of the Commission on Church Union tomorrow.

On motion the Conference adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock and adjourn at 3 o'clock for Committee Work. Benediction by Rev. S. R. Murray, D. D.

#### Afternoon's Session.

The Conference convened at 2 o'clock with the President in the chair—Devotional exercises were conducted by J. M. Sheridan of Maryland. The roll was called and absentees noted.

On motion the roll of conferences was called for the reception of resolutions and memorials, and all papers submitted were referred to appropriate committees without being read.

A resolution from the Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey Conferences memorializing this General Conference to ratify the Union of these conferences was read and referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

On motion of T. H. Lewis, of Maryland, the committees were instructed not to consider any business not referred to them by the conference.

J. J. Barge, of Georgia, and M. L. Jennings, of Muskingum, presented bills which were referred to the Finance Committee.

The President appointed the following special committees:

On Brotherhood—C. D. Sinkinson, A. R. Lewis, C. S. Johnson, M. R. Stover, R. S. McGarity, J. C. McCain, J. Norman Wills, Robert Rawsthorne, Jr., M. L. Abbott, and J. H. Long.

To provide for Superannuates—R. T. Pickens, L. D. Stultz, J. F. Howe, H. A. Sicker and Worth Kilpatrick.

Memorials were submitted by M. C. Jackson, of Arkansas, and referred to appropriate Committees. The report of the Board of Home Missions and of the Woman's Board of Home Missions was submitted by C. H. Beck, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board. The reports were referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

A memorial asking the General Conference to officially recognize the Orphans' Home of the North Carolina Conference was offered by M. H. Holt on behalf of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, and on motion of T. H. Lewis, of Maryland, was referred to a special committee to be appointed by the chair.

The following is the memorial:

"Whereas, the North Carolina Branch of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Protestant Church has established an Orphans' Home in North Carolina, and

Whereas, it is the only institution of its kind in the denomination, and

Whereas, the Home has been heartily endorsed by the North Carolina Conference and the Woman's Board of Home Missions, and

Whereas, the fatherless and motherless children have a well grounded claim upon the whole church,

*Be It Resolved*, that the annual meeting of the North Carolina Branch of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, with the endorsement of the Woman's Board of Missions, in annual session do hereby memorialize the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church which meets in Baltimore, May 17th, 1912, to recognize the Orphans' Home and authorize such steps as will bring it prominently before the whole church."

On motion the Secretary was instructed to mark present Mr. H. K. Muller and all other members who are absent on conference business at roll call.

On motion it was agreed that the bar of the conference be observed at night and that the ushers be appointed to seat the conference and the congregation accordingly. The evening service programme was referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations. After the announcements conference adjourned until 8 o'clock P. M.



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
COLLEGE OF BISHOPS  
OF THE  
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH

Richmond, Va., May 1, 1912.

To the President and members of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Reverend and Dear Brethren:

To the College of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has been committed the responsibility of appointing a Fraternal Messenger to your great Conference.

Reverend Forrest Johnston Prettyman, Doctor of Divinity, has been selected for this honorable office. He is commended to you as a brother well beloved and highly esteemed among us, one in every respect qualified to discharge the duties of this high commission. He has rendered distinguished service as a pastor and presiding elder and as chaplain to the Senate of the United States. He is well acquainted with the varied and extended effort by which our Church seeks to spread the knowledge of the common salvation and to advance the Kingdom of God among men. He will bear our affectionate salutation and will convey to you warm assurance of our Fraternal regard for you in the Lord. He will also inform you of our state and of the progress of the work of God committed to our hands.

The visit to our last General Conference of your honored Fraternal Messenger, Reverend T. H. Lewis, Doctor of Divinity, was a memorable occasion. The affection of our hearts has long turned to you as one of the branches of American Methodism. Your fathers were also our fathers; and the memory of their devotion, honored of God in the rapid extension of His Kingdom still cheers us and provokes us to good works. We accept as a blessing of God this beginning of closer Fraternal relations between our two Churches.

As your Fraternal Messenger spoke to us we thanked God and took courage. His brotherly spirit warmed our hearts. By speech and association he edified us and bound us more closely to you.

And now, brethren, may grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, be multiplied unto you, and may our God supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

(Signed) COLLINS DENNY,

Secretary of the College of Bishops

On motion Conference adjourned.

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**FIFTH DAY**

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**Wednesday Morning, May 22nd, 1912.**

Conference was called to order by the President. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. F. N. Foster, of Pittsburgh. The roll was called and all absent members were excused. The minutes of the fourth day's sessions were read, corrected and approved. The name of J. D. Ross was substituted for that of J. Norman Wills on the Committee on Brotherhood.

On motion of J. H. Lucas, of Pittsburgh, the President of the Conference and T. H. Lewis, Ex-President of the conference, were appointed Fraternal Messengers to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church now in session in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Board of Ministerial Education asked leave of absence for the purpose of holding a meeting.

Memorials were offered by C. R. Green, of North Missouri, and N. G. Bethea, of North Carolina, which were referred to proper committees.



At the request of the Secretary, Geo. R. Brown, one of the Assistant Secretaries of West Virginia, was relieved from serving on the Committee on Sabbath, and W. H. Cole, of Michigan, was appointed to serve in his stead.

On motion of R. S. McGarity of Georgia, Mt. Daniel Baker was added to the number of Fraternal Messengers to the Methodist Episcopal Church now in session in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

On motion the conference adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock P. M.

Benediction by Dr. MacMullen, Fraternal Messenger from the Methodist Episcopal Church.

#### Afternoon Session.

The conference convened on time with the President in the chair. After a solo by Mrs. W. A. Melvin, of Washington, D. C., the conference was led in prayer by F. T. Tagg, of Maryland.

On motion the calling of the roll was omitted.

The order of the day having arrived, the report of the Commissioners on Church Union was read for consideration.

W. S. Phillips, of Maryland moved that the report of the Commission be adopted. J. H. Lucas, of Pittsburgh, offered an amendment to the report. R. T. Pickens, of North Carolina, offered an amendment to the amendment proposing to strike out all reference in the report to a continuation of the commission. D. S. Stephens, of Oklahoma, called for the previous question which was sustained and the question on the amendment to the amendment was put and lost.

On motion of A. L. Reynolds, of Ohio, the amendment offered by J. H. Lucas was laid on the table. The question recurring on the adoption of the report of the Commission, the report was adopted.

F. T. Tagg, of Maryland, read a letter from Dr. Washinger of the United Brethren Church stating that a deputation from said church would visit the conference on Friday morning and moved that Friday morning be designated as the time to hear these Brethren.

On motion the order of the day—the consideration of the resolution asking that a commission on union with the United Brethren Church be appointed by this conference, was postponed until Friday morning.

F. T. Little, of Maryland, offered a paper relating to the ecumenical commission, the consideration of which was made the order of the day immediately after the opening of the session Thursday morning.

G. W. Haddaway, of Maryland, offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, that Mr. J. Bibb Mills, of Maryland, be authorized to take an offering for the sexton of this church, who is so kindly and efficiently looking after our welfare.

Signed G. W. HADDAWAY  
J. McD. RADFORD

By request of Dr. Tagg, Mr. W. C. Perkins, Chairman of the Press Committee made a statement about the special edition of the Methodist Protestant. At the close of his remarks he presented copies of the paper as follows:

The first copy run off of the press to President Davis; the second copy to F. T. Tagg, Editor of the Methodist Protestant; the third copy to T. H. Lewis, Ex-President of the General Conference; the fourth copy to J. H. Straughn, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee; and the fifth copy to M. L. Jennings, Editor of the Methodist Recorder.

J. S. Bowers, of Maryland, moved that when we adjourn we adjourn for committee work.

The President of the conference introduced Rev. J. T. Wightman one of the oldest and most venerable pastors in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who delivered a short fraternal address.

The President announced the following committee on the North Carolina Orphanage. T. H. Lewis, D. G. Jackson, C. W. Walley, W. F. Kennett, T. D. Bowers and M. H. Holt.

On motion the conference adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock. Benediction by F. C. Klein, of Maryland.

## SIXTH DAY

## Thursday Morning's Session, May 23rd, 1912.

Conference was called to order by the President. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. M. R. Stover, of Ohio. The roll was called. The minutes were read, and adopted. The special order of the day—the consideration of the report of the Ecumenical Commission—was taken up.

On motion of F. T. Little, of Maryland, the report was referred to a special committee of nine (9).

On motion of T. H. Lewis, of Maryland, this Special Committee was instructed to determine our relation to the Ecumenical Conference and the Federated Body of Churches, and that the Committee be authorized to consider any papers coming from these great bodies.

The Committee on Temperance was excused for the purpose of holding a meeting.

Rev. Forest Johnston Prettyman, D. D., Fraternal Messenger of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was introduced to the Conference and delivered Fraternal Greetings from that church.

The motion of yesterday authorizing the appointment of Fraternal Messengers to the Methodist Episcopal General Conference now in session in Minneapolis, Minn., was reconsidered, and T. H. Lewis, of Maryland, offered the following resolution which was adopted:

"Whereas the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church has heard with the greatest pleasure the inspiring message of the fraternal delegates, Rev. Wallace MacMullen, D. D., and President A. W. Harris, LL. D. of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Rev. F. J. Prettyman, D. D., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

*Resolved*, That the President of the General Conference be requested to appoint a Fraternal Delegate to the next session of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and one to the next session of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

*Resolved*, That a letter signed by the President and Secretary of this Conference be sent to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church now in session in Minneapolis, Minn., expressing our regret that owing to the date of the meeting of this conference it has not been practicable to send a delegate to their present session and assure them of our profound Christian regret and brotherly affection."

(Signed) T. H. LEWIS.

J. Sala Leland, of Pittsburgh, offered a memorial relating to the Young People's Work which was referred to the Committee on Young People's Work.

M. C. Jackson, of Arkansas, offered a paper which was referred to the Committee on Revision.

S. R. Harris, of North Carolina, offered a resolution providing for the consolidation of all the boards in the church. The resolution was referred to a joint meeting of all the members of the committees on the various interest involved.

F. F. Brierly, of Pittsburgh, offered a resolution proposing to elect one Treasurer for all the Boards of the Church. The resolution was referred to the Joint Committee of all the boards interested.

J. Sala Leland offered a resolution relating to the salaries of agents, publishing agents and editors which was referred to the Committee on Revision.

The Committee on Sabbath was excused for the purpose of meeting.

J. N. Holt, of West Virginia, submitted a paper which was referred to the Committee on Revision.

T. M. Johnson, of North Carolina, offered a resolution which was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

M. R. Saigeon, offered a resolution which was referred to the Committee on Revision.

On motion of W. F. Kennett, of North Carolina, tomorrow at 2 o'clock was made the order of the day for hearing the report of the Committee on Publication.

T. H. Lewis, of Maryland, offered a resolution on the consolidation of our publishing interests and church papers which was referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

T. J. Ogburn, of North Carolina, moved that conference adjourn tomorrow morning immediately after the special order has been disposed of for the purpose of giving the joint committee an opportunity to meet.

T. H. Lewis, of Maryland, asked that the memorial from the Maryland Conference on consolidation of boards of Home and Foreign Missions be referred to joint meeting of the committees which was done.

J. J. Barge, of Georgia, offered the following report of the Committee on Resolutions of Sympathy which was adopted by a rising vote:

"Whereas the General Conference has learned with profound regret of the death of Mr. W. N. Swift of the Michigan Annual Conference, Mr. L. E. Ellis, of the Ohio Annual Conference and Rev. T. J. Pearce, of the Georgia Annual Conference, since their election as representatives to this body therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That their presence and counsel are greatly missed by the members of this Conference, and that our hearts have been made sad on account of their passing from active service among us.

That we extend to the families of our departed brothers our Christian sympathy in their great sorrow.

That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Conference, and that a copy be furnished each of the families of our deceased brothers.

(Signed) C. S. JOHNSON

J. J. BARGE

M. R. SAIGEON.

On motion of Ely D. Miller, of Michigan, no evening session was held. Mr. M. H. Holt, of North Carolina, submitted a partial report of the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Daniel Baker moved as a substitute that the Board of Publication be authorized to pay all bills presented to this General Conference. On motion the report of the Committee was recommitted and the substitute referred to said committee for its consideration.

Rev. A. M. Gardiner, Manager of the Missionary Exposition in Baltimore was introduced to the Conference and explained the purposes of the Exposition.

On motion of F. T. Tagg, of Maryland, this General Conference endorsed October 31st—as Methodist Day to be observed by our churches in Baltimore in connection with the Missionary Exposition.

C. D. Sinkinson, of New Jersey, presented a bill which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Ely D. Miller, of Michigan, the Press Committee was given a vote of thanks for having issued such a splendid Special Edition of the Methodist Protestant.

A. J. Christy, of North Illinois, submitted a paper which was referred to the Committee on Colleges.

On motion of F. W. Perkins, of Pittsburgh, all reference to the Theological Department of Adrian College in President Anthony's report was referred to the Committee on Seminary.

M. Dunn, of South Carolina, was granted leave of absence after today's session.

On motion the conference adjourned to meet Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Benediction by B. W. Anthony, President of Adrian College.

The following is a copy of the telegram sent to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

General Conference Methodist Protestant Church heard with joy the messages of Dr. MacMullen and President Harris. We regret that date of our assembly prevented sending of delegates to present our greetings. We have authorized appointment of delegates to your next session and request you to do the same. Report of our commission on union adopted with great unanimity and our commission will be continued with all confidence that the Lord is leading us in His own way toward a united Methodism for America.

(Signed) LYMAN E. DAVIS, President  
CHARLES H. BECK, Secretary  
THOMAS H. LEWIS, Chairman, Commission.

## SEVENTH DAY.

### Friday Morning's Session, May 24th, 1912.

Conference convened on time with President Davis in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by P. W. Dierberger, of Indiana. The roll was called and absentees noted.

On motion of T. H. Lewis, of Maryland, a Special Standing Committee was appointed to which all requests for leave of absence were referred, and this committee was requested to consider such requests and report to the Conference. The following committee was appointed, D. S. Stephens, H. L. Elderdice and T. C. Miller.

The minutes were read and approved.

A. L. Reynolds, of Ohio, presented a bill which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolution was offered by T. H. Lewis, of Maryland, and adopted.

*Resolved*, That the Commission on Church Union be continued and that the new Chairman, the President of the General Conference, be authorized to appoint one minister to take the place of Rev. Geo. Shaffer, D. D., displaced by reason of the Chairman's membership in the Pittsburgh Conference, and to appoint one layman to take the place vacated by the death of W. N. Swift.

*Resolved*, That this Commission be authorized to fill any vacancies in its membership occurring during the interim, provided that the rule of having but one member from any one conference be observed."

(Signed) T. H. LEWIS.

The President appointed T. H. Lewis, of Maryland, to take the place of Geo. Shaffer on Commission on Church Union.

J. F. Howe, of Missouri, was appointed in place of W. N. Swift, deceased.

The following telegram was read from Rev. Peter Ainslie, President of the Commission on Christian Union of the Disciples of Christ in America:

Baltimore, Md., May 23, 1911.

President Methodist Protestant General Conference,

St. John's Church,  
St. Paul and 27th Sts.,  
Baltimore, Md.

The Disciples of Christ in America, through their Commission on Christian Union, greet you and rejoice in your progress and heavenly blessings and pray that your conference may receive divine guidance in the paths that are so undoubtedly set in these days towards Christian Union.

(Signed) PETER AINSLIE, President.

On motion, the President and Secretary of the Conference were authorized to telegraph Dr. Ainslie expressing our appreciation of the greetings of the Disciples of Christ in America and assure them that we reciprocate their felicitations.

F. T. Little, of Maryland, offered a memorial from the Maryland Annual Conference, which, upon motion, was adopted.

The President introduced the following Fraternal Delegates from the Church of the United Brethren in Christ: Rev. A. P. Funkhouser, D. D., and Rev. W. H. Washinger, D. D. who addressed the conference in a very cordial fraternal spirit.

The President responded to these addresses in a very happy manner and the congregation joined in singing, "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love."

The special order of the day—the consideration of the resolution of D. S. Stephens, of Oklahoma, asking that a commission be appointed on Union with the Church of United Brethren in Christ—was taken up.

J. Sala Leland, of Pittsburgh, moved that the resolution be adopted. Pending the discussion of the question, by common consent, Doctor Funkhouser, Fraternal Delegate from the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, was invited to explain the attitude of his church on the question of union.

On motion the order for 2 o'clock to-day was postponed until the question under discussion was disposed of.

On motion the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. W. H. Washinger, D. D., of the Church of United Brethren in Christ.

#### Afternoon Session.

The Conference was called to order by the President. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. L. Mills, D. D., of the Maryland Conference.

On motion roll call was omitted.

On motion of Daniel Baker, of Maryland, Mr. F. W. Pierpont, Publishing Agent of Pittsburgh, and Rev. C. E. Wilbur, D. D., Editor of our Sunday-school Publications, were invited to seats within the bar of the Conference.

The consideration of the resolution offered by D. S. Stephens, of Oklahoma, asking that a commission be appointed on union with the Church of United Brethren in Christ, was resumed. D. S. Stephens offered a substitute for the resolution. J. S. Bowers, of Maryland, offered a resolution to refer the whole matter to the Commission on Church Union. On motion the resolution was tabled, together with the substitute offered by D. S. Stephens. F. T. Tagg, of Maryland, offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

"We believe that a union of the Methodist Protestant Church and the Church of United Brethren in Christ is both possible and practical, and therefore we authorize our Commission on church union to enter into negotiations with the Commission of the Church of United Brethren in Christ, just so soon as that Commission is fully authorized to enter upon such negotiations.

(Signed) F. T. TAGG.

The Conference stood and joined in singing "Blest be the tie that binds."

H. L. Elderdice, of Maryland, submitted a report for the Committee on Excuses of members desiring leave of absence from the Conference. (See report No. 4.)

The Committee on Ministerial Education was granted leave of absence for the purpose of holding a meeting.

On motion of A. D. Williams, of West Virginia the order of the day was extended until all the papers on the Secretary's table had been read to the Conference.

The Committee on Revision was excused to hold a meeting.

D. S. Stephens submitted the report of the Committee on Publishing Interests. After some discussion, further consideration of the report was postponed until the following resolution, offered by A. D. Williams, of West Virginia, had been disposed of:

*Whereas*, several resolutions have been offered asking for the consolidation of all of our boards and of the Publishing Interests, all of which resolutions are trying to raise efficiency and to save money and men, and

*Whereas*, the interests involved are so many, so varied and so vital, and

*Whereas*, the changes would be so radical and the details of the movement so great that this body for the want of time cannot duly consider the matter,

*Therefore, be it Resolved*, That a committee of eight be composed of four ministers and four laymen, no two of whom shall be from any one conference, to investigate the possibility and practicability of such a move and if found expedient and practical to then devise a plan or plans for the consolidation or change of any board or boards or interest of the church, and to report such plan or plans with its finding and recommendation through the church papers and place its report in printed form in the hands of the Secretary of this conference to be mailed to each of the delegates of the next General Conference before the sitting of that body, and that any further action or moves in this direction be referred to the next General Conference in order that the church as a whole may thoroughly study the conditions and duly consider the effects.

A. D. WILLIAMS  
D. G. HELMICK

On motion the resolutions were adopted.

On motion the report of the Committee on Publishing interests was recommitted.

The report of the Committee on Journals was submitted by M. R. Saigeon, of Michigan. On motion the report was recommitted.

On motion of M. L. Jennings, of Muskingum, C. H. Hubbell, Secretary of the Board of Young People's Work, and President B. W. Anthony, of Adrian College, were invited to seats within the bar of the Conference.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was submitted by T. A. Hunter. On motion the report was adopted. Report No. 5.

The report of the Committee on Statistics was submitted by P. W. Dierberger.

The resolution offered by A. D. Williams requiring the President of the General Conference to travel throughout the denomination, was referred to the special commission created to consider the consolidation of the Publishing Interests and the Boards.

F. T. Little, of Maryland, was called to the chair.

Daniel Baker, of Maryland, moved that Dr. J. M. H. Rowland be introduced to the Conference, and invited to speak for five minutes on the work of the Maryland General Hospital of this City, which is now under the joint management of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church. The motion carried, and Dr. Rowland spoke very interestingly of this work.

A. D. Williams, of West Virginia, offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

*Whereas*, the mission of the church is for the elevation of man and the furtherance of Christ's Kingdom on earth, and

*Whereas*, the ravages of war and frictions of international competition have placed upon humanity many great burdens which bear heavily upon the people of the different nations, and

*Whereas*, there has been international cognizance taken of these conditions, and

*Whereas*, efforts have been made and are being made to establish an International Peace Conference or Congress, for the purpose of settling disputes and the promotion of peace.

*Be it therefore Resolved,*

That this General Conference commend the actions of William Howard Taft, the President of these United States in initiating this movement and in his efforts to establish an International Peace Commission or Conference, and the benevolence of Andrew Carnegie in financing this movement looking toward the elimination of wars, disputes and differences and thus preserving the resources of nations for the benefit of humanity and establishing the universal brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God.

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of this Conference send a copy of these resolutions to the President and to Mr. Carnegie.

A. D. WILLIAMS  
D. G. HELMICK

The Committee on Pulpit Service submitted a report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Publishing Interests submitted its report through J. Norman Wills. On motion the report was adopted. Report No. 6.

The Committee on Judiciary was submitted by U. W. Morrison. Report adopted. Report No. 7.

On motion the Conference adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock tonight. Benediction by Dr. Funkhouser, of the Church of United Brethren in Christ.

**Night Session.**

The Conference convened on time. Devotional exercises were conducted by F. C. Klein, of Maryland.

On motion of J. J. Barge, of Georgia, the conference proceeded to the election of Publishing Agents, Editors and Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Ministerial Education. The following tellers were appointed: J. F. McCulloch, Geo. H. Miller, A. D. Williams, F. F. Brierly, E. S. V. Stultz and G. W. Haddaway.

C. E. Sheppard, of Muskingum, nominated Rev. M. L. Jennings, D. D., LL. D. to be Editor of the Methodist Recorder.

A. O. Horney, of Ohio, nominated Rev. A. L. Reynolds, D. D. There were several seconds to these nominations.

U. W. Morrison, of West Virginia, nominated Rev. F. T. Tagg, D. D., for Editor of the Methodist Protestant. There were several seconds to this nomination.

T. H. Lewis, of Maryland nominated F. T. Benson. There were several seconds to this nomination also. A vote was taken and the tellers were permitted to retire to count the ballot. The tellers reported the result of the ballot for Editor of the Methodist Recorder as follows:

Total number of votes cast 139—necessary to a choice 70—D. B. Turney received 1, Lyman E. Davis 2, A. L. Reynolds 41, and M. L. Jennings 95.

M. L. Jennings, of Muskingum, having received the majority of all the votes cast was declared elected Editor of the Methodist Recorder for the the next Quadrennum.

A ballot was taken for Editor of the Methodist Protestant and the tellers were permitted to retire to count the ballot.

A. F. Hess, of West Virginia, nominated Geo. R. Brown for Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Ministerial Education.

Mr. Daniel Baker, of Maryland, nominated J. D. Williams. There were several seconds to these nominations. The tellers reported the result of the ballot for Editor of the Methodist Protestant as follows:

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J. H. Lucas, of Pittsburgh, nominated Rev. C. E. Wilbur, D. D., for Editor of the Sunday School Periodicals. On motion of J. H. Lucas, of Pittsburgh, the Secretary was instructed to cast the vote of the conference for C. E. Wilbur for Editor of the Sunday School Periodicals. The vote was cast and C. E. Wilbur declared elected Editor of the Sunday School Periodicals for the next Quadrennum.

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*Therefore, be it Resolved*, That a committee of eight be composed of four ministers and four laymen, no two of whom shall be from any one conference, to investigate the possibility and practicability of such a move as if found expedient and practical to then devise a plan or plans for the consolidation or change of any board or boards or interest of the church, and report such plan or plans with its finding and recommendation through the church papers and place its report in printed form in the hands of the Secretary of this conference to be mailed to each of the delegates of the next General Conference before the sitting of that body, and that any further action moves in this direction be referred to the next General Conference in order that the Church as a whole may thoroughly study the conditions and discuss the effects.

A. D. WILLIAMS

D. G. HELMICK

On motion the resolutions were adopted.

On motion the report of the Committee on Publishing interests was recommitted.

The report of the Committee on Journals was submitted by M. R. Saiger of Michigan. On motion the report was recommitted.

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F. T. Little, of Maryland, was called to the chair.

Daniel Baker, of Maryland, moved that Dr. J. M. H. Rowland be introduced to the Conference, and invited to speak for five minutes on the work of the Maryland General Hospital of this City, which is now under the joint management of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church. The motion carried and Dr. Rowland spoke very interestingly of this work.

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*Whereas*, efforts have been made and are being made to establish an International Peace Conference or Congress, for the purpose of settling disputes and the promotion of peace.



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*Resolved,* That the Secretary of this Conference send a copy of these resolutions to the President and to Mr. Carnegie.

A. D. WILLIAMS

D. G. HELMICK

The Committee on Pulpit Service submitted a report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Publishing Interests submitted its report through J. Norman Wills. On motion the report was adopted. Report No. 6.

The Committee on Judiciary was submitted by U. W. Morrison. Report adopted. Report No. 7.

On motion the Conference adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock tonight. Benediction by Dr. Funkhouser, of the Church of United Brethren in Christ.

**Night Session.**

The Conference convened on time. Devotional exercises were conducted by F. C. Klein, of Maryland.

On motion of J. J. Barge, of Georgia, the conference proceeded to the election of Publishing Agents, Editors and Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Ministerial Education. The following tellers were appointed: J. F. McCulloch, Geo. H. Miller, A. D. Williams, F. F. Brierly, E. S. V. Stultz and G. W. Haddaway.

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U. W. Morrison, of West Virginia, nominated Rev. F. T. Tagg, D. D., for Editor of the Methodist Protestant. There were several seconds to this nomination.

T. H. Lewis, of Maryland nominated F. T. Benson. There were several seconds to this nomination also. A vote was taken and the tellers were permitted to retire to count the ballot. The tellers reported the result of the ballot for Editor of the Methodist Recorder as follows:

Total number of votes cast 139—necessary to a choice 70—D. B. Turney received 1, Lyman E. Davis 2, A. L. Reynolds 41, and M. L. Jennings 95.

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A ballot was taken for Editor of the Methodist Protestant and the tellers were permitted to retire to count the ballot.

A. F. Hess, of West Virginia, nominated Geo. R. Brown for Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Ministerial Education.

Mr. Daniel Baker, of Maryland, nominated J. D. Williams. There were several seconds to these nominations. The tellers reported the result of the ballot for Editor of the Methodist Protestant as follows:

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On motion all papers on revision were referred to the Committee on Revision. The tellers announced the result of the ballot for Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Ministerial Education as follows:

Total number of votes cast 137—necessary to a choice 70—

Geo. R. Brown received 87 votes, J. D. Williams 50 votes. Geo. R. Brown having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Ministerial Education for the next Quadrennium.

J. W. Kirk, of Maryland offered a resolution relating to the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Ministerial Education which was referred to the Committee on Revision.

On motion of T. H. Lewis, of Maryland, it was decided that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Pending the election of Publishing Agents the conference adjourned.

Benediction by J. F. McCulloch, of North Carolina.

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## EIGHTH DAY

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### Saturday Morning Session, May 25th, 1912.

The conference was called to order on time by the President. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mr. J. Norman Wills, of North Carolina.

On motion the calling of the roll was omitted. The minutes were read, and approved.

The conference proceeded to the election of Publishing Agents.

T. C. Miller, of Pittsburgh, nominated F. W. Pierpont for Publishing Agent of the Pittsburgh Directory. J. Sala Leland, of Pittsburgh, nominated J. C. McCain. On motion of T. H. Lewis all nominating speeches were limited to two minutes. These nominations were seconded and the conference proceeded to ballot. A ballot was taken and the tellers permitted to retire.

The following telegram was read.

Minneapolis, Minn., May 24, 1912.

Chas. H. Beck, Secretary,

General Conference, Baltimore, Md.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church acknowledges the receipt of your communication regarding a Methodist Day and assures you of its favorable consideration. We rejoice that you have made provision for Fraternal Delegates to our next General Conference and will send a deputation to your next General Conference.

(Signed) JOS. B. HINGLEY, Secretary.

The following resolution was offered by Daniel Baker, of Maryland and adopted:

*Resolved*, That a committee consisting of the President of this body, T. H. Lewis, C. D. Sinkinson, A. D. Williams, J. J. Barge and T. A. Hunter, shall rewrite and re-index our Discipline and ritual and report to the next General Conference.

(Signed) DANIEL BAKER,

L. D. STULTZ.

G. W. Haddaway, of Maryland, nominated T. R. Woodford for Publishing Agent of the Baltimore Directory. After several seconds to the motion, the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the conference for T. R. Woodford. The ballot was cast and he was declared unanimously elected Publishing Agent of the Baltimore Directory.

The tellers report the result of the ballot for Publishing Agent of the Pittsburgh Directory as follows:

Total number of votes cast 124—necessary to a choice 63—J. C. McCain received 22 votes, F. W. Pierpont received 102 votes. F. W. Pierpont having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared elected Publishing Agent of the Pittsburgh Directory for the next quadrennium.

On motion of J. H. Lucas the Committee on Revision was instructed to change the law so as to authorize the Executive Committee to levy assessments for all the general interests of the church.

Mrs. Newman, Chairman of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Maryland General Hospital was introduced to the conference and spoke with reference to the work of her auxiliary.

J. J. Phillips, of West Virginia, offered the following resolution which was adopted.

*Whereas*, the continuance of our free institutions and the preservation of the cardinal principles of our American government depends largely upon the separation of Church and state.

*Therefore be it Resolved*, That we as the Methodist Protestant Church, in General Conference assembled, do hereby express our disapproval of the action of President W. H. Taft in revoking and delaying the order of Commissioner Valentine, requiring all teachers in government schools to refrain from wearing any garb of religious significance.

*Resolved second*, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to President Taft and Commissioner Valentine by the secretary with the hope that immediate action may be taken to carry out the principles of our American government as expressed by the Constitution of the United States.

(Signed) J. J. PHILLIPS,  
U. W. MORRISON.

Geo. H. Miller offered the following resolution which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That in their negotiations for Union with the Church of United Brethren in Christ or the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the Commission on Church Union shall find speedy action advisable, they are hereby authorized to overture the Annual Conferences in regard thereto and upon a favorable action of two-thirds of the said Annual Conferences they shall call a special session of this General Conference in accordance with the constitutional provision to act thereon.

(Signed) GEO. H. MILLER  
CRATES S. JOHNSON.

On motion of T. H. Lewis, of Maryland, it was decided that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 3 P. M., and when we adjourn this afternoon, we adjourn to meet Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Rev. Jas. H. Straughn, D. D., of the Maryland Annual Conference.

#### Afternoon Session.

The Conference convened on time. The devotional exercises were conducted by L. D. Stultz, of New Jersey. On motion roll call was omitted.

T. H. Lewis, Chairman of the Committee on Revision, asked for an expression of the judgment of the Conference on two matters; 1. The request that the Discipline be changed so as to authorize the Book Directories and the Boards to fix the salaries of Agents and Secretaries, provided no salary exceed \$2,000.00, except, when in the judgment of the Directories or Boards the exigencies of the case justified a larger salary. It was the judgment of the Conference that the law remain as it is fixing the maximum salary at \$1,800. 2. The resolution referred to it creating the office of a Traveling President of the General Conference.

H. L. Elderdice, of Maryland, was called to the chair.

After a statement by President Davis, on motion the paper relating to traveling the President, was laid on the table.

The President resumed the chair.

J. McD. Radford, of Georgia, submitted the report of the Committee on Statistics. After statements of Chairman Radford and T. H. Lewis, of Maryland emphasizing some facts brought out in the report, it was adopted. See Tabulated Report.

T. L. Garrison, of Texas, submitted the report of the Committee on Home Missions. The report was considered seriatim.

Item 1 was stricken out.

Items 2 and 3 adopted.

Item 4 referred to Committee on Revision.

Item 5 and 6 adopted.

Item 7 was amended by substituting the name of U. W. Morrison, of West Virginia, for that of J. C. McCain, of Indiana, for the sole reason that J. C. McCain is a pastor in the employ of the Board.

Pending the adoption of the report as amended, the Conference adjourned to meet Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Benediction by T. H. Lewis, of Maryland.

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## NINTH DAY

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### Monday Morning's Session, May 27th, 1912.

Conference was called to order by the President, and the Devotional exercises were conducted by B. S. Billings, of South Illinois. The roll was called and the absentees noted. The minutes were read, and approved.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on Home Missions was resumed.

On motion the report was tabled until the Committee on Revision submitted its report.

T. H. Lewis, submitted the report of the Committee on Revision. After some minor corrections the report was adopted. Report No. 8.

D. S. Stephens, of Oklahoma, was called to the chair.

On motion of F. T. Little, of Maryland, the report of the Committee on Home Missions was taken from the table and adopted as amended. Report No. 9. President Davis took the chair.

Committee on Foreign Missions and the Committee on Finance were excused for the purpose of holding meetings.

The report of the Committee on Education was submitted by Fred P. Adkins, of Maryland. On motion the report was amended by substituting the name of D. P. Freeman for that of A. J. Christy on the Board of Trustees of Kansas City University. The report was adopted an amended. Report No. 10.

J. W. Kirk, of Maryland, submitted the report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations.

On motion the report was amended by making the President of this conference Fraternal Delegate to the General Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. On motion the report as amended was adopted. Report No. 11.

The report of the Committee on Ecumenical Commission was submitted by D. S. Stephens, and on motion the report was adopted. Report No. 12.

On motion of Daniel Baker, of Maryland, the Board of Publication was instructed to pay the deficit of all bills submitted to this General Conference after the money in the treasury has been exhausted, including the bill of the former President for traveling expenses.

C. R. Green submitted the report of the Committee on Boundaries. On motion the report was recommitted.

On motion F. T. Little, of Maryland, was appointed Ecumenical Conference Commissioner.

On motion the President of the conference was made the Fraternal Delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal and of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

On motion of Daniel Baker, of Maryland, the Committee on Finance was instructed to lay an assessment not to exceed \$200, for the Federal Council and \$175, for the Ecumenical Commission.

The President appointed Daniel Baker, of Maryland, and A. L. Reynolds, of Ohio, on the Finance Committee.

Ely D. Miller, of Michigan, submitted the report of the Committee on Young People's Work which was adopted. Report No. 13.

The President made the following appointments:

J. F. Howe, of Missouri, was appointed on the Commission on Church Union. C. A. Cecil, of North Carolina, was appointed on the Committee on North Carolina Orphans' Home in the place of M. H. Holt who is sick.

The following Committee on the consolidation of Publishing Interests and of the boards was announced by the President. G. W. Haddaway, M. H. Holt, J. H. Lucas, W. J. Trefz, F. A. Perry, J. J. Barge, M. L. Abbott and C. S. Johnson. This committee will report its findings and recommendations to the next General Conference.

The Committee on Foreign Missions submitted its report.

Daniel Baker, of Maryland, offered an amendment as follows:

That the President of the General Conference, T. H. Lewis and S. R. Harris be appointed to visit our missions in Japan and sustain advisory relations to the work.

A. L. Reynolds, of Ohio, was called to the chair.

On motion of U. W. Morrison, of West Virginia, the amendment to the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions offered by Mr. Baker was tabled.

On motion the conference took recess until 2 o'clock.

Benediction by F. A. Perry, of Michigan.

#### Afternoon Session.

Conference convened on time. Rev. E. D. Stone, of the Maryland Conference favored the conference with a very beautiful solo. Prayer was offered by J. W. Kirk, of Maryland.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was resumed.

On motion of T. P. Fisher, of Maryland, the item of the report referring to an assistant secretary to do clerical work was stricken from the report.

On motion that item of the work relating to a union of our educational work in Japan with the Evangelical Association was stricken from the report. On motion the report was adopted as amended. Report No. 14.

The conference proceeded to the election of Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions and Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Young Peoples' Work.

H. L. Elderdice, of Maryland, nominated Fred C. Klein for Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions.

On motion the Secretary of the conference cast the vote of the conference for F. C. Klein for Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions for the ensuing quadrennium.

Geo. H. Miller, of Muskingum, nominated Chas. H. Beck for Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions.

On motion the Assistant Secretary cast the ballot of the conference for Chas. H. Beck for Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions for the ensuing quadrennium.

Ely D. Miller, of Michigan, nominated C. H. Hubbell for Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Young Peoples' Work.

On motion the secretary cast the vote of the conference for C. H. Hubbell for Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Young Peoples' Work for the ensuing quadrennium.

On motion of T. A. Murray, Geo. H. Miller and F. A. Perry were appointed a committee to nominate members of the Executive Committee.

J. M. Sheridan, of Maryland, submitted the report of the Committee on Seminary. On motion items of the report referring to assessments was stricken out. On motion the report was adopted as amended. Report No. 15.

W. E. Swain, of North Carolina, submitted the report of the Committee on Boundaries, which was adopted. Report No. 16.

L. D. Stultz, of New Jersey, submitted the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools which was adopted. Report No. 17.

Robert Rawsthorne, Jr., submitted a report of the Committee on Brotherhood which was adopted. Report No. 18.

## RULES OF ORDER

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*Whereas*, It is the duty of America to exert her influence towards the evangelization of the world and the Methodist Protestant Church to do its part in this great work, and

*Whereas*, The Methodist Protestant Church can wield no greater influence abroad than that which it is able to wield at home, be it therefore

*Resolved*, That the Board of Home Missions be requested to make investigation of the immigrant problem of our country and to ascertain the duties and possibilities of the Methodist Protestant Church among the immigrants and report to the next General Conference its findings with its recommendations or to take such other steps during the interim of the Conference as its investigation and findings may prove to be of the best interest of the Methodist Protestant Church in its mission for the furtherance of Christ's Kingdom on earth.

A. D. WILLIAMS  
J. BIBB MILLS  
A. F. HESS.

On motion the Executive Committee was instructed to appoint a delegate to the Second World's Christian Citizenship Conference.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report:

Your Finance Committee recommends that the Executive Committee levy an assessment of \$1,000 per year on the Annual Conferences out of which shall be paid the following amounts: \$200 per year for the expenses of the Federal Council and \$175 per year for the expenses of the Ecumenical Commission, and the balance paid to the Treasurer of this General Conference to be used for General Conferences expenses.

(Signed) F. F. BRIERLY  
A. L. REYNOLDS  
DANIEL BAKER

The Judiciary Committee submitted a supplemental report which was amended by inserting a negative answer to the question and adopted.

J. Sala Leland submitted a paper relative to Sabbath Schools which was referred to the permanent committee on revision.

On motion it was ordered that this General Conference finally adjourn at 5:30 o'clock.

A resolution was offered by T. J. Ogburn, of North Carolina, asking that a committee be appointed to investigate the traveling expenses of a former Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions.

On motion the resolution was adopted and the following committee appointed: D. C. Coburn, A. L. Reynolds and J. Sala Leland.

The motion of F. W. Perkins, of Pittsburgh, that the election of all the members of the various Boards should be made uniform was referred to the permanent committee on revision.

On motion of C. E. Sheppard, of Muskingum, the resolution offered by him relating to Superannuated Minister Fund was referred to the permanent committee on the consolidation of the general interest of the church.

The minutes were read and approved, and on motion the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

Benediction by J. W. Kirk, of Maryland.

LYMAN E. DAVIS, President  
CHARLES H. BECK, Secretary.

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15. All reports of committees, when read by their respective chairmen, shall be regarded as the property of the Conference, and subject to its action.

16. Any motion to reconsider shall be made by some member who voted with the majority, and shall require a majority of the members present to sustain it; nor shall a motion to reconsider be entertained, if made later than the second day after the original action is had, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

17. Any member shall have the right to call for the reading of any subject under consideration. No member shall be allowed to explain remarks made in a previous speech, except in regular debate, unless a member requests it; but any member so called upon to explain shall have the right to decline any explanation.

18. The President shall administer the rules rigidly and impartially. He shall promptly suppress unseemly demonstrations, such as stamping, clapping of hands and conversation, or other behavior which obstructs the business of the Conference.

19. Persons not members having business with the Conference shall present their business to the appropriate committees, who may, in their discretion, recommend that the persons applying be heard by the Conference, or the committee itself may bring the business, if deemed of sufficient importance, to the notice of the Conference.

20. No one shall be constituted an honorary member; but persons duly presented to the President by the Committee on Fraternal Relations shall be presented to the Conference at the convenience of the President, and may be invited to a seat within the bar, and, by vote, may be permitted to address the Conference on any specified subject.

#### **Order of Business.**

1. Call to order.
2. Devotional service.
3. Roll call.
4. Reading minutes.
5. Presentation and reference of papers.
6. Unfinished business.
7. Roll call of Committees for reports.
8. Incidental business.
9. Committee announcements.

# REPORTS

## REPORT NO. 1.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

To the General Conference of the  
Methodist Protestant Church.

The Executive Committee created by the last General Conference, consisting of six members elected by the General Conference with the President of the General Conference as chairman, herewith submits, as directed, "a written report of all its work and actions to the General Conference."

One of our number, Rev. J. D. Kinzer, D. D., of Maryland, was prevented by the state of his health from meeting with us after the first meeting and in May, 1911, died. As the law made no provision for filling vacancies in the Committee no one was put in his place. Your committee suggests that the law be so amended as to enable the committee to fill vacancies occurring during the interim of the General Conference.

The Committee was directed to "meet at the call of the President or upon the written request of three members." This language does not explicitly require stated meetings, but it seemed to the Committee that it must have been the intention of the General Conference for the Committee to meet statedly or else it would be impossible for it to do the work assigned it. The sense of the members being taken by correspondence, it was agreed to call the first meeting for the 22nd of June, 1909 at Westminster, Maryland. At that meeting it was decided to meet again at Gull Lake, Michigan, in August, 1910; and there it was decided to meet in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on the 6th of July, 1911. We have thus held three meetings, and there were four of the six members and the president present at each meeting. Mr. R. T. Pickens was elected secretary. Public notice of all these meetings was given in our official papers. The business presented and accomplished will be set forth in this report under the various heads of the law describing the Committee's duties.

The Committee recommend that the item concerning the meetings of this Committee be so changed as to direct annual meetings to be held if such is the intention, or else to indicate on what occasions the Committee shall meet. In this connection it would be well to consider whether it is necessary for the Committee to meet in the years when the General Conference meets.

Taking up now the law governing this Committee as found in the Discipline on pages 77-79, the Committee begs leave to report as follows:

*Under Item A.* The Committee at its meeting in 1910 gave notice that at its next meeting in 1911 it would consider invitations for the meeting of the General Conference. At the meeting in 1911 there were three invitations. Newark, New Jersey, offered the use of the church and a mid-day luncheon. Steubenville, Ohio, offered the use of the church, lodging, and a guarantee that the three daily meals should not cost members more than one dollar per day. Baltimore, Maryland, offered the usual free entertainment including lodging and meals. The invitation of Baltimore was accepted.

*Under Item B.* The Committee as directed in this item made the following appointment of representatives:

To the Federal Council in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 2nd, 1908, ten representatives, seven ministers and three laymen, as follows:

REV. B. W. ANTHONY, D. D., of Pittsburgh  
 REV. M. D. HELMICK, D. D., of West Virginia  
 REV. M. L. JENNINGS, D. D., of Muskingum  
 REV. A. L. REYNOLDS, D. D., of Ohio  
 REV. C. D. SINKINSON, D. D., of New Jersey  
 REV. D. S. STEPHENS, D. D., of North Missouri  
 REV. J. W. TROUT, D. D., of Maryland  
 MR. J. J. BARGE, of Georgia  
 MR. G. B. MOORE, of Pittsburgh  
 MR. W. E. SANKEY, of Pittsburgh

The Committee was requested by the Commission of the Ecumenical Methodist Conference to appoint one representative of our Church on the Commission, one of the Executive Committee of the Commission and two on the Finance Committee. Accordingly Rev. C. E. Wilbur, D. D., of Pittsburgh, was named for the first, Rev. F. T. Little, D. D., of Maryland, for the second, and Mr. A. M. Lyons, of Muskingum and Mr. T. A. Hunter, of North Carolina, for the third.

We were informed that our Church was entitled to ten representatives to the Methodist Ecumenical Conference to meet in Toronto, October 6th, 1911, and the following were appointed:

Ministers,	REV. M. L. JENNINGS, D. D., of Muskingum
	REV. T. H. LEWIS, D. D., of Maryland
	REV. F. T. LITTLE, D. D., of Maryland
	REV. F. T. TAGG, D. D., of Maryland
	REV. C. E. WILBUR, D. D., of Pittsburgh
Laymen,	MR. S. W. DUNGAN, of Indiana
	MR. T. A. HUNTER, of North Carolina
	MR. A. M. LYONS, of Muskingum
	MR. G. T. MARSHALL, of Pittsburgh
	MR. W. T. SEARING, of New York.

A communication was received from the Commission appointed by the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church requesting the appointment of delegates from our Church to meet in a world conference for the discussion of matters of faith and order by all Christian denominations, and Rev. B. W. Anthony, D. D., of Pittsburgh and the President of the General Conference with Mr. W. E. Sankey and Professor T. C. Miller were appointed.

*Under Item C.* This item gave the Executive Committee the "oversight of all the General Interests of the Church during the interim of the General Conference," and directed them to "insist upon the will of the General Conference being carried out in every particular," to "require an annual report from each of the boards and institutions of the denominations."

The Committee has endeavored to follow these instructions, but we cannot report very satisfactory progress. Our plan has been to give notice through the official papers of the date of our meetings and to call attention to the law. In response to this notice we believe that all the boards and institutions of the denomination have made a report, either in the person of the secretary-treasurer or by a written communication, except in the case of our official periodicals and Sunday School literature and of the Women's Boards of Foreign and Home Missions. The Committee arranged to take up these reports in a public hearing, giving the agent opportunity to read his report and then add such explanations he thought advisable; after which the subject was open to inquiry by members of the Committee and by others present. It was thought that much additional interest would be given to these hearings if the presidents of annual conferences were present, and the Committee therefore invited each annual conference to send its president to the meetings. A few attended and took part in the discussions. The

Committee believed that by this plan the important information of these reports would be widely disseminated in the church, and that the agents would be benefitted by hearing the views of these representative men. It is to be regretted that only seven or eight conferences thought it advisable to accept the invitation.

As to the larger matter of the Committee's duties in this item of their instructions, we report that we have gone carefully over all the matters brought to our attention in these reports, and have found no occasion to take any specific action in regard to them. The Committee cannot see how a more rigorous construction of the law would be practicable. To undertake a real oversight of the five General Boards, the four or five educational institutions, the two Book Directories, the official papers and Sunday School publications would require the Committee to devote an amount of time and labor to the work which is not practicable. And there is grave doubt whether indeed it would be profitable. All these interests are already under the oversight of boards specially elected to look after them, and to appoint additional supervisors seems illogical.

However, the Committee has not presumed to criticize the law but to obey it so far as was practicable. They have examined the reports carefully, they have advised and counselled where such seemed desirable, and in a few instances have offered some friendly criticism.

There is one feature of such meetings that should commend itself, we think, to all, and that is the idea of making it a representative gathering from all parts of the Church. To spread information through the Church of the work that is being done through these General Boards; and to exchange views as to plans and methods for such work cannot but be helpful in the highest degree.

In this connection the Committee would call attention to a matter not included in their instructions but which would seem to be a matter of great importance and not now attended to by any duly authorized body. It is possible that these General interests might come into conflict in some of their plans. We have had laid before us one instance of this. But the Committee has no power to legislate or to adjust differences or to modify what has been settled by the General Conference. Yet it is possible that in the actual working out of plans it might be necessary to mediate between the Boards and prevent conflict or interference. In such cases it would be most advantageous to have authority delegated somewhere for the settlement of such matters.

Then there is the matter of the visitation of annual conferences by the representatives of these General Interests. At present the whole matter is voluntary and without any concerted plan, except that each representative endeavors to visit as many conferences as possible, and where he is not able to attend his interest is unrepresented except by letter.

One reason for this state of things is that the date of annual conference meetings is fixed by each conference independently of the others and that two or more conferences frequently assemble in the same week. Nothing can be done, of course, to take away from annual conferences the power to fix the date of their meeting. But it is not impossible that if the Executive Committee were authorized to consult and advise with annual conferences on this point an agreement might be reached which would improve the present situation very much.

Another way of meeting the situation would be to give the Committee power to arrange with the representatives of the various interests a schedule so as to provide at least one representative at each annual conference who would represent all the interests as well as his own. It happens now that several of the agents are at each annual conference where it can be reached at all, and this involves an aggregate expense, time of the conference and brief hearings that seem out of proportion to the possible good accomplished. All the agents could easily prepare themselves to represent effectively all the interests. The visit of one such agent extending through a whole session would be more effective and less expensive.

*Under Item E.* The matter of expense has been an important one for the Committee. The item directing all necessary expenses of the committee to be met by Board of Publication unless otherwise provided for was supplemented by a recommendation of the Committee on the Presidents' report at the last General Conference by which annual conferences were directed to send 5% of the conference collection on the last year of the quadrennium to the treasurer of the General Conference. This had the effect of giving the Committee nothing until the expiration of their term of office, and the Committee endeavored to persuade conferences to send the collection in the first year instead, but this resulted in nothing. Then the committee made a statement to all the conferences showing the need of money to meet expenses incurred in carrying out directions of the General Conference for which no provision had been made, and asking them to accept a small apportionment aggregating \$1,600. This was likewise ineffective to a large extent. The treasurer has received something like \$200 altogether.

The committee was compelled therefore to call on the Board of Publication for its own travelling expenses and received the following:

For T. H. Lewis,	\$33.45	expenses to	three	meetings
" D. C. Coburn,	63.40	"	"	"
" T. E. Hodges	48.25	"	"	two
" W. W. Lineberry	41.47	"	"	two
" G. B. Moore	71.46	"	"	"
" R. T. Pickens	52.35	"	"	"
Total	\$310.61			

In addition, the President has incurred expenses to the amount of \$231.10 in travelling expenses under the direction of the General Conference, and for stationery, postage, etc. This not being actually expenses of the Committee he did not feel warranted in asking the Board of Publication to pay, and he has not been reimbursed for this outlay.

*Under Item F.* The Executive Committee is "vested with judicial power to hear appeals from quarterly or annual conferences." Two appeals have come to us, both from the South Illinois conference. As copies of the decision are herewith transmitted containing a resume of the facts in each case it is not necessary to recite them here.

*Under Item H.* The Committee is authorized "to interpret and construe the Constitution, By-laws and statutes of the Church." There was but one exercise of this power upon application of a member of the Pennsylvania conference, where the committee decided that the president of an annual conference may appoint a man, temporarily, to the charge of a pastorate without requiring him to join a Methodist Protestant Church. And that the president has the right to refuse to employ any particular man on a pastoral charge during the interim of conference, and to appoint a man even over the protest of a quarterly conference at such time, although the Committee expressed its judgment that such appointment might likely be injudicious.

But a large number of applications for the construction of law were made to the President of the General Conference which could not be presented to the Committee because delay would have made the decisions of no value. In most cases such interpretations are asked for because of disputes about some law applying to immediate cases and unless a decision can be rendered while the case is pending it has no interest to the applicants. In view of this it was thought, and the Committee so advised, that the President should give his opinion and should inform the parties that it was only his opinion and not binding upon any. In pursuance of this plan a large number of decisions were rendered, and it is thought advisable to give a brief outline of them appended to this report for information.

The Committee suggests that since it is impracticable to call the Committee together to pass on all these appeals, which yet if not passed on leave interested parties without recourse, it would be well to authorize the President to act under the powers of Item H and interpret and construe the law of the Church during the interim of the meetings of the Executive Committee.

Every President for many years has had this to do in an unauthorized way, and whatever be the law members of the Church will persist in thinking that the President of the General Conference must be the proper person to decide the law in doubtful cases.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. LEWIS, Chairman  
D. C. COBURN  
W. W. LINEBERRY  
T. E. HODGES  
R. T. PICKENS  
GEORGE B. MOORE

#### SOUTH ILLINOIS CONFERENCE APPEALS

This is an appeal from the South Illinois Conference by Rev. D. B. Turney, a member of said Conference, to the Executive Committee of the Methodist Protestant Church, and heard at its session in Atlantic City, New Jersey, July 6-7, 1911. From the evidence produced the following facts are found to cover the contentions of the parties:

That Rev. J. I. Day, a member of the South Illinois Conference, Methodist Protestant Church, was assigned by said Conference to Vera Circuit as pastor for two successive years prior to June 1898. The Vera charge failed to pay in full the salary promised Pastor Day. The matter was submitted to a committee of arbitration in June, 1898, and the amount awarded as due on salary to said Day by Vera Circuit was \$166.65. Certain members of Vera Circuit promised to pay said amount and also promised if not paid to execute a mortgage to the said Day upon the parsonage, but failed to do so. As to whether these parties had authority or could have executed a mortgage does not appear, and is not material. Afterwards the Vera church and parsonage were turned over to the Conference Board of Church Extension and the Annual Conference ordered the Board to sell same which was done and the money duly turned into the treasury of said Board. At its session in September, 1910, the said Annual Conference ordered the Board of Church Extension to pay said Day \$166.65 out of the funds in its hands arising from the sale of said church and parsonage at Vera, the amount he claimed as due him for services as pastor of said Vera Circuit. From this order appeal was taken. Much matter of detail as to the arbitration and and Conference charter, and statements of parties, was submitted that is of no special importance in determining the question at issue, and it is therefore eliminated.

Upon all the facts submitted the Executive Committee finds that the claim of Rev. J. I. Day is just as against the Vera circuit. There was, however, no specific charge or lien upon the Vera property created by the claim nor by any proceeding in regard to it. The property was lawfully sold, and the money received therefor passed properly into the treasury of the Board of Church Extension, and to appropriate any part thereof for the payment of the salary of a former pastor would be in violation of Article 9, Page III, of the Discipline, where it is specifically stated the use that may be made of such funds, which are "to be carefully controlled by the Board."

T. H. LEWIS  
D. C. COBURN  
W. W. LINEBERRY  
G. B. MOORE  
R. T. PICKENS

Committee.

This is a matter that came on appeal from the South Illinois Conference to the Executive Committee of the Methodist Protestant Church, and heard at its session held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, July 6-7, 1911.

From all the evidence submitted the following are found to be the facts: Rev. C. E. Roads, an Ex-President of the South Illinois Conference holds a claim against the Conference for unpaid salary as President of said Con-

ference amounting to \$96.97. The Conference Board of Church Extension holds a note against said Roads for borrowed money amounting to \$88.00. At the session of said Conference held September 1-6, 1909, said Roads submitted a proposition to the Conference offering to surrender his claim against the Conference provided the Board of Church Extension would in consideration therefor cancel and surrender to him his note held by said Board. The President of said Conference stated that he thought this could be done, and so ruled, and a motion was thereupon made and adopted by the Conference directing that the said note of said Roads be returned to him in consideration of the surrender of his claim against the Conference.

From this action of the Conference an appeal was taken to this Committee by Rev. J. I. Day, a member of said Conference, upon the ground that such action was in violation of Article 9, Page III, of the Discipline.

The Committee finds no evidence to the effect that the funds for which said Roads gave his note to the Board of Church Extension went to the said Board from the sale of church property, therefore it is our opinion that Article 9, Page III, of the Discipline does not apply in this case.

It is the judgment of the Committee that there is nothing in the general law of the church that would warrant the action taken by the Conference in applying funds in the hands of the Board of Church Extension to the payment of a President's salary for services as president, and he not in any way actively connected with the work of the Board of Church Extension. The facts before us do not disclose such a connection.

The Board of Church Extension created by each annual conference is given the authority to make its own by-laws, Article III, Page 109 of the Discipline, and therefore, the Committee cannot pass upon the full merits of this case in the absence of the by-laws of said Board that were in force at the time of the aforesaid action of the South Illinois Conference relating to the application of funds collected.

T. H. LEWIS,  
D. C. COBURN,  
W. W. LINEBERRY,  
G. B. MOORE,  
R. T. PICKENS,  
Committee.

OPINIONS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE  
IN THE INTERPRETATION OF THE LAW OF THE  
METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH IN ANSWER  
TO REQUESTS RECEIVED DURING THE YEARS  
1908—1912.

1. Representatives to the General Conference are elected by the Electoral College by a vote of ministers and laymen taken separately. No unordained man can vote in this election, but any ordained minister unstationed can vote if he is elected to the Electoral College by the charge to which he belongs. Probationary members of the Conference cannot vote, even if they have been given license to administer the ordinances.
2. When two Annual Conferences are united by the General Conference, and the boundaries of the new district are so described as to leave out one or more charges in either Conference, but without specific mention of such omission, the action is to be interpreted as an oversight, and all the charges of both Conferences are to be regarded as included in the new district.
3. Two or more Annual Conferences may unite to form one in the interim of a General Conference by mutual agreement; and the union is effective until the General Conference meets, when the action must be confirmed.
4. Two Annual Conferences united by the General Conference must act as one until it is mutually agreed to divide; and such division must be reported to the ensuing General Conference for confirmation.
5. An Annual Conference has no power to negotiate with another denomination for union. Such negotiations if completed would only amount to withdrawal from the Methodist Protestant Church, and all property rights would vest in any members remaining in the Church.

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9. An Annual Conference has no justification in law for submitting to the Quarterly Conferences the question whether the President shall travel the District; and no subsequent Conference is bound by the vote.

10. An Annual Conference has jurisdiction over the doctrinal standing of its members and may bring them to trial for preaching doctrines contrary to the standards of the Church. But where there is a dispute as to whether a given doctrine is contrary to the standards of the Church it must be settled by the General Conference.

11. An Annual Conference refusing to pass the official character of one of its members, must bring him to trial, and either reprimand, suspend, expel or transfer him to the unstationed list, or it must restore him to good standing.

12. The "Conference collection" referred to in the General Conference Circular of 1908, page 66, means the collection described in the Discipline, page 129, which stewards are required to take and forward to the steward of the Annual Conference.

13. Where the Discipline speaks of "Qualified members" it means those entitled to vote. Every Annual Conference has the power to make rules of suffrage and eligibility to office, and these rules determine who are entitled to vote. If the Annual Conference omits to do this the qualification is to be understood as found in the Discipline.

14. No pastoral charge has the power to change its Annual Conference membership. This would amount to changing Annual Conference boundaries which can only be done by the General Conference.

15. A Methodist Protestant Church organized during the interim of an Annual Conference must be recognized by the nearest Quarterly Conference. Such recognition either be an appointment of that Quarterly Conference or an appointment to another charge.

16. A president of an Annual Conference has no right to recognize as a Methodist Protestant Church a congregation in the bounds of another Annual Conference without the consent of the president of said Conference.

17. Two pastoral charges to which one pastor is appointed by the Annual Conference may unite under one Quarterly Conference during the interim by mutual consent, provided the action is reported to the ensuing Annual Conference for confirmation.

18. All the appointments of a circuit are parts of one pastoral charge recognized by the Annual Conference. Hence a president cannot in the interim divide the circuit and appoint a pastor to a part of the appointments. He may, with the consent of all parties appoint a second preacher, and the charge may agree for him to serve certain appointments only.

19. All moneys in the hands of an Annual Conference from the sale of church property must be used "in the erection of houses of worship for the benefit of the Church" (Discipline, page 127). The Conference may either give or sell the property. But if it is passed over to the Board of Church Extension

the Board of Church Extension has no right to lend its funds without the consent of the Board, and a loan being made contrary to law is void and the Annual Conference may recover by civil process.

20. The property of a congregation which becomes extinct reverts to the Annual Conference if it be part of a circuit, or to the Annual Conference if it be a charge. When the property is sold the deed must be given by the Quarterly Conference in the first case, and by the Annual Conference in the second.

21. If a Quarterly Conference of a charge dropped one of the members of the charge and the Annual Conference confirmed their action, the property of the charge sold it. To whom do the proceeds belong? Answer: To the Quarterly Conference.

22. A majority of all the votes cast to elect a delegate to the Annual Conference is necessary unless the Annual Conference has made a rule to the contrary. No Annual Conference has a right to do so.

23. A pastor cannot be removed from the labor assigned him by the Annual Conference without the consent of the President in the exercise of his right of duty. No Annual Conference can give a pastor a right to resign from his labor.



22. A member of an Annual Conference applying for and receiving a certificate of good standing thereby severs his relation with said Conference and can enjoy none of the privileges of membership until re-admitted by vote of the Conference.

23. A minister withdrawing from an Annual Conference and uniting with another denomination cannot regain membership in the Conference, even if only a few weeks intervene, except by presenting testimonials of good standing in the denomination from which he comes and receiving an affirmative vote of the Conference. But the president may employ him on his testimonials until the meeting of Conference.

24. Members of an Annual Conference who withdraw and elect representatives to the General Conference, claiming to be the Annual Conference in opposition to that from which they withdrew, and whose claim is denied by the General Conference, forfeit membership in their original Annual Conference and can regain it only by vote of the Conference.

25. When a member of an Annual Conference requests the Conference "to drop his name," he ceases to be a minister or a member of the Methodist Protestant Church. If he wishes to continue in both relations he should ask to be transferred to the unstationed list.

26. When a member of an Annual Conference unites with another denomination and then asks for a letter of good standing, his request should be denied, and he should be noted on the roll, "irregularly withdrawn."

27. A minister received into an Annual Conference upon testimonials afterwards discovered to be fraudulent may be brought to trial and expelled for deception. Or, the Conference may by vote rescind its action receiving him on the ground of fraud and declare his reception null and void.

28. Members of an Annual Conference who may be left in the hands of the President have no right to a seat in the Quarterly Conference where they may reside. The statement of the Discipline, page 64, that they "may be entitled to a seat in the Quarterly Conference," must be interpreted to mean, "may be eligible," according to section 12, page 61 and article VI.1. page 21. The Discipline only gives Quarterly Conferences power to elect such persons to membership.

29. An ordained minister who is received into an Annual Conference ceases to be a member of a local church.

30. A member of an Annual Conference has no right to a seat in the Quarterly Conference unless he is the pastor or has been elected to membership, and he cannot in any case fill any of the local offices.

**Note.** Opinions 29 and 30 rest upon the question of amenability. A member of an Annual Conference cannot be tried for any official or moral offense by a local church, and membership follows amenability.

31. Preachers who have not been ordained cannot be received into full membership in an Annual Conference, and have therefore no right to vote on any question.

32. Giving a preacher license to administer the ordinances does not change the status of his membership in the Conference. He is still a probationary member and has no right to vote.

33. License to administer the ordinances can be given only by vote of the Annual Conference upon the recommendation of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders. No Annual Conference can vote license to any itinerant preacher unless it judges it necessary to send him to a charge that cannot otherwise be supplied with the ordinances. Nor to an unstationed preacher unless he has preached under a license three years, one year of which shall have been in the Methodist Protestant Church.

34. A person received into probationary membership of an Annual Conference while he is attending school is improperly received. To give to such person license to administer the ordinances is a flagrant violation of law. Only those can have Conference membership who "are properly under the stationing authority of the Conference." Discipline, page 22.

35. A person preaching under the appointment of an Annual Conference is amenable to that body for his official conduct.

36. An ordained minister received into an Annual Conference cannot be required to take a course of study such as is prescribed for candidates. His ordination entitles him to all the rights enjoyed by any member.

37. A pastor cannot be suspended on account of charges until a committee of trial has found the charge sustained.

38. A pastor is liable to trial for not paying his debts. But if he convinces the committee that his failure to pay is due to the failure of his charge to pay him his salary, he should be acquitted of moral delinquency.

39. A pastor making statements in the pulpit in regard to his travels which were notoriously untrue had charges preferred against him. The president allowed him to name the committee of trial and the committee "forgave him" for the offense charged.

Trial was void and the president should proceed with a new trial according to law.

40. A committee of trial in rendering a verdict of guilty must also fix the penalty. In moral offenses they are unrestricted. In maladministration no greater penalty than removal from office can be fixed.

41. No minister has a right to baptize a person who has already been baptized.

42. There is no law in the Methodist Protestant Church by which a pastor can compel his charge to pay him his salary.

43. One of the appointments of a circuit refused to comply with the instructions of the Quarterly Conference in reference to parsonage property, which instructions were in accordance with the law of the Church. The Quarterly Conference can drop the offending appointment and then proceed according to law in executing its instructions. Or, if certain individuals obstruct the execution they may be removed from office or expelled, so that the instructions may be carried out.

44. Any objectionable person in the Church choir may be removed by the Quarterly Conference.

45. License to preach can be given only by the Quarterly Conference after a favorable report from the committee who has examined the candidate. Any pastor issuing a license according to the form in the Discipline, to one not so recommended is guilty of forgery and the license is void.

46. A man licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference two years before and the license not being renewed, has a right to a letter of good standing as a member of the church, but not as a preacher.

47. If the Fourth Quarterly Conference fails to take any action on the question of the pastor's salary it is a fair inference that the salary of the preceding year is to be continued. To reduce this amount after a pastor has been assigned would be a breach of faith.

48. The minutes of a Quarterly Conference are usually read and adopted at the ensuing session after the call of the roll. But there is no law to prevent the minutes being read at the close of the session, and they sometimes are when any special reason calls for accurate records.

49. A class has no right to elect two leaders, nor would they both be entitled to seats in the Quarterly Conference.

50. A class has no right to vote as a class for a delegate to the Annual Conference. The members of the class, if qualified, that is, if they come up to the requirements of the rules of suffrage adopted by the Annual Conference, may vote in a meeting called for the election of delegate and under the direction of the stewards.

51. Trustees have no right to refuse the use of the church property for any Christian work recognized by the General Conference; and such recognition is to be found in the Discipline and in the General Conference Journal.

52. A congregation cannot overrule the action of the trustees in regard to the use of church property; nor can a pastor except in such uses as are described in the Discipline. Civil authorities recognize duly constituted trustees as paramount in property matters.

53. A parcel of ground bought by the Church for use as a graveyard is church property and subject to the provisions of the Discipline.

54. The meaning of Article IV. Sec. 3, is that it requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the whole membership of the church to authorize the sale, repair, etc., of church property; and this affirmative vote must be given at a meeting publicly called four weeks in advance for the purpose.

55. A motion to authorize a committee to repair a church having been carried, and a subsequent motion to make a certain kind of repair having been lost, and a third motion to paint the church having been lost also, the committee may make any repair except the certain kinds forbidden.

56. Trustees of church property who refuse or fail to hold periodical meetings as required by the Discipline may be brought to trial for maladministration and removed from office.

57. The Quarterly Conference in stations, and the Church in circuits, may drop the name of a member who cannot be found, or who has ceased to take an interest in the Church. But in every case if the member demands a trial charges must be preferred in the regular manner or the name must be restored. If the Quarterly Conference or the Church refuses to do either the Annual Conference may act.

58. No pastor nor committee has the right to drop a name from the Church Register, even at the request of the person involved. But if no charges lie against him a member's name may be dropped at his request by a vote of the Church, or, in stations, of the Quarterly Conference.

59. It is sufficient to give notice to members who have ceased to take an interest in the Church that their names will be dropped. If no response is made, or if they cannot be found, they cease to be members, except that should they afterward appear and demand a trial it must be granted or their names restored. If they respond and ask to be continued as members it is for the Church to say whether they shall be dealt with for unfaithfulness.

60. Should a treasurer of church funds refuse to pay over to his successor any money in his hands belonging to the Church, he may be brought to trial for unchristian conduct, and he may be prosecuted before the civil court.

61. There is no law to prevent a charge from using collections taken on Children's Day for other Church purposes. But it is a manifest wrong to the interest for which Children's Day was instituted; and, unless notice was given to the contributors before the collection was taken, it is a perversion of funds.

62. Money collected either publicly or privately for a specific purpose should not be used for any other. But if the original purpose should be abandoned, a majority may by vote direct the money to another use, provided notice is given and any subscriber who objects is permitted to withdraw his contribution.

63. If two persons having a dispute about business matters refuse to submit the matter to arbitration on the advice of the pastor, they are within their rights. But if they agree to submit it and afterward refuse to abide by the decision they may be proceeded against for unchristian conduct.

64. The statement prefacing the order for administering the Lord's Supper, that the ordinance "should be administered at least once a month in stations and as often in circuits as will give an opportunity to all the members of partaking once a quarter," should be regarded as the law of the Church and therefore mandatory on pastors and congregations.

65. Assistant superintendents and superintendents of departments of Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies are not members of the Quarterly Conference. There is no provision in our law for the election of persons to honorary membership in Quarterly Conferences. Quarterly Conferences may elect as secretary a person not a member of the conference; but this will not entitle him to speak or vote in the conference.

## REPORT NO. 2

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE REPORT OF  
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We, your committee on report of the Executive Committee to this General Conference submit the following report:

1. We approve the recommendation, to so amend the Discipline as to provide for the filling of vacancies in the Executive Committee of the General Conference, during the interim of General Conference sessions, by the Executive Committee.

2. We approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee to have the law relating to the Executive Committee so changed that there shall be annual meetings, and this to include the year in which the General Conference meets.

*Section A.* Of the report of the Executive Committee is approved.

*Section B.* Is also approved.

*Section C.* We approve the effort of the Executive Committee to have a larger representation of the Church, present in the annual meetings of the Executive Committee, and would recommend an amendment of the law governing the attendance, so that it may provide for the widest possible, representation at this annual meeting for counsel.

We approve the suggestion to give the Executive Committee authority to enter into some advisory relation, with the annual conferences so as to arrange the dates of the meetings of the annual Conferences so that, the largest possible attendance of General Secretaries can be had.

*Section E.* In this section we approve the items of expense as reported there, and, recommend that some more adequate provision be made in the law relating to the Executive Committee, which will provide for these expenses.

*Section F.* We approve the acts under this section.

*Section H.* We approve the suggestion of the Executive Committee that the law be so changed, that the President of the General Conference shall have power to interpret the law in the interim of the meeting of the Executive Committee reporting the same for approval to the Executive Committee, except in cases relating to Boundaries, of Conference districts, provided that no decision shall stand as the law, which, changes the action of the general conference.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. JENNINGS, Chairman  
C. L. DUNCAN, Secretary  
W. S. PHILLIPS,  
J. C. McCAIN,  
THOS. C. MILLER.

## REPORT NO. 3

## REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON CHURCH UNION.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in Session at Baltimore, Maryland, May 17th, 1912:

The Commission on Church Union appointed by the General Conference of 1908, and directed to report a full account of its proceedings, together with its suggestions for further action to the next General Conference, respectfully submits:

First, as a part of this report, a printed copy of all the documents pertaining to the work of the Commission.

Second, That the paper adopted by the last General Conference was presented to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Baltimore in 1908; to the General Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ in Canton, Ohio, 1909, and to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Asheville, North Carolina, in 1910.

The General Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ took no action on the proposal submitted by this Commission, and no response was made. An inquiry by us made of the chairman of their Committee Church Union in January, 1910, elicited the reply that no special commission had been appointed by the General Conference, and no specific instructions had been given; but that they had a commission which had been in existence for many years which could treat on this subject, and if our commission would present an official proposition on Church Union at a meeting of their commission would be called to consider it. Inasmuch as our commission had already presented to their General Conference the proposition adopted by our General Conference, and no action had been taken upon it, it seemed possible to offer any additional proposition, and the negotiations went no further.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, accepted our proposal with great enthusiasm, and directed their commissions to enter on negotiations. Accordingly a meeting was arranged, and the twenty-seven members of the three commissions assembled in Baltimore, November 10th, 1910. This meeting continued three days, and resulted in the appointment of a sub-committee of three from each commission to draw up, if possible, a plan for the union of the three bodies. This sub-committee met in Cincinnati, January 18th, 1911, and spent three days in conference, the result of which was a series of suggestions to be referred to a meeting of the three commissions called for May 10th, 1911, in Chattanooga, Tenn. This meeting held sessions for three days and went carefully over the whole subject, finally endorsing and adopting the suggestions of the sub-committee, directing them to be reported to the respective General Conferences, and publishing an address to the Methodists of America.

Third, The series of suggestions adopted by the Joint Commission being herewith presented in printed form for the information of the Conference, is not necessary for this commission to dwell upon them. But it is proper to call attention to the fact that they do not profess to be more than suggestions outlining in general the possible way to the union of the three churches; and that they do not cover the whole subject, but only deal with a few features of a plan in order to give the churches the opportunity to determine the practicability of such a beginning.

Fourth, This Commission being instructed to make suggestions for further action to the General Conference, desires to offer the following:

(1) The series of suggestions agreed upon by the Joint Commission is confessedly but a fragment, relating only to a small part of the organization of the new church. And they are presented for the consideration principally of the two Episcopal Methodisms, since the first great problem which they are to discover is to discover a form of General Conference organization under which they can live harmoniously together. With this phase of the problem the Methodist Protestant Church has little immediate concern, having itself a sectional question, and its fundamental principle of equal lay representation being freely conceded in all the plans proposed. Your Commission does not deem it necessary, therefore, that this General Conference should express itself on the merits of these suggestions at this time.

(2) The second suggestion of your Commission is that this General Conference continue this Commission, or appoint another, for the purpose of carrying on to completion the negotiations so auspiciously begun, repeating the declaration of 1908 that we are "ready to go as far and as rapidly in commending a universal Methodism as the interests and integrity of our own nomination will permit; and asserting as the fundamental condition of our movement that the two Episcopal Methodisms must come into agreement before we can go further than we have gone."

We are aware that there have been some expressions of disappointment at the delay, and of discouragement as to the success of these negotiations; but we are persuaded that they who will candidly consider all the facts will find no reasonable ground for either of these feelings.

Some of the facts that ought to be considered are: that this is the largest ecclesiastical proposition ever submitted to the Christian world, contemplating, as it does, nothing less than the union of more than five million members of three denominations into one, with vast property and administrative interests that cover the whole United States and other countries; that two years had to elapse after the passage of our General Conference resolutions before it was possible even to bring them to the attention of all the official bodies concerned; that after less than two years of consultation and prayer over this great and unprecedented question, with all the difficulties and prejudices of diverse interests to adjust, there have been three definite and important steps taken, as outlined in the documents submitted with this report, the result of two meetings of the Joint Commission and one meeting of the Committee of Nine, which clearly point the way to a final satisfactory settlement of the problem; and that the Joint Commission itself, not composed entirely of supporters of this movement, and some of its members hopeless of any result from the beginning, did yet join with unanimous voice in declaring: "We do not hesitate to say that we have made real and substantial progress, and that we close our present meeting with hope."

There is no doubt that both the other General Conferences will declare for a continuance of the negotiations, and the withdrawal of our General Conference would be deeply regretted by them and be almost a calamity. The position taken by us in 1908 has been splendidly justified; and it is not too much to say, and thousands of Methodists in all the churches do say, that the action of our General Conference was one of the most notable contributions to religious history of the last hundred years. Our appeal has already accomplished what would have been pronounced impossible five years ago, and we have every reason to be patient and steadfast and hopeful of the final success of the effort. But we have nothing to lose even if our hope should not be realized. The last four years have been as successful as former similar periods, so far as our own denomination is concerned, and our prestige has grown to continental dimensions. And whether the movement finally succeed or fails, no small part of the undying glory of attempting it will be heartily accorded by all Methodists to the Methodist Protestant Church.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) T. H. LEWIS, Chairman.  
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D. G. HELMICK,  
C. D. SINKINSON,  
S. R. HARRIS,  
J. E. PETERSON,  
J. J. BARGE.

#### RESOLUTION OFFERED BY D. S. STEPHENS.

*Whereas*, The Methodist Protestant Church was one of the participants in the tri-church union movement which led to the adoption of the "Act of Union" in Chicago, and

*Whereas*, A deputation from the United Brethren Church communicated a resolution to our last General Conference in session at Pittsburgh, Pa., as follows:

"It is the sense of this Committee, appointed by the Bishop's cabinet of the United Brethren Church, to visit the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and voice the present sentiment and thought of our denomination respecting church union, that we stand on the platform expressed in the Act of Union by the Tri-Church Council at Chicago, and further we believe that should it be the pleasure of the Methodist Protestant Church to proceed at once to consummate organic union with the United Brethren Church on the general principles of the Chicago platform, our people are ready to join them in such a movement;" therefore,

*Resolved,* That the present General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, assembled in Baltimore, responds to this invitation by expressing its cordial approval of the general purpose conveyed in the same, and further that a commission of nine persons shall be appointed to notify the proper officials of the United Brethren Church that the Methodist Protestant Church is ready to proceed toward the realization of the organic union of the two bodies on lines indicated in the resolution presented by a deputation from the United Brethren Church to our General Conference in Pittsburgh, further

*Resolved,* That in case this communication is favorably received by the representatives of the United Brethren Church this Commission shall at once notify the various Annual Conferences of the Methodist Protestant Church of this fact, and request the Annual Conferences to call a special session of the General Conference, as provided for in our church discipline, to meet with a like body representing the United Brethren Church, at the earliest date that may seem practicable, for the purpose of consummating the purpose expressed in the communication presented by the deputation from the United Brethren Church to our General Conference in session at Pittsburgh, Pa.

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DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE  
COMMISSION ON CHURCH UNION

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I.

**Resolutions of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.**

"The General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church assembled in Pittsburgh, May 15, 1908, has had three important communications addressed to it on the subject of organic union with other denominations.

The National Council of Congregational Churches, assembled in Cleveland, Ohio, October, 1907, has invited us to join them in sending back to a new commission for revision and amendment the "Act of Union," adopted by the representatives of the Congregational, United Brethren and Methodist Protestant Churches at Chicago in March 1907.

A Committee appointed by the Bishops of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ has appeared before the Conference and expressed their belief that their people are ready to join us in a movement to consummate organic union at once on the general principles of the Chicago platform.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church assembled in Baltimore, May, 1908, has sent a deputation to present resolutions adopted by the Conference proposing the renewal of organic fellowship with them as the beginning of a movement for a re-united and common Methodism in America.

The General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church hails with joy these tokens of the triumph of love and unity in the Church of the loving Christ, and it is our earnest desire to prove ourselves worthy of the honor conferred upon us by being the recipient of these proposals. It is our conviction that the Church is learning new lessons and is being prepared for new duties by the movement so unmistakably beginning in many directions towards a common center. Rejoicing in all these as we do, it will not seem strange that the movement for a re-united and common Methodism in America should be most attractive to us and most nearly concern our own obligations.

Some of the facts that ought to be considered are ecclesiastical proposition ever submitted to the Church, as it does, nothing less than the union of members of three denominations into one, with vast prop- erties that cover the whole United States and other years had to elapse after the passage of our General before it was possible even to bring them to the atten- bodies concerned; that after less than two years of con- over this great and unprecedented question, with pre- judices of diverse interests to adjust, there have im- portant steps taken, as outlined in the document report, the result of two meetings of the Joint Com- mittee of the Committee of Nine, which clearly point the way settlement of the problem; and that the Joint Com- mittee composed entirely of supporters of this movement, and hopeless of any result from the beginning, did yet join in declaring: "We do not hesitate to say that we have substantial progress, and that we close our present meet-

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In accordance with this action the following were named to constitute the Commission:

Chairman: T. H. Lewis, of the Maryland Conference.  
 Ministers: M. L. Jennings, of the Muskingum Conference;  
 George Shaffer, of the Pittsburgh Conference;  
 D. G. Helmick, of the West Virginia Conference;  
 C. D. Sinkinson, of the New Jersey Conference.  
 Laymen: S. R. Harris, of the North Carolina Conference;  
 J. E. Peterson, of the Iowa Conference;  
 W. N. Swift, of the Michigan Conference;  
 J. J. Barge, of the Georgia Conference.

### III.

#### First Meeting of the Joint Commission

The three Commissions of nine members each, representing the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Protestant Church, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, respectively, held their first joint meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, November 30th, 1910, and continued in session three days. The following report of a special Committee was adopted by the Joint Commission.

"In response to the designation of our respective general conferences, and the provisions of the call for this joint meeting, we have felt it incumbent upon us to give very careful consideration to the existing situation in each of our churches, and especially to inquire in regard to their mutual relations to each other.

We are mutually agreed that the churches represented by us are equally Apostolic in faith and purpose and having a common origin, the Methodist Episcopal Church, organized in 1784, they are joint heirs of the traditions and doctrinal standards of the Fathers, and that they have proved their loyalty to the evangelical faith, and evangelical spirit which characterized early Methodists.

We are mutually agreed that our Fathers settled the issues of the past conscientiously for themselves, respectively, and separated regretfully, believing that only such action could insure their continued access to the people they were called to serve.

The benefits of fraternal efforts on the part of two of the churches we represent and the exchange of fraternal messengers between all of them, must be recognized in substantial results achieved within our own country and abroad, and in the manifest improved feeling existing between these communions.

Our efforts to give sympathetic recognition to every interest involved, taken with the common obligation so to plan the work of the church as to make the wisest use of the resources of the Kingdom, coupled with the plain fact that such unnecessary competition and rivalry still exist among Methodist bodies, while unchurched masses hunger for our ministry, compel us to admit that while we rejoice in all that has been achieved by fraternal efforts up to this time, these results do not in every way meet the demand of the times, nor the expectations of our people.

It therefore appears to be our imperative duty earnestly to consider the expediency and practicability of some form of unification that will further allay hurtful competition and conserve all vital interests without in the meantime interfering with the work of the Federal Councils of Methodism.

In the presence of these important issues and the clear evidence of the desire of the members of our churches to be divinely guided in the prosecution of the work to be done by these people of one spiritual ancestry, one faith, and one doctrine, we feel constrained to give further earnest consideration to the great interests brought to our attention by our respective churches, and, therefore, agree:

First. That a joint committee of nine, three from each commission here represented, be appointed to consider the causes which produce friction and waste and injury, rather than promote, the common cause, namely—the spreading of scriptural holiness through these and other lands, and if found practicable, to bring to this Joint Commission a plan for submission to the general conferences and people of the respective churches, said plan to provide for such unification through reorganization of the Methodist Churches concerned, as shall insure unity of purpose, administration, evangelistic effort and all other functions for which our Methodism has stood from the beginning.

Second. It is recommended that this Committee meet promptly for organization and the division of its preliminary labors among necessary sub-committees, each church to be represented in the membership of each sub-committee and the Chairman of each commission to have authority to designate another member of said joint committee to serve on any sub-committee in place of a member of said sub-committee who may be necessarily absent at any sub-committee meeting.

#### IV.

##### Sub-Committee of Nine.

The Committee of nine authorized by the above consisted of:

Bishop Earl Cranston, Bishop J. M. Walden and Mr. R. T. Miller, of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. T. H. Lewis, Rev. M. L. Jennings and Mr. S. R. Harris, of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Bishop E. E. Hoss, Rev. F. M. Thomas, and Mr. W. G. M. Thomas, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The Committee met in Cincinnati, Ohio, January 18th, 1911, and continued in session three days, uniting in a report presenting seven suggestions, and saying, "The magnitude of our task and the time at our disposal prevented the consideration of other elements involved in a complete plan of unification through reorganization."

The suggestions were presented to the Joint Commission at its second meeting, amended, and adopted as printed below.

#### V.

##### Second Meeting of the Joint Commission

The second Meeting of the Joint Commission was held in Chattanooga, Tenn., May 10-12, 1911.

In taking up the report of the Committee of Nine, the following paper presented by the Chairman of the three Commissions was adopted:

"Deeming it of the utmost importance that no misconception of the significance to be attached to the conclusions that may be reached through the discussion of the report now before us, shall be entertained by our people or by the public; and regarding it as hardly less important to the objects of our deliberations that every commissioner be entirely free in the discussion of the points of said report, we propose the following record as preliminary to the consideration of the same:

1. "This report, which deals only in outline with but a part of the principal questions involved in the matter of re-union of our Churches, is to be regarded simply as illustrative of the present status of our deliberations—which have been steadily directed to the one end of discovering first what is practicable, not what might be regarded as ideal.

2. This report being the first ever formulated for its purpose, and dealing with conditions, complicated and delicate, is to be taken as suggestive of possible lines of procedure and our conclusions thereon as the judgment of the Joint Commission concerning the question, what is at the present juncture apparently practicable as a basis of re-union or re-organization."

## VI.

**The Report of the Committee of Nine as Revised and Adopted by the Joint Commission.**

## I.

"We suggest, as a plan of reorganization, the merging of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Protestant Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, into one Church, to be known as the Methodist Episcopal Church in America or the Methodist Church in America.

## II.

We suggest, that this Church shall have throughout common Articles of Faith, common conditions of membership, a common hymnal, a common catechism, and a common ritual.

## III.

We suggest, that the governing power in the reorganized church shall be vested in one General Conference and three or four Quadrennial Conferences, both General and Quadrennial Conferences to exercise their powers under constitutional provisions and restrictions, the General Conferences to have full legislative power over all matters distinctively connectional, and the Quadrennial Conference to have full power over distinctively local affairs.

We suggest, that the colored membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Methodist Protestant Church, and such organizations of colored Methodists as may enter into agreement with them, may be constituted and recognized as one of the Quadrennial or Jurisdictional Conferences of the proposed reorganization.

## IV.

We suggest, that the General Conference shall consist of two houses, each house to be composed of equal numbers of ministerial and lay delegates. The delegates in the first house shall be apportioned equally among the Quadrennial Conferences and elected under equitable rules to be provided therefor. The ministerial delegates in the second house shall be elected by the ministerial members in the annual conferences and the lay delegates by the laity within the annual conferences under equitable rules to be provided therefor. Each annual conference shall have at least one ministerial and one lay delegate. The larger conferences shall have one additional ministerial and one additional lay delegate for every \_\_\_\_\_ ministerial members of the conference; also an additional ministerial and lay delegate where there is an excess of two-thirds of the fixed rate of representation. All legislation of the General Conference shall require the concurrent action of the two houses.

## V.

We suggest, that the Quadrennial Conference shall be composed of an equal number of ministerial and lay delegates to be chosen by the Annual Conference within their several jurisdictions according to an equitable plan to be provided for.

## VI.

We suggest, that the Quadrennial Conferences shall fix the boundaries of the Annual Conferences within their respective jurisdictions, and that the Annual Conferences shall be composed of all traveling preachers in full connection therewith, and of one lay representative from each pastoral charge.

## VII.

We suggest, that the Quadrennial Conferences shall name the bishops from their several jurisdictions, the same to be confirmed by the first house of the General Conference.

## VIII.

We suggest, that neither the General Conference nor any of the Quadrennial Conferences be invested with final authority to interpret the constitutionality of its own actions."

## VII.

**Address by Joint Commission**

The Joint Commission also adopted the following address:

"To the Methodists of the United States, Greeting:

At the first meeting of this Joint Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the Methodist Protestant Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in Baltimore in December, 1910, the commissioners of the Methodist Episcopal Church in a written expression to the commission used the following language:

'It is our conviction that the time has come when it is due to our people as well as the interested public that the desirability and the practicability of organic union shall be discussed between us; and if the preponderance of judgment be found against either the desirability or practicability of organic union, that the reasons be clearly set before our churches, in order that, being informed as to the same, they may the more intelligently judge the work of their commissions and conform their own utterances and actions to the conditions as thus developed. We believe they have a right to this knowledge, and that we owe it to them to give them this opportunity to measure the difficulties, and, as far as possible, to remove them or adjust themselves to actual conditions.'

Starting from this point the Commission, after prayerful consideration, ordered that a sub-committee of nine, three from each church, should be designated to take the whole matter under advisement and, after considering all the accessible facts, should report if possible a plan for the unification of the three churches by reorganization.

The sub-committee met at Cincinnati, Ohio, in January, 1911, and after three days of conference, found itself able to make only tentative suggestions touching fundamental points as preliminary to a later and more final effort to constitute what might be termed a plan of reorganization in harmony with its instructions.

It was found that in matters of doctrine, ritual and the main points of the book of discipline, the churches are essentially agreed. The differences that are radical and difficult of adjustment have their root in historical and traditional divergencies of conviction touching the essential principles of government. As to this, it was quickly perceived that the only possible adjustment was to be found on middle ground reached through mutual concessions.

The report of the sub-committee was brought before us at our present session held in the city of Chattanooga, Tenn., May 10-12, 1911, and has been weighed and discussed with the utmost care. As in duty bound, we shall make a full report of our conclusions, as far as we have been able to reach any conclusions, to the general conferences. To satisfy, however, the just expectations of our own people, we issue this brief statement and address.

Our task has not been a light one. Many difficulties have emerged in the course of our sessions. Things that do not appear on the surface often become manifest on closer examination. This fact, however, has not appalled us. When a difficulty is once clearly seen, it is already conquered. In truth, we are greatly encouraged. The bare fact that it has been possible for us to engage in the discussion of the several issues that have arisen is much. The frank and candid spirit in which this discussion has been conducted is also a ground for congratulation. And the substantial agreements reached on some points furnish reasons for the anticipation that we may eventually be able to see eye to eye, on others.

While our work is not in such a state of maturity as in the judgment of the Commission would warrant us in making a detailed statement to the public, even if we supposed that we had authority to do so, we yet do not hesitate to say, as we have intimated above, that we have made real and substantial progress, and that we close our present meeting with hope, holding ourselves open to receive any new light that may come to us in the future, and ready to convene again when it may be deemed expedient.

We wish it to be distinctly understood that what we have done is not, and does not pretend to be, of the nature of a definite plan of union, but is cast in the form of a series of suggestions to the general conferences such as may be helpful to them in reaching final conclusions.

We desire to express our devout thanks to Almighty God for the delightful fellowship that we have enjoyed with one another as we have sat together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. We further, in conclusion, beg all the people called Methodists to lift up earnest prayers that we may be guided in all our future efforts by that Holy Spirit whose entrance gives light. Shall we not borrow the petition of the Psalmist and make it our own: "Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest between the cherubim, shine forth. Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up thy strength and come and save us."

### VIII.

#### Paper by T. H. Lewis

The following paper by T. H. Lewis was read before the Joint Commission, and by a vote of the Commission ordered to be published.

"Mr. Chairman, and Brethren of the Joint Commission:

At the first meeting of the Commission held in Baltimore last December, representatives of the two Episcopal Methodisms spoke at length in explanation of the difficulties in the way of the nearer approach of Methodists of the South and of the North. It was quite proper and was necessary that they should. These constitute by far the largest and the most important factors in this problem, and it isn't worth while to discuss a Methodist union that leaves either of them out. We all felt, I think, that a most happy ending of that meeting was reached when by unanimous agreement a Committee of Nine was appointed with specific instructions to report to the Commission at its next meeting, if possible, 'a plan to provide for such unification through re-organization of the Methodist Churches concerned, as shall insure unity of purpose, administration, evangelistic effort and all other functions for which our Methodism has stood from the beginning.'

Now that we are met to consider that report and to complete the plan for a united Methodism, I have concluded to ask your indulgence for the submission of a few reflections and suggestions from the standpoint of a Methodist Protestant.

We, twenty-seven commissioners, are unanimously agreed, I believe, that whenever the time comes for the unification of Methodism it will have to come about through a re-organization of the Methodist churches concerned. Hence, all consideration of the subject must proceed upon the assumption that as a matter of course, every party to the union must be ready to make concessions. How many and how important those concessions will be must be determined finally by each denomination for itself; but it will be admitted, I presume, that it ought not to be entirely governed by the size of the denomination. If union between a large church and a small church is thought desirable, and there are differences to be harmonized, the large church might be magnanimous and give up more, or the small church might be eager and give up more; but a more rational way of procedure would seem to be to consider every concession on its merits, with reference to the great ends sought; viz., to bring about a union, and to make the new organization better than any of the old. Proceeding thus, some things would be conceded which might not be regarded as having superior value for one of these ends, but necessary for the other. To get union at all, the people to be united must be satisfied; and so some concessions must be made for no other reason than to satisfy one of the parties to the union. On the other hand, it is necessary to regard the efficiency of the new organization as one of the prime objects and to incorporate in it whatever will increase that efficiency, whether it comes by concession or not.

Now, speaking for myself alone, I hold the first of these ends to be of more practical importance than the second. So far as this Commission is concerned we would not be here at all if there was no desire or hope of bringing about a union. What we do, therefore, and what we refrain from doing, should be determined primarily by its effect upon that end. And, while our main business is not the production of an ideal form of church polity, yet, since we must, in fact, produce a new organization, we ought to seize the opportunity of making that organization as good as possible. All of us are convinced that our respective organizations are now reasonably effective; they are producing good results. It is not because any of them is nearing the breaking-down point, or is tired of the struggle and despairing of the future, that we have been summoned here. I believe my own church has never had a period of such general activity and such pronounced and substantial gains as the period since our last General Conference of 1908. And so far as I can determine by observation, the same thing may be said of the other churches represented here. If the only question before us, therefore, were a practically efficient form of Methodism we might adjourn without delay, and go on as we are. On the other hand, none of us believe our respective organizations are incapable of improvement. We have been constantly changing and modifying them, and even if no union should take place, we would doubtless continue to change and modify them.

But over and above the consideration of the excellence and efficiency of our own churches the question of union has met us with its own peculiar and imperative claims. It stands right across our path and neither Baalam nor Baalam's ass is going to be permitted to ignore it. Denominational bigotry and sectional prejudices are simply out of date, and whatever fine names some people give them they will no longer raise the dead nor inspire many of the living. Everybody who will open his eyes can see it written on the wall of Christendom, "One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren." This is the watchword of an awakened Church, and the greatest movements of Christian energy today are pulsing to that measure. It is not a conclusion of despair, "united we stand, divided we fall;" but the inspiration of seeing greater things than we have yet seen, moving forward instead of standing, triumphing instead of enduring, and rising into the perfect fellowship of love instead of tolerating one another's peculiarities. It is a great achievement we are looking forward to, animated by a great sentiment, and both inspired by our Lord's greatest desire. I know no more fitting expression of it as respects us than this sentence from Dr. Buckley: "To see Methodism in this great nation substantially united would be worth living for and sacrificing for through the toiling of long years, and were men to exert themselves to the point of impoverishment, if they lived to see the vision drawing near to realization, their joy would be such as to obliterate the memory of those sacrifices."

Now considering the details of this new organization, with constant reference to the two great ends in view; viz., to bring about a union, and to make the new organization better than any of the old, I desire to submit to your Christian judgment a few particulars which I believe would be gratifying to all Methodist Protestants and might resolve the hesitancy of those among us who now look upon this movement with scant favor. Yet I would not be understood as presenting them as a Methodist Protestant ultimatum; neither do I regard Methodist Protestant favor as their sole or highest commendation to our consideration. They are for the most part items which have received pronounced approval in both General Conferences of Episcopal Methodism, and they are in the legitimate consequence of all the changes which have taken place in Methodism during the last twenty-five years. So that I think it may be safely prophesied that the greater part of them will be adopted in all Methodisms before many years, even if no union takes place.

They are

(1) Equal lay representation in the Annual Conference. The Committee of Nine has recommended that the principle of lay representation in the Annual Conference be recognized, but they have not expressed any opinion

as to its extent. Logically it seems inevitable that the admission of laymen in the General Conference should lead to their admission in the Annual Conference; and I think it is safe to say that the laymen generally feel more concerned about the action of an Annual than of a General Conference. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has already recognized this principle by providing for the admission of four laymen from each Presiding Elder's district. But it seems equally logical, and I suspect, inevitable, that lay representation in the Annual Conference shall be equal. It is much easier to represent a district by four men in a General Conference than in an Annual Conference. If the churches are to be present at all they ought to be all present, and four men to speak and act for fifty or sixty churches seems inadequate if the purpose is to give the churches a voice. I have no doubt that in practice we all have this now. All our churches send laymen to the Annual Conference, and the incorporation of the practice into law would not materially change the existing status, but it would fix responsibility and give preachers a better chance to understand the situation.

(2) Some method by which Annual Conferences might participate in the selection of District Superintendents or Presiding Elders. This is a very old question in Methodist polity. The General Conference of 1820 passed a law making presiding elders elective, as is well known; and this action was suspended and finally indefinitely postponed on the protest of Bishop-elect Soule. But it is a live question yet, and is likely to be, because it concerns the autonomy of Annual Conferences. I believe they will not be satisfied until some concession of this principle is made. It seems a good time now to recognize the justice of this century-old desire and provide some way by which these important officers may arise out of a legitimate constituency, either by direct election or by nomination to the Bishop of a certain number from which to make the appointment. It will obviate a great deal of future agitation and prevent radical changes, perhaps, to make this concession now.

(3) Some provision for reviewing the plan of appointments. In the very early days it was believed that the usual method of disciplining a preacher who made himself obnoxious by a too strenuous insurgency was to read him out for a wilderness appointment. I think some experience of this sort, fancied or real, led our Methodist Protestant fathers to incorporate in their Constitution a provision for a committee elected by the Annual Conference to which any preacher feeling himself oppressed in his appointment might appeal. In the Conference to which I belong, I doubt if there have been ten appeals in eighty-three years. But the fact that the provision is there gives one a generous sense of security, and renders its use largely unnecessary. I should think such a change would be welcomed most of all by those who make the appointments. The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1910, directed the Bishops to read the plan of appointments to the presiding elders before announcing it to the Conference, and I suppose this is a concession to the principle of review. At any rate, it would be but a step from this to some safe and sane provision for some sort of a Committee of Appeal which would relieve the itinerancy of a load it ought not to bear, involuntary oppression. For, with regard to both these last items I would say that they are distinctly in the line of harmony and cheerful submission to the necessarily hard demands of the itinerancy. With annual conferences participating in creating official advisers to the appointing power, and with appointments subject to review, it becomes easier to satisfy both preachers and churches, not necessarily by giving them what they want, so much as by making them responsible for what they get. I have mentioned the experience in my own conference as to appeals. Let me add that although our president has always made the plan of appointments quite after the fashion of a Bishop, and his plan is never voted on, yet I have never heard of but one church rejecting its pastor in the whole history of the Conference.

(4) The election of all local church officers by the church membership. There was, no doubt, sound reason in the early days, why the pastor should appoint or nominate class leaders, stewards and trustees; for the preacher

represented usually all the administrative ability in the community. But I have no idea that if we were now organizing a Methodist Church we would think of incorporating such a provision in its law. I suppose it is the rare exception now for a pastor to go to any church where he does not find laymen managing much larger business concerns than he would care to undertake. Why, then, should they not be given the responsibility of managing their local church affairs? This is the final step in that representative democracy to which all Methodisms have committed themselves, and the legitimate outgrowth of that uplift of mind and heart among lay people which Methodism has done so much to promote. It is no longer fitting to deal with full-grown Methodists as our fathers dealt with their children. The larger responsibility is already here; we should match it with the larger opportunity.

These items are presented with a view to what I have designated as the second object of our work as a commission, to make a new organization better than any of the old. But now I come to one item which I present not because it will have any bearing upon the efficiency of the new organization, but for its effect upon the other object of our counsels; viz., to bring about a union. I refer to the name the new organization shall bear.

The Committee of Nine has submitted two names, 'The Methodist Episcopal Church in America,' and 'The Methodist Church in America,' for your consideration. For the first name suggested it is to be said that it was the name of the church before any division came about, and the name under which Methodism was first organized in this country. Moreover, since it is expected that the new organization will continue the system of a general superintendency, this name will more fully and accurately describe the organization.

The objection I would offer to this name, with great respect for those who differ from me, is that it will serve neither of the great ends we are trying to promote. It will certainly add nothing to the efficiency of the organization; and, so far from helping to bring about the union, it will, I fear, be the most plausible and the most accessible weapon in the hands of the opposition. This, to the popular mind, is the present name of the largest—very much the largest—of the three Methodisms. To accept that name for the united church will inevitably produce the general impression that we have, after all, not consummated a union, but have simply joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. There are many good Methodists to whom this would seem an extremely hard necessity; and, from my limited knowledge of human nature, I would venture to say that they have registered a solemn vow never to do that thing. They will tell us in the same breath that they are not opposed to union, but they can't submit to absorption. It is not an argument, of course; it is not an exalted type of Christian liberality; but it will serve.

On the other hand, to adopt 'The Methodist Church in America,' as the name of the united church, will first of all proclaim in the most literal and emphatic way that a union has taken place. There is no church so designated now, and the name is simply what is left of our three names after all differentiating adjectives have been dropped, and 'signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which can not be shaken may remain.'

Again it will bear the test of historical and ecclesiastical accuracy. Historically we were Methodists before we organized the Methodist Episcopal Church, and though some of us have ceased to be members of that Church we continue to be Methodists unto this day. Ecclesiastically I maintain that the second name is more accurate than the first. For the outstanding feature of this organization is not Episcopacy, but Methodism; and to insert Episcopal would oblige us to explain to those who identify Episcopacy with an ecclesiastical hierarchy, that our Episcopacy was a general superintendency and not a third and superior order.

Again, whatever name be adopted, popular usage will make it 'The Methodist Church.' A striking instance in proof is the name given the Hymnal adopted by the two Episcopal Methodisms. There was room enough



on the back, on the cover and on the title-page to print the accurate name of the book, but the name given was 'The Methodist Hymnal.' and we are told in smaller type that it is the official hymnal of the Methodist Episcopal Church and of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. So, why not call the Church what the people are going to call it no matter what we say?

Finally, to those who might object that since such an overwhelming majority in this union are, and call themselves, Methodist Episcopal, it would be unreasonable to ask five million to give up to two hundred thousand in the matter of the name, I beg to suggest that my preference has a much wider base than the wishes of Methodist Protestants. The name I prefer is not only one on which all the Methodists in this country may unite without the slightest concession, and the only name in which that is possible; but it sweeps out in world-wide inclusiveness and federates us with all Methodists everywhere. As Methodist Episcopalians we belong exclusively to America; there are none elsewhere except the colonies we have planted, and one of the most vigorous of these has already dropped the middle term. But as 'The Methodist Church in America' we, by our very name, 'lose no opportunity of declaring,' as Mr. Wesley urged us to do, 'that the Methodists are one people all over the world.'

This is the sum, Mr. Chairman, of what I have concluded, after the best thought I could give the subject, to submit to the Joint Commission at this time. I have not exhausted the possibilities of suggestion, and there are other items which I regard important. But I am not a radical in matters of government. Believing that government is a growth rather than a mechanism, and that true governmental reform is a growing adjustment to changing conditions, I hold that all reform should be gradual, that is natural, and, therefore, I am willing to trust a polity, constituted, as I am sure this will be, on the essential principles of a representative democracy, to develop other improvements in keeping with those principles. What I have selected for immediate consideration appeal to me as necessary and consistent elements of the scheme we have adopted. It appears to me they are such as all may accept without sacrificing any principle of either of the old organizations, and I cannot but believe that those who have tested the larger experiment with such complete satisfaction will not refuse nor hesitate to go on with these smaller matters and demonstrate the confidence that Methodism has in its people, and vindicate the ability of Methodism to fit itself to the changing time.

Permit me to add one word of a personal nature. I said in the beginning that I did not wish to be understood as suggesting a Methodist Protestant ultimatum. But I cannot withhold from you, if indeed you are not already apprised of it, that my views on Methodist union do not represent the whole Methodist Protestant Church. Our General Conference resolved 'to go as far and as rapidly in consummating a universal Methodism as the interests and integrity of our own denomination will permit,' and instructed our commissioners 'to promote and complete as far as possible the reunion of Methodists in America.' Those who opposed that action in the beginning have been more active than the majority who adopted it and who have since simply waited in silence until the definite plan could be formulated. Consequently more has been said against the union since our General Conference met than for it. I expect our next General Conference to be elected largely on this issue, and the plan proposed by this Commission will be a large factor in that election. For this reason I am anxious for us to present a plan which will make the way of the critic hard.

Some of you brethren have called me an optimist, and an optimist, by the grace of God, I still call myself. I have no more doubt of the final outcome of this movement now than I had three years ago. I still believe Bishop Warren was right when he said, 'God wills it,' and I am glad with a great joy.

At the conclusion of the meeting of the Committee of Nine in Cincinnati I advanced another step. The remarkable outcome of that meeting convinced me that the hour had struck for a new delimitation of Episcopal Methodism at any rate. I saw the old line drawn between the North and the South begin to fade out. I saw those who bear the ark of these two great tribes come down to the very brink of the Jordan and dip the soles of their feet in

its dividing waters. And I saw—yes, by faith, I saw—the receding waves heaping themselves up in a great heap to make a way for the hosts to pass over on dry ground into the fellowship and unity of a new Promised Land. And I took a stone and set it up and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying 'Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.' So much of this great work I count as good as done.

Now, I want more, I think, than I have ever wanted anything in my life, to see Benjamin cross over into this same Promised Land. His father prophesied of him that he should divide the spoil at even; so he may be a little late in passing over. Some of his counsellors are trying to persuade him not to start. But sooner or later, my faith is, that not only the Methodist Protestants, but all the tribes of Methodism are going over this Jordan of division and strife into the peaceful and goodly land of which the Lord, our Christ, hath told us. My appeal to you brethren of this Commission is to exalt the valleys, the mountains and hills to make low, the crooked places to make straight and the rough places plain, so that over the highway of our God all of Wesley's children in America and in all the world may enter the land not very far off to become and to remain forever one people."

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#### REPORT NO. 4

##### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXCUSES

Your committee to whom was referred the consideration of reasons assigned by various members for their requests to be excused from further attendance upon the sessions of the General Conference, begs leave to respectfully submit that "they all with one consent began to make excuse."

We recommend that the following named members of the General Conference be excused from further attendance:

C. L. Daugherty, E. M. Allen, J. W. Albright, R. C. McGarity, Wm. Pasco, J. D. Ross, G. W. Dexter, Jacob Robert, A. L. McKeever, J. I. Vincent and G. E. Matthews.

W. R. Goley, H. A. Sicker, J. W. Fonda, D. G. Helmick, W. F. Kennett, A. L. Cook, J. W. Trout, J. R. Hutton, A. M. Kopf, C. S. Johnson, Mrs. Anna R. Wilson, J. E. Butler, J. F. McCulloch, A. H. Linder, J. F. Howe, E. C. Weaver, and J. D. Bowers.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. STEPHENS  
H. L. ELDERDICE  
T. C. MILLER

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#### REPORT NO. 5

##### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We have received and examined the report of the Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Geo. R. Brown, D. D., and we heartily commend him for the excellent manner in which the accounts have been kept. The report is herewith submitted.

Your committee desiring it to be understood that we are criticizing a system and not a man would respectfully call the attention of the General Conference to the financial condition which is disclosed by this report, namely:

The receipts of the Board from Churches for the past quadrennium are \$11,746.07, the total receipts from all other sources are \$23,586.60, while the expenditures for Salary and Traveling Expenses of the Secretary-Treasurer alone are \$7209.62, or over 61% of the receipts from churches, and over 30% of the total receipts.

Your committee has no desire to criticize or cast any reflection upon any one. But we submit that so much expenditure ought somehow to bring larger receipts from the churches and conferences.

Therefore,—

We recommend that an assessment of ten cents per member be placed by the Annual Conference upon the members of the churches.

We recommend that the Secretary-Treasurer be relieved of so much clerical work as to give him opportunity to present to our churches the needs of more men and money.

We recommend that the following named persons be elected as members of the Board:—J. W. Knott, Rev. W. D. Stultz, W. S. Walker, W. W. Tapp, Rev. Geo. H. Miller and Rev. W. R. Graham.

The books and accounts shall be audited and approved by a certified public accountant every six months.

We recommend that the proposed changes in the constitution be approved and referred to the Committee on revision.

D. G. HELMICK, Chairman,  
T. A. HUNTER, Secretary  
E. C. WEAVER  
W. J. TREFZ  
E. B. FENBY  
C. D. SINKINSON  
ANDREW J. HARRIS  
D. C. COBURN  
J. W. HERING.

#### Ministerial Education.

To the Members of the General Conference of 1912:

Your Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer respectfully submits the following report of the receipts and expenditures of the Board for the quadrennium just closing, together with a list of all beneficiaries aided, and the names of the annual conferences recommending them. There is appended to this report a revised copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Board for your approval. A revision of the law has been made necessary by changed conditions.

It is with a sense of deep sorrow that we have to report the death of Mr. John H. Clane, President of our Board, which occurred on December 4, 1909. Mr. Clane had been identified with the work of the Board from its inception. He held the responsible position of treasurer of the Board for a number of years; and when the office of treasurer was merged with that of Corresponding Secretary, he was made president of the Board, which position he held to the day of his death. Mr. Clane was so deeply interested in the work of educating young men for the gospel ministry, and so strong was his faith in the methods being used by your Board in doing this work, that he provided in his will for a certain per cent of his property to go to the permanent fund of the Board. He thus lives, and will continue to live, to bless his fellow man and hasten the coming of the Christ whom he loved so dearly and served so faithfully.

At a meeting of the Board held in Pittsburgh, Pa., on March 17, 1910, Mr. Joseph W. Knott, of Beaver Falls, Pa., was elected to succeed Mr. Clane as President of the Board. While the law governing the Board does not provide for filling vacancies in the Board, we found upon investigation that it has always been the custom of the Board to fill any vacancies occurring by death or otherwise, and so on March 19, 1910, Rev. George H. Miller, of Steubenville, Ohio, was elected to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. Clane as a member of the Board.

We call your attention to the following facts:

1. Since the organization of the Board 428 men have been aided in our schools in their preparation for the gospel ministry at a total cost of \$99,234.82. Of this amount about \$13,557.82 were gifts. These were made to students in the early days of the Board before the plan of loaning money

without interest was adopted. In round numbers, the Board has loaned \$85,677.00 to beneficiaries, and of this amount \$54,090.70 has been returned. There is approximately \$25,000.00 on our books, a very large per cent of which ought to be in our treasury. During the quadrennium your Secretary-Treasurer has been successful in collecting a number of accounts of long standing, and he believes that with methods being used larger results will follow in the next few years.

2. During this quadrennium the Board has aided sixty-two men in our schools at a cost of \$18,876.40. A large number of these men have taken both a college and a seminary course, and are thus specially equipped for the great work of the ministry. According to the order of the last General Conference the Board has granted free scholarships to graduates of our own colleges, who, at the time of their graduation, were beneficiaries of the Board, while taking theological courses in our seminaries. This has taken \$3,400.00 of our distributive fund, and, as a result, our balance is reduced to a minimum.

3. The permanent fund of the Board is in good condition. All the money ever contributed to this fund is intact and drawing interest. The fund amounts to \$31,537.50. The Board feels that it would be materially aided in its great work for the denomination if this fund were increased to \$100,000.00. The securities are in the hands of your Secretary-Treasurer, and may be inspected by you at your will.

4. It is gratifying to state that the church in many sections is becoming interested in the work of your Board to a degree that promises larger and better things for it in the future. The church has been aroused to pray for more labourers for the harvest, our pastors are constantly looking for promising young men to enter the work, and your Board through its Secretary-Treasurer is always looking for "more men." The contributions from the churches to this interest are very small, as compared with the other interests, for several reasons. In the first place we do not need as much money with which to carry on our work as is needed to carry on the work of the other Boards; and, in the second place, our Board has never been authorized, for reasons which are not clear to us, to lay assessments on the annual Conferences for our work. The Board has been forced to accept just such assessments as the conferences volunteered to give us. The fact must not be lost sight of that we have been enabled to carry on our work all these years, aiding every man who has come to us properly recommended, without creating any debts. The Board does its work on a strictly cash basis. For this reason our receipts have not been augmented by contributions received through special appeals, or through the observance of some special day on which extra contributions would be forthcoming. The business of the Board is to invest money in consecrated, Christian manhood; not to make money and hoard it.

5. You will be gratified to learn that out of the fifteen graduates from the Westminster Theological Seminary this year, ten are beneficiaries of our Board. Of the eight degree men in the class, seven are beneficiaries of our Board, and five of the prize winners are our boys. We believe you will appreciate the significance of this statement in so far as it gives you an idea of the kind of work the Board is doing for the denomination. The Board contemplates instituting a vigorous campaign for Christian education in our denomination in connection with the special work it is commissioned to do. It has been encouraged to undertake such a campaign by suggestions from our leading educators. In conducting such a campaign, the work of ministerial education, we believe, will be greatly assisted.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE R. BROWN,

Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer.

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.

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STATEMENT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL  
EDUCATION OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH  
FOR THE FOUR YEARS ENDING, MAY 15, 1912.

RECEIPTS.

CONFERENCES	May 1909	May 1910	May 1911	May 1912	Aggregate
Alabama.....	\$ 55 87	\$ 69 72	\$ 108 45	\$ 90 00	\$ 324 04
Arkansas.....	34 12	16 50	40 78	9 25	100 65
Georgia.....	39 42	77 70	89 35	98 89	305 36
Iowa.....	35 08	45 82	15 80	11 48	108 18
Indiana.....	147 80	141 78	128 26	91 75	509 39
Kansas.....	50 20	85 25	90 05	72 50	298 00
Louisiana.....	33 20	2 00	9 00	11 65	55 85
Maryland.....	602 00	587 00	658 10	606 00	2,453 10
Michigan.....	242 28	252 96	243 64	243 25	982 11
Muskingum.....	196 10	184 04	186 90	82 11	629 15
New Jersey.....	83 00	88 05	103 69	107 65	382 39
New York.....	129 75	126 48	104 83	127 74	488 80
North Carolina.....	271 31	326 96	283 49	284 53	1,166 29
North Illinois.....	77 55	101 90	153 55	93 95	426 95
North Missouri.....	27 75	16 55	19 54	15 06	78 90
Ohio.....	153 58	169 95	169 50	168 70	661 73
Oklahoma.....	1 50		20 66	6 45	28 61
Onondaga.....	108 75	140 00	160 68	159 13	568 56
Pennsylvania.....	23 38	27 90	20 79	12 01	83 08
Pittsburgh.....	352 53	376 24	270 59	268 07	1,267 43
South Carolina.....		5 06		50	5 56
South Illinois.....	5 75	6 15	3 50	7 73	23 13
Tennessee.....		20 22	3 17		23 39
Texas & Cen. Texas.....			125 50	86 90	215 40
Texas-Colorado.....			5 90	6 25	12 15
Texas-Northwest.....			9 40		9 40
Virginia.....		6 20			6 20
West Virginia.....	106 84	118 88	154 40	134 15	514 27
Total from Churches.....	2,777 54	2,993 31	3,179 52	2,795 70	11,746 07
On Loans.....	1,048 21	1,791 57	1,519 21	1,483 16	5,840 15
Interest.....	1,439 06	1,646 17	1,649 80	1,285 25	6,000 28
Balance May 15, 1908.....					4,455 48
Grand Total.....					\$28,041 98

DISBURSEMENTS

TO BENEFICIARIES AS FOLLOWS:	May 1909	May 1910	May 1911	May 1912	Aggregate.
Adrian College.....	\$1,500 00	\$1,796 00	\$1,785 00	\$1,250 00	\$6,331 00
Western Md. College.....	1,122 00	860 00	348 00	923 00	3,253 00
Semin'y at Westmins'r, Md.....	1,125 00	1,090 00	1,557 00	913 00	4,685 00
Free Scholarships.....	300 00	650 00	800 00	1,100 00	2,850 00
Westminster College, Texas.....	125 00	185 00			310 00
West Lafayette College.....	85 00	165 00	125 00		375 00
Kansas City University.....	60 00	187 40	250 00	225 00	722 40
Adrian Sem'y Scholarships.....		200 00	100 00	50 00	350 00
Board Meetings.....	110 36	79 50	78 77	28 20	296 83
Treasurer's Bond.....	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	100 00
Traveling exp. Sec. & Treas.....	281 78	395 40	462 66	378 53	1,518 37
Salaries.....	*1,500 00	1,300 00	1,391 25	1,500 00	5,691 25
Printing, postage, etc.....	38 88	51 29	35 07	24 51	149 55
Typew'r, fil. cab. & stand..	90 30				90 30
Int. on Bailey Mort. Note.....	20 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	80 00
Amts refunded, and amts p'd Sem. through our Treas	18 30		19 74	7 50	45 54
Trans'd to Perm't Fund.....			1,000 00		1,000 00
Total.....	6,341 11	7,004 59	7,871 49	6,444 74	27,848 24
Balance in Bank.....					193 74
Grand Total.....					28,041 98

\*\$100 of this amount is balance of Dr. Berrien's Salary 1908, and \$100, is balance of Geo. R. Brown's Salary for 1908.

**Distributive**

To Balance .....	\$ 4,455 48	
From Churches .....	11,746 07	
Interest and Dividends .....	6,000 28	
Return Payments by Beneficiaries .....	5,840 15	
		<b>\$28,041 98</b>

**Expenditures**

Paid Beneficiaries .....	\$18,876 40	
Salary .....	5,691 25	
Traveling Expenses Sec. & Treas. ....	1,518 37	
Paid Permanent Fund .....	1,000 00	
Board Meetings .....	296 83	
Treasurer's Bond .....	100 00	
Printing, Postage, Rent of Vault .....	149 55	
Typewriter, Filing Cabinet .....	90 30	
Amounts Refunded, etc. ....	45 54	
Balance in Bank .....	193 74	
		<b>\$28,041 98</b>

**Investment of the Permanent Fund.**

Mortgage, John K. Emge, Sheridanville, Pa. ....	\$ 2,400 00
" S. C. Jolly, Beaver Falls, Pa. ....	3,000 00
" S. H. Sterling, Beaver Falls, Pa. ....	3,000 00
" William Boyles, Beaver Falls, Pa. ....	3,000 00
" William Lloyd, Beaver Falls, Pa. ....	1,000 00
Six Shares Paid up Stock, People's Building and Loan Association, Beaver Falls Pa. ....	1,200 00
Mortgage, W. J. Shuster, Beaver Falls, Pa. ....	750 00
Stock in Jefferson Building and Savings Company of Steubenville, Ohio. ....	5,687 50
Note Beaver County Building and Loan Association. ....	5,000 00
Note Second New Brighton Building and Loan Association. ....	5,000 00
Six Shares paid up Stock in Home Protective Savings and Loan Association. ....	600 00
Harold G. Spahr Mortgage .....	400 00
Note, D. S. Stephen .....	200 00
Note C. D. Claney .....	100 00
Dr. John Sargent Fund held by Adrian College. ....	200 00
Total .....	<b>\$31,537 50</b>

**Names of Beneficiaries and Conferences Recommending Them.**

Harvey E. Orwick .....	Ohio	Clarence J. Kerlin .....	Indiana
G. C. Laudenslager .....	Michigan	E. L. Steffey .....	S. Illinois
J. R. Smith .....	Michigan	W. F. Stipe .....	N. Illinois
C. J. Morton .....	Muskingum	R. E. Cairnes .....	New Jersey
E. C. Lucas .....	Indiana	W. V. Scott .....	Michigan
Geo. C. Foltz .....		E. C. Corn .....	Indiana
Thos. K. Corn .....	Indiana	E. D. Crawford .....	Muskingum
H. B. Hayes .....	Michigan	R. W. Huff .....	Ohio
Clarence Leckenby .....	Pittsburgh	J. F. McKnight .....	Pittsburgh
M. J. Shroyer .....	Indiana	Arthur Steinfeldt .....	N. Illinois
Lloyd Mead .....	Michigan	R. E. Brooks .....	Ohio
Walter Mollon .....	Michigan	H. T. VanHoesen .....	Onondaga
A. Van Schoick .....	Ohio	W. S. Harper .....	Indiana
Isaac Miller .....	Pittsburgh	F. M. Bassford .....	Pittsburgh
C. J. Johns .....	Pittsburgh	E. W. Terry .....	New York
W. E. Cottrell .....	Ohio	Ronalds Taylor .....	New York

L. W. Gerringer . . . . .	North Carolina	George H. Enfield	North Carolina
C. W. Bates . . . . .	New York	W. A. Ledford . . . . .	North Carolina
W. H. Mikesell . . . . .	Maryland	C. C. Day . . . . .	Maryland
J. E. Pritchard . . . . .	North Carolina	W. H. Husung . . . . .	Muskingum
W. H. Hantzsmann . . . . .	Maryland	D. T. Surratt . . . . .	North Carolina
W. B. Surratt . . . . .	North Carolina	E. F. Dukes . . . . .	Maryland
W. D. Surratt . . . . .	North Carolina	W. J. McGarity . . . . .	Georgia
Hirl Kester . . . . .	Pennsylvania	H. F. Surratt . . . . .	North Carolina
L. W. Gordon . . . . .	New York	J. R. Horsey . . . . .	Maryland
M. E. Hungerford . . . . .	Maryland	R. S. Troxler . . . . .	North Carolina
R. W. Coe . . . . .	Maryland	Paul Reigel . . . . .	Georgia
P. R. Davis . . . . .	Muskingum	R. R. Hess . . . . .	Pennsylvania
A. H. Ackley . . . . .	New York	W. H. Hodges . . . . .	West Virginia
Daniel F. Meyers . . . . .	Maryland	A. W. Ewell . . . . .	Maryland
S. F. Sliker . . . . .	Pennsylvania	G. J. Johnson . . . . .	West Virginia
Fred Duvall . . . . .	New York	A. R. Corn . . . . .	Indiana
G. G. Jones . . . . .	West Virginia	W. D. Stanger . . . . .	New Jersey
J. C. Walden . . . . .	Onondaga	H. M. Peterson . . . . .	Pittsburgh
W. F. Bauscher . . . . .	Maryland	E. O. Hearne . . . . .	Central Texas
J. H. Goodwin . . . . .	Texas	W. L. Baker . . . . .	Kansas
E. R. Biggs . . . . .	North Missouri	C. H. Havens . . . . .	Indiana

**Beneficiaries Aided in the Four Years Ending May 15, 1912.**

Adrian College

H. E. Orwick . . . . .	\$ 125 00
C. J. Kerlin . . . . .	200 00
W. E. Cottrell . . . . .	166 00
G. C. Laudenslager . . . . .	437 50
E. L. Steffey . . . . .	125 00
J. R. Smith . . . . .	250 00
W. F. Stipe . . . . .	310 00
C. J. Morton . . . . .	125 00
R. E. Cairnes . . . . .	125 00
E. C. Lucas . . . . .	125 00
W. V. Scott . . . . .	250 00
G. C. Foltz . . . . .	425 00
E. C. Orn . . . . .	125 00
T. K. Corn . . . . .	250 00
E. D. Crawford . . . . .	375 00
H. B. Hayes . . . . .	250 00
R. W. Huff . . . . .	125 00
J. F. McKnight . . . . .	375 00
M. J. Shroyer . . . . .	375 00
A. Steinfeldt . . . . .	375 00
Clarence Leckenby . . . . .	370 00
Lloyd Mead . . . . .	50 00
R. E. Brooks . . . . .	62 50
Walter Mollon . . . . .	60 00
H. T. Van Hoesen . . . . .	62 50
A. B. Van Schoick . . . . .	250 00
W. S. Harper . . . . .	125 00
Isaac Miller . . . . .	125 00
P. M. Bassford . . . . .	62 50
C. J. Johns . . . . .	125 00
E. W. Terry . . . . .	125 00
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	\$ 6,331 00

<b>Adrian Seminary Free Scholarships</b>	
W. E. Cottrell .....	\$ 100 00
C. J. Kerlin .....	250 00
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	\$ 350 00
<b>Western Maryland College</b>	
Ronalds Taylor .....	\$ 200 00
L. W. Gerringe .....	330 00
G. H. Enfield .....	375 00
C. W. Bates .....	152 00
W. A. Ledford .....	295 00
W. H. Mikesell .....	130 00
C. C. Day .....	290 00
J. E. Pritchard .....	155 00
W. H. Husung .....	252 00
W. H. Hantzman .....	90 00
D. T. Surratt .....	250 00
W. B. Surratt .....	42 00
E. F. Dukes .....	200 00
W. D. Surratt .....	42 00
W. J. McGarity .....	225 00
H. F. Surratt .....	125 00
Hirl Kester .....	100 00
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	\$ 3,253 00
<b>Westminster Seminary Free Scholarships</b>	
L. E. Purdum .....	\$ 100 00
C. W. Sanderson .....	300 00
P. R. Davis .....	200 00
W. H. Mikesell .....	300 00
C. J. Morton .....	300 00
C. W. Bates .....	100 00
J. E. Pritchard .....	300 00
Ronalds Taylor .....	250 00
L. W. Gerringe .....	200 00
W. A. Ledford .....	200 00
C. C. Day .....	200 00
G. H. Enfield .....	100 00
G. C. Foltz .....	100 00
H. M. Peterson .....	100 00
C. J. Kerlin .....	100 00
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	\$ 2,850 00
<b>Westminster Theological Seminary</b>	
L. W. Gordon .....	\$ 124 00
J. R. Horsey .....	159 00
M. E. Hungerford .....	124 00
R. S. Troxler .....	399 00
R. W. Coe .....	124 00
Paul Reigel .....	350 00
P. R. Davis .....	105 00
R. R. Hess .....	360 00
A. H. Ackley .....	85 00
G. G. Shurtz .....	125 00
W. H. Hodges .....	50 00
D. F. Meyers .....	90 00
J. E. Pritchard .....	45 00
A. W. Ewell .....	250 00
S. F. Sliker .....	250 00
G. J. Johnson .....	90 00



Fred Duvall .....	110 00
A. R. Corn .....	300 00
W. A. Ledford .....	125 00
W. L. Heitz .....	250 00
J. R. Stanton.....	250 00
G. G. Jones .....	125 00
W. D. Stanger .....	63 00
C. C. Day .....	100 00
J. C. Walden .....	131 00
W. S. Harper .....	125 00
L. W. Geringer .....	50 00
W. F. Bauscher .....	75 00
Aurice Parsells.....	125 00
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	\$ 4,685 00
Westminster College	
E. O. Hearne .....	\$ 225 00
J. H. Goodwin.....	85 00
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	\$ 310 00
West Lafayette College	
H. M. Peterson .....	\$ 375 00
Kansas City University	
W. L. Baker.....	\$ 122 50
H. E. Orwick .....	362 40
E. R. Biggs .....	125 00
C. H. Havens .....	112 50
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	\$ 722 40

REPORT NO. 6

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS

Your Committee on Publishing Interests offers the following report:

1. There have been referred to us reports of the Board of Publication; the reports of the Pittsburgh and Baltimore Directories; a memorial from the Ohio Conference; a resolution introduced by W. F. Kennett and others; and a recommendation from the Maryland delegation; all of which are herewith submitted.

2. We find that the report of the Pittsburgh Directory follows the form prescribed by the General Conference of 1904; but we do not believe that this form meets the needs of the Directory in making its report to the General Conference, and we therefore recommend that it be discarded, and that in future, the report show, in parallel columns all the items in detail necessary for making up same, as to receipts, disbursements, assets, liabilities, accounts with building, periodicals, etc., with items making up profit and loss account, and net result, for each year of the quadrennium, with a summary for the entire quadrennium, and a comparison of the results with those of the previous quadrenniums.

We are gratified at the increase in the amount of net profit, the reduction of debt on the building, and at the prospect of obtaining a profitable tenant.

We deplore the reduction in the circulation of the Methodist Recorder, as shown by the report.

3. The report of the Baltimore Directory shows quite a gratifying increase in the amount of business done, and in net profit. We find this report clear and concise.

We regret to note the reduction in the size of the Methodist Protestant, made necessary by the exigencies of the case, and trust the Directory may soon feel justified in restoring it to its former size.

4. We approve of the recommendation of the Board of Publication that 20% of the net profits of each Directory be set aside for the use of the General Conference, as it may direct, and recommend that this amount be remitted annually to the Treasurer of the General Conference.

5. We approve the recommendation of the Board of Publication in regard to the introduction of the graded lessons in the elementary grades, and recommend that the matter be referred to the Board of Publication, in order that the provisions of this recommendation may be carried out.

6. While we believe that legal and other complications involved in the proposed consolidation of the General Conference Organs and Publishing interests make it impracticable, if not impossible, yet the end sought seems sufficiently desirable to warrant a careful investigation; therefore we recommend that this whole matter be referred to the special committee on the consolidation of the various general interests of the Church already ordered by this Conference, and that that committee shall secure legal advice, and report their findings to the next session of the General Conference.

7. We nominate as members of the Baltimore Directory: N. T. Meginnis, J. L. Mills, D. D., C. D. Sinkinson, D. D., C. R. Durbin and J. W. Chapman, Jr.

8. We nominate as members of the Pittsburgh Directory: C. E. Shepard, D. D., J. H. Lucas, D. D., A. M. Lyons, W. E. Sankey and Wm. C. Baldwin.

9. We nominate as President of the Board of Publication C. E. Shepard, D. D., and as Secretary J. L. Mills, D. D.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. STEPHENS, Chairman  
 J. NORMAN WILLS, Secretary  
 J. H. LUCAS  
 JAMES IRWIN  
 W. R. GRAHAM  
 GEORGE H. MILLER  
 T. D. BOWERS

#### REPORT OF THE BALTIMORE BOOK DIRECTORY.

To the President and members of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Dear Brethren:

The only change in the personnel of the Baltimore Book Directory during the quadrennium was occasioned by the death of Mr. Wm. B. Usilton, who for five years had been our honored and affable president. Suitable resolutions were spread upon our minutes March 17, 1910, giving expression to our keenly felt loss in his demise. In due time, Mr. Jas. W. Chapman, Jr., of Baltimore, was chosen by the Directory to fill the vacancy.

#### The Methodist Protestant.

We reported four years ago that just prior to that time we had reduced the size of the Methodist Protestant to sixteen pages, feeling that the loss which the paper had sustained required such a step. We are pleased to report that while there has been almost as much reading matter presented to our patrons as before, we have been enabled to save in the matter of expense, because of the reduced size, during the quadrennium, \$3,025.61. And yet, much to our regret, notwithstanding this economy our loss in the publication of the paper for the past four years is \$2,722.94, which is however, we are glad to say, \$248.31 less than it was for the preceding term. If every subscriber had paid that which was due us during the Quadrennium, our loss would have been \$1,193.11 less, as that is the actual amount entered on our books as due us from delinquent subscribers—those who would not pay for papers sent.

This item of loss on the publication of the Methodist Protestant should henceforth be very small, if indeed there be any loss at all, as the Directory will hereafter have the benefit of the bequest of the late Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse, and thereby be relieved of providing out of the gains in the other departments for the deficiency in the support of the paper.

#### **Sunday School Periodicals**

From the sale of our Sunday School papers, our statement shows that we have a net gain of \$5,265.39, which is \$243.82 more than the gain in this department in the preceding period. With regards to our Sunday School Literature, we realize that we have reached the time when important changes must be made. Owing to the recent development in the grading of Sunday Schools, we recognize the fact that there is an increasing demand for lesson papers more perfectly adapted to the needs than ours at present. We venture to say that the Committee on Publishing Interests will have no more important question before it than that of planning for a revision of our Sunday School Literature.

#### **Books and Merchandise**

The business in our Merchandise or Book Department shows a most gratifying development. Our splendid location in the very heart of the business district of Baltimore, and our attractive store with a stock of Church and Sunday School supplies, books, cards, etc., which cannot be equalled in the city, largely account for this excellent report. Our trade with all denominations in Baltimore is steadily increasing. The gross amount of sales is \$67,024.58 against \$30,585.37 for the preceding quadrennium an increase of \$36,439.21; while the net profits in this department amount to \$5,687.09 which is an increase of \$4,237.58.

#### **Summary**

Our total net gain for the Quadrennial period, as shown by our statements, is \$5,832.21, which is \$4,560.97 greater than was our gain during the preceding period. This gain added to our capital as reported Feb. 29, 1908, \$13,300.10, plus a bequest received from Mrs. Tamsey A. Reese, of Easton, Md. of \$718.64, makes the amount Feb. 29, 1912, \$19,850.95. In addition to the above mentioned net gain it should be said to the credit of our business that the following items which were entered as losses on our Profit and Loss account during the Quadrennium should really be considered as additional results from our work: Loss on publication of the Methodist Protestant for the four years, \$2,722.94; Expenses of the Executive Committee of the General Conference, \$195.49; Total \$2,918.43. Which, if added to our net gain, as stated would bring the actual earnings from our business for the four years up to the amount of \$8,750.64.

While we have not had the expense of a rental for the building which we occupy, yet it will be noticed on the statements, that we have paid for the expenses and improvements on the property during the past four years, the amount of \$1,454.47.

We would also call attention to the fact that during the quadrennium we have been careful to take into account the depreciation of our furniture and fixtures, charging off as a loss each year 10% of the total amount invested, so that our total loss on this item amounts to \$727.29. Another loss item which we greatly regret is for accounts against customers for Sunday School papers, books, etc., which we were unable to collect. These amounted to \$33.05. And besides these there are at present certain doubtful accounts on our ledger amounting to \$225.00, which however we are including as bills receivable in our report, and we hope to be able to collect at least the greater part of them in the near future.

#### **An Important Suggestion**

In view of all the favorable conditions now existing in the work, we feel moved to suggest that if the Pittsburgh Directory can see its way clear to

do likewise, it would be a practical business plan for the General Conference to order the two Directories to set aside at the end of each year during the ensuing Quadrennium an amount equal to 20% of the actual net gains, to be brought to the next General Conference for disposition as that body may deem most wise.

### A Final Word

By virtue of the authority and direction of the General Conference, after the close of the quadrennial period, ending February 29, 1912, we engaged the Baltimore Audit Company, a corporate body of Certified Public Accountants, and instructed them to make an exhaustive and complete examination of all the books and vouchers pertaining to the business of the Book Concern for four years, ending with the above date.

After giving the greater part of two weeks to the task the examination was completed, with the result, just as had been anticipated by our Board, that they found, adopting the exact language of their report now on file at the Book Rooms, "the office well conducted and the books and accounts accurately and conscientiously kept." A review of the figures and facts taken from the books and embodied in our report, fully verified and substantiated by one of the leading Auditing Companies of Baltimore City, justifies us in making the statement that the crisis or formative period of the Book Concern has been passed and we are now firmly established upon a safe foundation or basis wherein to operate a successful and profitable business in the future, which ought to yield us a revenue more than sufficient to meet the demands of the Book Concern, to be applied as we have already suggested, in aiding and developing the benevolent enterprises of our church at large.

Recognizing the fact that this splendid showing has been made possible largely through the business sagacity, unswerving honesty, energy, and economic management of our Agent, Thomas R. Woodford, assisted by his faithful employees we cheerfully embrace the present opportunity to bear testimony to this truth and we do now and here record our appreciation of the valued services rendered by him and his assistants in the conduct of the business of the Book Concern.

With an ever increasing gratitude to Almighty God, who has so mercifully and kindly directed us in the management, our report for the quadrennium recently ended, is respectfully submitted for your consideration and approval,

Faternally and sincerely yours,  
N. T. MEGINNISS, President.  
J. I. MILLS, Secretary.

### Auditor's Report

Baltimore, May 9, 1912.

N. T. MEGINNISS, President,

The Book Directory of the Methodist Protestant Church in Baltimore City,  
316 North Charles Street, City.

Dear Sir: We have completed, in accordance with our agreement of April 25th, an audit of the books and accounts of your business for the quadrennium ending February 29, 1912, and submit herewith the following schedule showing the operations for the period, and your financial condition at its close.

- Schedule A—Comparative Balance Sheet for Quadrennium.  
\*B—Comparative Department Trading and Profit and Loss Statements for Quadrennium.  
C—Condensed Statement of Income and Expenditure for Quadrennium.  
D—Comparative Department Statements, showing Percentages.

In making this audit we have verified all additions, checked all general ledger postings, examined all cancelled checks and the majority of petty vouchers, and have satisfied ourselves of the technical accuracy of your books, and that they present a true record of the transactions of your business.

We have seen that the Accounts Receivable as shown appear on your books, and have examined each individual account. Owing to the nature of your business a large percentage of these accounts are much past due. They are, however, considered good in our estimation, with the exception of about \$100.00, the bulk of which we do not believe will be collected. This possible deficiency is more than offset by the amount of unexpired taxes and insurance, which is not shown on your books.

The system of accounts of the Directory provide for the division of the business into three Departments—the Methodist Protestant, Sunday School and Medicals, and Merchandise. Whenever possible, each expenditure is properly charged and income credited to the proper Department, while those items not susceptible of classification are charged or credited to general accounts. This plan is admirably adapted to presenting an intelligent statement of the operations, showing profits and losses where they occur.

If we add to the net profit for the quadrennium, \$5,832.21, the net loss of the Methodist Protestant \$2,722.94, and the General Conference Expenses, \$5,449.00, we have \$8,750.64, which represents the actual net profit on the part of the two Departments.

We are furnishing for the Directory a separate report, containing a more complete discussion of the various accounts appearing in the statements attached hereto.

In conclusion we will state that although we have not checked any post-closing to individual accounts nor verified same by correspondence, nor verified the actual existence of stock as listed on inventories, we are prepared to state that the attached statements, in our opinion, represent the true condition of the operations of your business, as revealed by the books and accounts in your office.

We found your office well conducted, the books and accounts accurately and conscientiously kept, and we desire to express our appreciation of the courtesies extended us in the conduct of the audit.

Respectfully submitted,

BALTIMORE AUDIT COMPANY,

ERNEST E. WOODEN,

Certified Public Accountant,  
Secretary.

Approved:  
CHARLES L. HEHL,  
Certified Public Accountant,  
President.

\*Schedule B is omitted to save space, but it is included with our annual report to the General Conference.—T. R. W.

**COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET FOR QUADRENNIUM  
ENDING FEBRUARY 29th, 1912**

	Feb'y 28, 1909	Feb'y 28, 1910	Feb'y 28, 1911	Feb'y 29, 1912
<b>ASSETS.</b>				
Cash .....	\$1,673 00	\$ 183 99	\$ 505 23	\$ 279 45
Deposit—Baltimore Post Office .....	25 00	11 06	25 00	25 00
Accounts Receivable .....	2,789 88	2,942 46	2,968 38	3,066 51
Accounts Receivable in Suspense— Methodist Protestant 20 per cent. valuation .....	20 45	163 72	20 55	145 13
Accrued Advertising in Methodist Protestant .....	126 35	378 74	253 10	93 58
Advance Orders for Sunday School Periodicals .....	1,767 50	1,767 50	1,197 50	1,195 00
Inventories:				
Drinkhouse History .....	585 00	573 75	522 75	495 00
Hymnal Plates .....	600 00	600 00	600 00	600 00
Merchandise Stock .....	10,334 86	13,329 48	15,180 60	15,391 44
Office Supplies .....				141 12
Sunday School Periodicals .....		6 55	10 86	3 08
Paper for Methodist Protestant ..	40 25		89 06	103 12
Loan to Trustees of Maryland An- nual Conference .....	742 30	155 43	163 20	171 36
Furniture and Fixtures .....	1,331 77	1,657 91	1,612 05	1,696 67
Improvement to Property .....		313 41	282 26	524 29
<b>Total Assets .....</b>	<b>\$20,036 36</b>	<b>\$22,083 00</b>	<b>\$23,430 54</b>	<b>\$23,932 75</b>
<b>LIABILITIES.</b>				
Accounts Payable .....	\$ 3,677 39	\$ 3,919 70	\$ 3,857 08	\$ 3,341 16
Advance Subscriptions:				
Methodist Protestant .....	60 00	463 37	101 87	95 37
Sunday School Periodicals .....	707 13	663 25	691 86	645 27
Accrued Interest:				
T. A. Reese Fund .....	168 73			
Maryland Annual Con. Fund .....	595 91			
Rent Fund, 316 N. Charles St. ....	136 02			
<b>Total Liabilities .....</b>	<b>5,345 18</b>	<b>5,046 32</b>	<b>4,650 81</b>	<b>4,081 80</b>
Capital .....	14,691 18	17,036 68	18,779 73	19,850 95
	<b>\$20,036 36</b>	<b>\$22,083 00</b>	<b>\$23,430 54</b>	<b>\$23,932 75</b>

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T. R. WOODFORD, Agent.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE QUADRENNIUM ENDING FEBRUARY 29th 1912

	1908-09	1909-10	1910-11	1911-12	Quadren'm
<b>INCOME.</b>					
Methodist Protestant.	\$ 5,366 75	\$ 5,157 23	\$ 5,606 35	\$ 4,926 65	\$ 21,056 98
S. S. Periodicals .....	10,022 83	10,565 78	10,865 84	11,039 04	42,493 49
Merchandise .....	12,637 83	15,178 13	19,124 72	20,394 03	67,334 71
<b>Department Totals.</b>	<b>28,027 41</b>	<b>30,901 14</b>	<b>35,596 91</b>	<b>36,359 72</b>	<b>130,885 18</b>
<b>Profit and Loss Items</b>		25 37	13 92	8 97	48 26
	<b>28,027 41</b>	<b>30,926 51</b>	<b>35,610 83</b>	<b>36,368 69</b>	<b>130,933 44</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES.</b>					
Methodist Protestant.	5,988 99	5,836 36	5,966 22	5,988 35	23,779 92
S. S. Periodicals .....	8,678 55	9,144 95	9,597 49	9,807 11	37,228 10
Merchandise .....	11,690 26	13,635 36	17,610 04	18,711 96	61,647 62
<b>Department Totals.</b>	<b>26,357 80</b>	<b>28,616 67</b>	<b>33,173 75</b>	<b>34,507 42</b>	<b>122,655 64</b>
<b>Profit and Loss Items</b>	278 53	682 98	694 03	790 05	2,445 59
<b>Net Pro't to Cap. Act.</b>	<b>1,391 08</b>	<b>1,626 86</b>	<b>1,743 05</b>	<b>1,071 22</b>	<b>5,832 21</b>
	<b>\$28,027 41</b>	<b>\$30,926 51</b>	<b>\$35,610 83</b>	<b>\$36,368 69</b>	<b>\$130,933 44</b>
Net Profit S. S. Peri- odicals Departm't..					\$ 5,265 39
Net Profit Merchan'e					5,687 01
Total .....					10,952 40
Less General Profit and Loss Items.....					2,201 84
Tot'l Net Profit from Two Departments ....					8,750 64
LESS.					
Loss on Methodist Protestant .....				2,722 94	
General Con'ce Exps..				195 49	2,918 43
Net Profit, Entire Bus.					\$ 5,832 21

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**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENT PROFITS AND  
LOSSES, SHOWING PERCENTAGES**

	1908-09	1909-10	1910-11	1911-12	Quadren'm
<b>MERCHANDISE</b>					
Income.....	\$12,637 83	\$15,178 13	\$19,124 72	\$20,394 03	\$67,334 71
Profit .....	947 57	1,542 77	1,514 68	1,682 07	5,687 09
Per Cent. of Profit.....	7.5 Perc't	10.2 Perc't	7.9 Perc't	8.2 Perc't	8.4 Perc't
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL PERIODICALS.</b>					
Income.....	10,022 83	10,565 78	10,865 84	11,039 04	42,493 49
Profit .....	1,344 28	1,420 83	1,268 35	1,231 93	5,265 39
Per Cent. of Profit.....	13.4 Perc't	13.4 Perc't	11.7 Perc't	11.2 Perc't	12.4 Perc't
<b>METHODIST PROTESTANT</b>					
Income.....	5,366 75	5,157 23	5,606 35	4,926 65	21,056 98
Loss.....	622 24	679 13	359 87	1,061 70	2,722 94
Per Cent. of Loss.....	11.6 Perc't	3.1 Perc't	6.4 Perc't	21.5 Perc't	12.9 Perc't
<b>ALL DEPARTM'TS (Including Profit and Loss Items)</b>					
Income.....	28,027 41	30,926 51	35,610 83	36,368 69	130,933 44
Profit .....	1,391 08	1,626 86	1,743 05	1,071 22	5,832 21
Per Cent. of Profit.....	5. Perc't	5.2 Perc't	4.9 Perc't	2.9 Perc't	4.5 Perc't

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T. R. WOODFORD, Agent.



## REPORT OF THE PITTSBURGH DIRECTORY

The Pittsburgh Directory has submitted to the General Conference a full and concise statement of all receipts and disbursements of the publishing interests at Pittsburgh, Pa., and it takes pleasure in presenting herewith a supplemental statement, embodying the main features of that report in an abbreviated form, and with the following additional information. The receipts for the four years were as follows:—

Year ending March 1st, 1909	\$ 45,763 77
Year ending March 1st, 1910	46,737 90
Year ending March 1st, 1911	46,857 27
Year ending March 1st, 1912	47,773 71
	<b>\$187,132 65</b>

The total receipts for the quadrennium were \$187,132.65, the largest ever reported by the Pittsburgh Directory. The profits for the four years, from the sale of our literature and books, was \$9,840.74 to which should be added the increase in the taxable valuation of our real estate, or \$20,000 making our profits for the quadrennium \$29,840.74. During the quadrennium we paid off \$6,000 of our mortgage indebtedness, reducing the mortgage from \$31,000 to \$25,000. In addition to this we have in cash in saving banks at 4 per cent. compound interest \$10,200. This amount will be applied on the reduction of the mortgage next year, making it at that time, but \$15,000 as against the original indebtedness of over \$50,000. Our property is now valued by the city for taxable purposes at \$155,000 and as our actual indebtedness is but \$15,000, or will be when the \$10,000 in bank is applied to the reduction of the mortgage, it shows that our real indebtedness is but a tenth of our valuation. This is certainly gratifying when we consider that a few years ago, when the mortgage and notes were standing at over \$50,000 the taxable valuation was but \$85,000, so while the mortgage has been steadily melting away the value of our property has just as steadily increased. It is now confidently expected that during the coming quadrennium this property, that has for so many years been such a burden for us to carry, will soon furnish us with a large and profitable income. This belief is based on the fact that work has actually been begun, by the city of Pittsburgh, and is now rapidly progressing in cutting down the hump, or hill, on which our building stands. This will lower the grade in front of our building and make it more desirable. Negotiations are under way, and well in hand, with one of our largest department stores in the city, which make it probable that this store will soon become our very profitable tenant.

## Sunday School Periodicals

During the quadrennium we have been furnishing over our own imprint nine periodicals of Our Bible School Series, for the study of the International Uniform Sunday School Lessons. These are as follows: the Teachers' Journal, the Advanced Quarterly, the Intermediate Quarterly, the Junior Quarterly, the Primary Study, in Our Children, the Lesson Leaf, the Picture Cards, the Lesson Pictures, and the Home Department Quarterly. Two of these were added to our list during the quadrennium, to meet the growing demands of our more closely graded schools—namely, the Junior and the Home Department quarterlies. The Junior Quarterly has reached a circulation of eight thousand, notwithstanding the fact that it has had to meet the competition of the Graded Series of lessons. The Home Department has reached a circulation of twenty-four hundred and is steadily increasing.

We have also furnished the schools two weekly papers for general reading—The New Guide and Our Children.

All of these periodicals are having a satisfactory growth in circulation, more than keeping up with the increase of scholars in our schools. The increase in circulation for the quadrennium has been over twenty-three per cent.

We have also been furnishing to such of our schools as asked for it the regular literature of the International Graded Lessons, of the Berean Series.

### The Methodist Recorder

The Recorder has maintained about the same average circulation during the quadrennium that it has had in the past. A special campaign was undertaken two years ago and a large number of conferences pledged themselves to do special work at specified dates, this particular effort resulted in a slight increase in our circulation at that time, but it is a lamentable fact that, in the great majority of our Methodist Protestant homes the denominational papers are not receiving the support their merit deserves, and the homes are thus missing the enlightenment and much of the loyalty inspired by reading the Church's official papers. There are certain fixed charges that have to be borne whether ten copies are gotten out or ten thousand, chief among these items are salaries and typesetting; if the circulation was only doubled and it ought to be many times that, these charges would be in proportion to what they are now, very small and a profit could be shown where now there is a deficit. The Recorder has during the quadrennium maintained the same grade of paper and the same number of pages, though some of our contemporaries have been forced to curtail expenses along these lines.

## STATEMENT OF CONDITION

MARCH 1st, 1912

### Assets

Book Room Property.....	\$155,000 00	
Stereotype Plates .....	263 40	
Linotype Machine.....	2,588 34	
Engravings .....	54 41	
Printing Material .....	903 08	
Suspended Accounts.....	164 50	
Store and Office Fixtures .....	1,392 15	
Copyrights .....	231 97	
Stock.....	40 00	
Bills Receivable.....	514 00	
Hymnal Plates .....	555 76	
Accounts Receivable.....	8,325 39	
Books and Mdse..... Inventory.....	1,576 14	
Paper, Inv., Meth. Rec.....	\$132 50	
S. S. Per. ....	86 06	218 56
Cash on hand and in Bank .....	10,345 73	
Total Assets .....		\$181,973 43

### Liabilities.

Mortgage.....	\$ 25,000 00
Thomas New Fund.....	1,140 89
Accounts Payable .....	3,069 58

### Stock

Balance, Capital March 1st, 1911 .....	\$151,228 28
Profit, March 1st, 1912 .....	1,534 68
Total Liabilities.....	\$181,973 43

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**Receipts**

Methodist Recorder, Subs. ....	\$ 5,580 29	
Methodist Recorder, Advertising.....	1,409 01	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 6,989 30
S. S. Periodicals, Subs. ....	\$ 18,446 60	
S. S. Periodicals, Advertising.....	769 93	
S. S. Periodicals, New Guide .....	10,220 62	
	<u>          </u>	29,437 15
Book Sales.....		6,232 94
Rents .....		4,785 36
Interest and Discount .....		328 96
	<u>          </u>	
Total Receipts .....		\$ 47,773 71
Books and Mdse. on hand.....	\$ 1,576 14	
Paper, Methodist Recorder.....	\$ 132 50	
Paper, Sunday School Periodical .....	86 06	
	<u>          </u>	218 06
		<u>          </u>
		1,794 70
		<u>          </u>
Total Receipts .....		\$49,568 41

**Disbursements**

Books and Mdse. Bought .....	\$ 5,247 73	
Paper, Meth. Rec. ....	\$ 465 10	
Paper, S. S. Per.....	3,304 99	
	<u>          </u>	3,770 09
Press Work, Meth. Rec.....	\$ 933 24	
Press Work, S. S. Per.....	2,596 86	
	<u>          </u>	3,530 10
Composition, Meth. Rec.....	\$ 1,802 67	
Composition, S. S. Per. ....	901 33	
	<u>          </u>	2,704 00
Editorial Salary, Meth. Rec.....	\$ 1,865 00	
Editorial Salary, S. S. Per.....	1,800 00	
	<u>          </u>	3,665 00
Business Dept. Salary Meth. Rec. ....	\$ 1,049 75	
Business Dept. Salary, S. S. Per. ....	1,049 75	
Business Dept., Books .....	110 50	
	<u>          </u>	2,210 00
Postage, Meth. Rec. ....	\$ 374 05	
Postage, S. S. Per. ....	525 37	
Postage, New Guide .....	627 75	
	<u>          </u>	1,527 17
Engravings, Meth. Rec.....	\$ 19 75	
Engravings, S. S. Per.....	13 60	
	<u>          </u>	33 35
Mailing Expense .....		1,040 00
S. S. Periodical Electros.....		136 88
Printing Material .....		100 34
Traveling Expense .....		416 53
Expense .....		1,837 67
Stamps.....		344 79
Premium and Commission.....		1,091 43
Store and Office Fixtures .....		73 27
Suspended Accounts.....		58 49
Interest and Discount.... (Int. on Mtge.) .....		1,225 00
Taxes and Insurance .....		3,764 30
Building Expense .....		2,857 83
Printing Dept. Gas.....		11 21
Rent Commission.....		54 64
S. S. Rebates.....		101 80

New Guide Expense.....	8,898 67	
Stereotype Plates .....	29 27	
Linotype Machine.....	136 23	
Copyright .....	25 78	
General Conference Expense.....	64 20	
Junior Quarterly Expense .....	341 02	
Interest on Thomas New Fund .....	56 97	
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Total Disbursements .....		\$45,353 76
Books and Mdse., March 1st, 1911 .....	\$ 1,885 22	
Paper, Meth. Rec. ....	328 95	
Paper, S. S. Per.....	465 80	
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	\$ 2,679 97	
Profit and Loss.....	1,534 68	
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		4,214 65
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Total .....		\$49,568 41

## SUNDAY SCHOOL PERIODICALS

## Debits

Paper, Inv., March 1st, 1911 .....	\$ 465 80	
Paper, Bought .....	3,118 83	
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	\$ 3,684 73	
Press Work .....	2,596 86	
Expense .....	1,102 60	
Stamps.....	137 92	
Printing Material .....	50 17	
Printing Department Gas .....	5 61	
Postage .....	525 37	
Traveling Expense .....	276 63	
Mailing Expense .....	650 00	
Business Department Salary .....	1,049 75	
Electros.....	136 88	
Editorial Salaries.....	1,800 00	
Composition .....	901 33	
Engravings.....	13 60	
Junior Quarterly Expense.....	341 02	
Sundries .....	101 80	
New Guide Expense .....	8,898 67	
New Guide Postage .....	627 75	
Advertising Commission .....	238 90	
Profit and Loss.....	6,306 56	
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Total .....		\$29,437 1

## Credits

Subscriptions .....	\$ 18,446 60	
New Guide Subscriptions.....	10,220 62	
Advertising.....	769 93	
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Total .....		\$29,437 1

## BOOKS

## Debits

Inventory, March 1st, 1911 .....	\$ 1,885 22	
Books Bought.....	5,247 73	
Business Dept. Salary .....	110 50	

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Expense .....	183 77	
Stamps.....	68 95	
Profit and Loss.....	312 91	
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Total .....		\$7,809 08
<b>Credits</b>		
Book Sales .....	\$ 6,232 94	
Inventory, March 1st, 1912 .....	1,576 14	
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Total .....		\$ 7,809 08

METHODIST RECORDER

<b>Debits</b>		
Press Work .....	\$ 933 24	
Paper .....	661 55	
Postage .....	374 15	
Mailing Expense .....	390 00	
Commission .....	852 52	
Traveling Expense .....	148 90	
Expense .....	551 30	
Stamps.....	137 92	
Editorial Salary.....	1,865 00	
Business Dept. Salary .....	1,049 75	
Composition.....	1,802 67	
Engravings.....	19 75	
Printing Dept. Gas .....	5 60	
Printing Material.....	50 17	
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Total .....		\$ 8,842 43
<b>Credits</b>		
Subscriptions .....	\$ 5,188 69	
Advertising .....	1,409 01	
Papers Subs. to Commission Account .....	64 60	
Free to Ministers .....	327 00	
Profit and Loss.....	1,853 13	
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Total .....		\$ 8,842 43

BUILDING ACCOUNT

<b>Debits</b>		
Taxes and Insurance .....	\$ 3,764 30	
Interest on Mortgage .....	1,225 00	
Rent Commission .....	54 64	
Kaufman Bros. .... (Steam) .....	1,000 00	
Sundry Expense .....	1,857 83	
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Total .....		\$ 7,901 77
<b>Credits</b>		
Rents .....	\$ 500 00	
Kaufman .....		
Building.....	4,285 36	
Profit and Loss.....	3,116 41	
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Total .....		\$ 7,901 77

**PROFIT AND LOSS****Debits**

Suspended Accounts .....	\$ 58 49
Copyright .....	25 78
Stereotype Plates .....	29 27
Store and Office Fixtures .....	73 27
Linotype Machine .....	136 23
General Conference Expense .....	64 20
Building Expense .....	3,116 41
Methodist Recorder .....	1,853 13
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Total .....	\$ 5,356 78
Stock, Profit for the Year .....	1,534 68
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Total .....	\$ 6,891 46

**Credits**

Interest and Discount .....	\$ 271 99
Books .....	312 91
Sunday School Periodicals .....	6,306 56
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Total .....	\$ 6,891 46

M. L. Jennings, Editor Methodist Recorder .....	\$1,800 00
C. E. Wilbur, Editor S. S. Periodicals .....	1,800 00
F. W. Pierpont, Publishing Agent .....	1,800 00
Mrs. Ada Palmer, Clerk .....	720 00
L. H. Neiplin, Bookkeeper .....	720 00
John Haley, Mailing Clerk .....	624 00
Frank Haley, Office Boy .....	312 00
Charles Guellett, Foreman Printing Department .....	1,456 00
Thomas D. Jones, Linotype Operator .....	1,248 00
Dean Wilson, Janitor .....	624 00
Roy Ralls, Elevator Boy .....	416 00

**TOTAL CIRCULATION OF PERIODICALS**

	Total	Average
Advanced Quarterlies .....	1,130,900	70,681
Intermediate Quarterlies .....	351,700	21,981
Teachers' Journals .....	165,151	10,322
Junior Quarterlies .....	84,750	7,063
Home Dept. Quarterlies .....	30,700	2,791
Lesson Leaf .....	160,900	10,058
Our Children .....	1,231,710	25,661
New Guide .....	4,162,600	20,012

**RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS****Four Years 1909—1910—1911—1912****Receipts**

Meth. Rec. Subs. year ending March 1st, 1909 .....	\$ 5,627 63
Meth. Rec. Subs. year ending March 1st, 1910 .....	5,336 16
Meth. Rec. Subs. year ending March 1st, 1911 .....	5,959 20
Meth. Rec. Subs. year ending March 1st, 1912 .....	5,580 29
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	\$ 22,503 28

Decrease 20. 8 per cent.

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Meth. Rec. Adv., year ending March 1st, 1909 ..	\$ 1,524 05	
Meth. Rec. Adv., year ending March 1st, 1910 ..	1,326 90	
Meth. Rec. Adv., year ending March 1st, 1911 ..	1,274 30	
Meth. Rec. Adv., year ending March 1st, 1912 ..	1,409 01	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 5,534 26

Decrease 26. 6 per cent.

S. S. Per. Subs. year ending March 1st, 1909 ....	\$ 27,203 28	
S. S. Per. Subs. year ending March 1st, 1910 ....	28,963 04	
S. S. Per. Subs. year ending March 1st, 1911 ....	28,285 00	
S. S. Per. Subs. year ending March 1st, 1912 ....	29,437 15	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 113,888 47

Increase 23. 1 per cent.

Books & Mdse. Sales, year ending Mar. 1st, 1909 \$	5,623 92	
Books & Mdse. Sales, year ending Mar. 1st, 1910	5,145 33	
Books & Mdse. Sales, year ending Mar. 1st, 1911	5,401 07	
Books & Mdse. Sales, year ending Mar. 1st, 1912	6,232 94	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 22,403 26

Decrease 7. 6 per cent.

Rents, year ending March 1st, 1909.....	\$ 5,726 00	
Rents, year ending March 1st, 1910.....	5,805 00	
Rents, year ending March 1st, 1911.....	5,822 02	
Rents, year ending March 1st, 1912.....	4,785 36	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 22,138 38

Decrease 3. 7 per cent.

Interest and Discount .....	\$ 526 78	
Printing Material.....	130 86	
Waste Paper .....	7 36	
Increased valuation in property .....	\$ 20,000 00	
Paid on the Mortgage .....	6,000 00	
Books and Mdse. on hand March 1st, 1912.....	1,576 14	
Paper on hand March 1st, 1912 .....	218 56	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 27,794 70

Total ..... \$ 214,927 35

Receipts by Years.

Year ending March 12t, 1909 .....	45,763 77	
Year ending March 1st, 1910 .....	46,737 90	
Year ending March 1st, 1911 .....	45,857 27	
Year ending March 1st, 1912 .....	47,773 71	

Total Receipts..... \$ 187,132 65

Increased valuation of property .....	\$ 20,000 00	
Paid cash on Mortgage .....	6,000 00	
Paper, Inventory March 1st, 1912.....	218 56	
Books and Mdse., March 1st, 1912 .....	1,576 14	

Total ..... \$ 214,927 35

STOCK ACCOUNT

Balance. Net Capital March 1st, 1908.....		\$122,922 22
Net Gain year ending March 1st, 1909.....	\$ 1,271 05	
Net Gain year ending March 1st, 1910.....	4,581 74	
Net Gain year ending March 1st, 1911.....	2,453 27	
Net Gain year ending March 1st, 1912.....	1,534 68	
Net Profit for four years .....	<u>          </u>	9,840 74
Net Increase in Book Room Property .....		20,000 00
Balance net Capital March 1st, 1912 .....		<u>          </u>
		\$152,762 96

## Disbursements

Books and Merchandise .....	\$17,511 61	
Meth. Rec. Paper .....	\$ 4,368 10	
S. S. Per. Paper .....	11,230 75	
		15,598 85
Meth. Rec. Press Work .....	\$ 3,149 14	
S. S. Per. Press Work .....	10,260 00	
		13,418 14
Meth. Rec. Composition .....	\$ 7,210 68	
S. S. Per. Composition .....	3,605 32	
		10,816 00
Editorial Salary .....	14,809 98	
Business Dept. Salary .....	8,676 80	
Engravings .....	283 90	
Electrotyping .....	362 57	
Printing Dept. Material .....	553 80	
Traveling Expense .....	1,541 24	
Expense, Sundries .....	8,146 91	
Building Expense .....	11,479 36	
Stamps .....	1,405 68	
Commission .....	3,774 11	
Store and Office Fixtures .....	218 79	
Suspended Accounts .....	272 84	
Interest on Mortgage .....	5,211 85	
Copyrights .....	121 60	
Linotype Machine .....	589 46	
Stereotype Plates .....	138 07	
Taxes and Insurance .....	11,767 18	
Rebates .....	540 45	
Meth. Rec. Delinquents .....	118 21	
New Guide Expense .....	34,831 34	
Junior Quarterly Expense .....	1,089 17	
Mailing Expense .....	4,083 19	
Interest on Thomas New Fund .....	172 42	
Postage .....	5,763 92	
Maps .....	79 50	
Printing Dept. Gas .....	65 67	
Rent Commission .....	450 97	
General Conference Expense .....	192 68	
Paid on Mortgage .....	6,000 00	
Total Disbursements .....	\$ 180,086 20	
Inventories, March 1st, 1908 .....	5,000 41	
Increase Valuation of Property .....	20,000 00	
Net Profit, year ending March 1st, 1909 .....	1,271 05	
Net Profit, year ending March 1st, 1910 .....	4,581 74	
Net Profit, year ending March 1st, 1911 .....	2,453 27	
Net Profit, year ending March 1st, 1912 .....	1,534 68	
Total .....	\$214,927 35	

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1909 .....	\$2 40
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[Signed] F. W. PIERPONT, Agt.



**Auditor's Report**

to the Officers of the Methodist  
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Gentlemen: This is to certify that I have made an audit of the Book of your corporation for the four years ending February 29th, 1912, and find that the said books correspond with the statements submitted.

Respectfully,  
J. E. McGEARY,  
Auditor.

April 24th, 1912.

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**REPORT NO. 7**
**REPORT COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

The Judiciary Committee respectfully reports as follows:—

On the questions of law submitted to it for decision.

First,—No unordained man can vote in the Annual Conference.

Second,—If the President of an Annual Conference knowingly makes a ruling contrary to the Constitution of the Methodist Protestant Church and allows it to be done without a protest from him, is such President guilty of mal-administration? Answer. Yes.

Third,—Is it in keeping with the spirit of the law, as found on page 65, Book of Discipline, to grant annual license to a preacher to administer the ordinances, who has been received as a Probationary member before he passes the first year's course of study? Answer. Yes.

Fourth,—Should Annual license to administer these ordinances of the Church be granted to unordained preachers who may be assigned to a charge where one or more unstationed ministers of the Methodist Protestant Church reside? Answer. It should be left to the discretion of the Annual Conference.

Fifth,—Article 4, Section 3, page 20, section 4, page 127. Does it mean two-thirds of the qualified members must be present, and vote affirmatively? Or that it requires only two-thirds votes of all members present? Answer. It requires a two-thirds vote of the qualified members.

Sixth,—It is the sense of this Conference that the recommendations of the ritual, relative to the Lord's Supper, suggesting that it be administered quarterly on circuits and monthly in stations should be enforced by our pastors in all our churches.

Seventh,—When it is necessary to supply a pulpit by appointment, where there is no Elder upon the charge, is it the spirit of the law as set forth in the latter clause by article 15, section II, page 65, that the Annual Conference may instruct its president and secretary to issue license to administer the ordinances. To a preacher who has received and served the appointment successively and satisfactorily, but who has not passed examination, but who is earnestly pursuing his studies?

Answer. No.

C. E. SHEPPARD, Chairman  
U. W. MORRISON, Secretary  
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Your Committee also concur in the following proposed changes:

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4. Page 71, section 35. Renumber this section and make it number 24 of the same chapter; and correct the enumeration following in accordance

5. Page 123, section 10. After the last word, "fair" a comma, and the following words, "that is, against whom no charges have been preferred. To the same section add the following: "Such certificates shall not be valid for a longer period than six months, and shall be so marked on the certificate. Persons holding such certificates shall be amenable to the Church from which it comes until it has been deposited elsewhere."

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Respectfully submitted,

T. H. LEWIS, Chairman.

The following changes are asked for if the recommendations of the Committee on Home Missions are adopted.

### Constitution

Suggested changes for the Constitution of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

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This organization shall be known as the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Protestant Church, Auxiliary to the Board of Home Missions.

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This Board shall meet annually and shall consist of a President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, The Field Secretaries, the President and Corresponding Secretaries of each Conference Branch, and two delegates from each Conference Branch. The Branch Officers and delegates may be represented by alternates duly elected by the respective Branches, in the absence of their principals.

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The members of this Board shall be elected annually, and shall serve until their successors shall be elected.

Sec. 2. The first five officers named shall constitute the Executive Committee of this organization, and shall have power to fill all vacancies occurring within the year. Three members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum. The President of the Board shall be president of the Executive Committee ex officio.

#### ARTICLE IV.

This Board shall have general supervision over, and direction of all the Home Mission work engaged in by the women of the church.

Sec. 2. It shall have authority to appoint Corresponding Secretaries for the different Branches until such time as the Conference organizations are complete;

To employ Field Secretaries, Mission workers, Bible women, and teachers, and fix their salaries; establish mission schools under the direction of and with the consent of the Board of Home Missions; to arrange for the collection of funds for carrying on the work, and to perform such other duties as the exigencies of the work shall make necessary.

Sec. 3. All matters pertaining to the purchase, sale, or other disposition of property shall be referred to the Board of Home Missions. Quarterly Reports, covering all the official actions of the Woman's Board of Home Missions shall be submitted to the Board of Home Missions, which shall have supervisory authority in caring for mission churches and schools, and in placing teachers and missionaries where they may do the most effective work for the denomination, and for the cause of Christ.

## ARTICLE V.

**Duties of Officers.**

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all business meetings of the Board and Executive Committee, and to have general supervision of the work of the Board. The President shall also be an ex officio member of the Board of Home Missions, with the right to vote on all questions concerning the work of the Woman's Board.

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It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the Correspondence of the Board, and to bring before the Board or Executive Committee all correspondence relative to the work of the Board, and to present a quarterly report of the work of her office to the Board of Home Missions, and to the Annual meeting of each Board.

It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep an accurate record of the meetings of the Board, and of each meeting of the Executive Committee.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys contributed for the work, and forward the same to the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions. The funds so received shall be sacredly kept, and paid out only upon warrants signed by the President and Treasurer of the Woman's Board, by order of the Executive Committee.

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## ARTICLE VI.

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## ARTICLE VII.

Same.

## ARTICLE VIII.

Same.

## ARTICLE IX.

Same.

**By-Laws.**

Same.

Suggested amendment to the Constitution of the Board of Home Missions

## ARTICLE I.

Add to line 7. The President of the Woman's Board of Home Missions shall be an ex officio member of this Board, with the right to vote on all questions pertaining to the Woman's work.

Strike out all that follows, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in line 8.

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The General Conference shall at each quadrennial session elect a Board of Young People's Work to consist of six members, as follows: Four elected members, The President of the Methodist Protestant Young People's Union, and a Secretary-Treasurer of the Board who shall be members ex officio.

The headquarters of the Board shall be located at Pittsburgh, Pa.

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The Board shall be invested with the following powers:

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Respectfully submitted,

T. H. LEWIS, Chairman.

The following changes are asked for if the recommendations of the Committee on Home Missions are adopted.

### Constitution

Suggested changes for the Constitution of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

#### ARTICLE I.

This organization shall be known as the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Protestant Church, Auxiliary to the Board of Home Missions.

#### ARTICLE II.

This Board shall meet annually and shall consist of a President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, The Field Secretaries, the President and Corresponding Secretaries of each Conference Branch, and two delegates from each Conference Branch. The Branch Officers and delegates may be represented by alternates duly elected by the respective Branches, in the absence of their principals.

#### ARTICLE III.

The members of this Board shall be elected annually, and shall serve until their successors shall be elected.

Sec. 2. The first five officers named shall constitute the Executive Committee of this organization, and shall have power to fill all vacancies occurring within the year. Three members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum. The President of the Board shall be president of the Executive Committee ex officio.

#### ARTICLE IV.

This Board shall have general supervision over, and direction of all the Home Mission work engaged in by the women of the church.

Sec. 2. It shall have authority to appoint Corresponding Secretaries for the different Branches until such time as the Conference organizations are complete;

To employ Field Secretaries, Mission workers, Bible women, and teachers, and fix their salaries; establish mission schools under the direction of and with the consent of the Board of Home Missions; to arrange for the collection of funds for carrying on the work, and to perform such other duties as the exigencies of the work shall make necessary.

Sec. 3. All matters pertaining to the purchase, sale, or other disposition of property shall be referred to the Board of Home Missions. Quarterly Reports, covering all the official actions of the Woman's Board of Home Missions shall be submitted to the Board of Home Missions, which shall have supervisory authority in caring for mission churches and schools, and in placing teachers and missionaries where they may do the most effective work for the denomination, and for the cause of Christ.

5. When were you converted?.....
6. Do you believe that you are genuinely converted?.....
7. Member of what church?..... Conference.....  
Give name and address of your pastor.....
8. When did you join church?.....
9. Do you attend Sabbath-school?.....
10. What is the condition of your health?.....
11. When and where did you last attend school?.....
12. Are you a graduate of high school?.....
13. Have you ever received aid from this Board? If so, what school were  
you attending?.....
14. Have you carefully read the Constitution and By-Laws of the Board,  
and do you understand that any aid you receive from the Board will  
be as a loan to be repaid by you?.....
15. Do you understand the obligation you will be required to give, and will  
you accept the loan on the terms proposed in it?.....
16. Would it be possible for you to attend school the coming year without  
aid from the Board?.....
17. Have you carefully read the Discipline of the Methodist Protestant  
Church, and do you heartily accept its statement of doctrine and  
polity?.....
18. Do you believe beyond any doubt that you have been called of God  
to preach the gospel, and to devote your life to the work of the ministry?  
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19. Do you believe that you are providentially lead into the ministry  
of the Methodist Protestant Church, and is it your purpose to continue  
loyally and contentedly in its communion, working to the best of your  
ability to advance all its interests?.....
20. If for any reason you voluntarily withdraw from the ministry of the  
Methodist Protestant Church, will you do so in an orderly manner,  
and before doing so will you refund to the Board all money due it with  
interest from the time it was loaned to you; or in lieu thereof, execute a  
note with good security for the amount borrowed including interest?.....
21. Do you promise to return to the conference recommending you for aid,  
upon leaving school, and to continue in its employ until your obligation  
to the Board shall have been fully met, unless said conference consents  
for you to work elsewhere?.....
22. Do you promise not to enter into any engagement with a local church  
or with a conference for regular work before completing the course at  
school, or discontinue your studies in school, without the consent of  
your Examining Committee?.....
23. Do you agree to complete whatever course you may begin in school,  
unless excused by the Examining Committee?.....
24. Will you abstain from the use of tobacco while a beneficiary of this  
Board?.....
25. Which of our schools do you desire to attend?.....
26. Do you agree not to attend any school of any other denomination until  
your obligation to the Board of Ministerial Education shall have been  
fully met, unless consent of the Board is first obtained?.....

I hereby make application to the Board of Ministerial Education of the Methodist Protestant Church for a loan to be used in preparing myself at one of its educational institutions for the ministry in said church, for which I agree to give my note in due form, binding myself to pay the amount borrowed without interest at the rate of ten per cent of whatever salary may be paid me per annum after I enter upon the active work of the ministry.

If I fail to enter the ministry of the Methodist Protestant Church within one year after leaving school, or fail to continue in its active service, I agree to pay the whole amount loaned with interest on demand, or execute a note with good security for the amounts borrowed.

I do further promise and agree that if during the time I may be a student at school I shall marry, I will forego all further aid from the Board of Ministerial Education from and after that event.

Signed.....

Dated at.....19.....

**Quarterly Conference Recommendation.**

At a meeting of the Quarterly Conference of the ..... Annual Conference, held.....  
Charge.....  
Mr..... was recommended as a suitable person to receive aid from the Board of Ministerial Education while a student in school at..... preparing for the gospel ministry. He is known by us to be a man of unquestioned moral character. He has been a member of the Methodist Protestant Church since..... and is now in good and regular standing. We believe him to possess the gifts and graces which promise fitness and efficiency in the work of the ministry, and we are satisfied that his circumstances are such that he needs the aid asked for to enable him to attend school.

..... Chairman  
..... Secretary

Number present..... Number voting in the affirmative.....  
Date.....19.....

**Annual Conference Recommendation.**

By action of the..... Annual Conference, held at.....  
..... on the..... day of..... 19..... Mr.....  
..... was duly recommended to the Board of Ministerial Education as a suitable person to receive aid while pursuing his studies in school preparatory to entering the ministry of said church.

..... President  
..... Secretary

Date.....19.....

**Examining Committee's Recommendation.**

Mr..... from, town..... State.....  
Conference, appeared before your committee and was examined by us and we recommend that he be granted (or not granted, as the case may be) aid by the Board of Ministerial Education while attending school at..... preparatory to the gospel ministry.

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Committee

Dated at.....19.....

REPORT NO. 9.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

To the members of the General Conference:—

Your Committee on Home Missions would report as follows:—

Having examined the reports and work of the Board for the last quadrennium we are pleased to note encouraging progress along some lines.

This period has been hindered by the resignation of two general secretaries; but notwithstanding there has been a healthy increase in the money

received from the conference which increase is \$5,918.59. Reports from other sources have been good, and the total gain in receipts amounts to \$21,658.75. The last quadrennium has been one of church building; but we believe the present policy of the board will result in still greater progress in the advancement of our Zion.

It gives us pleasure to note the increasing demand for the Easter Day service; and we urge that the motto of our people should be "full assessments for Home Missions, and a free will Easter offering."

We would ask that this General Conference place its most emphatic disapproval upon the action of some of our Conferences in reducing the assessments as levied by the Board of Home Missions.

Having had a recommendation referred to us asking that this Conference create a "Department of the Rural Church" to be under the direction of the Home Mission Board, we would heartily commend the idea, and suggest the reference of the subject to the consideration of the Board.

We sympathize with the Board in its earnest effort to solve its financial problems, and pledge to it the hearty co-operation of the entire church.

We desire to especially commend Dr. Beck for the splendid success he has made in his work in the short time he has been in the office of Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions.

The opportunities of our church are so great and the demands upon the Home Board so large that we would urge our people to greater liberality in the cause of Home Missions, and would make the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that the Board give special attention to the work in the smaller conferences, by giving them supervision; by strengthening points of strategic importance within their borders; and by opening new mission points, within their territory as the needs of the work shall require, and the resources of the Board shall make possible.

2. That as rapidly as possible all work in other than such conferences be turned over to the Boards of Church Extension of the respective conferences.

3. That the funds of the Board of Home Missions shall be separated as follows: The Loan Fund; The General Fund; and Special Funds.

The Loan Fund shall include all receipts from money which is now loaned to churches, and all bequests the provisions of which do not make it necessary to use the funds in some other way: and receipts from the sale of church property where work is discontinued.

The General Fund shall include all money received from the churches and various church organizations for General work.

Special Funds shall be expended as the contributors shall direct. All loans should be made from the loan fund, and every reasonable effort should be made to increase the fund.

Salaries and expenses should be paid from the General Fund. Donations should be made from the General, or from a Special Fund—not from the Loan Fund—and should only be made when there is a probable surplus above the expenses of the Board for the current year, if they are to be paid from the General Fund, or if from a Special Fund, when there is sufficient in the Treasury belonging to that fund to make such a donation possible.

4. That the Woman's Board of Home Missions be placed more directly under the care of the Board of Home Missions, making the President of the Woman's Board an ex officio member of the Board, with the right to vote on all questions concerning the work of the Woman's Board.

In our judgment it will systematize the business of the Home Mission Board if all the appropriations shall be passed upon by it, the money to be paid to the Treasurer by the Treasurer of the Woman's Board, and paid out only upon warrants signed by the President, and Secretary or Treasurer of the Woman's Board.

5. We recommend the following as members of the Board of Home Missions:  
 Rev. J. M. Sheridan, Maryland; Rev. U. W. Morrison, West Virginia, Rev.  
 A. O. Horney, Ohio; Rev. T. L. Garrison, Texas; F. C. Chambers, Muskingum;  
 H. W. Reeves, Pittsburgh; T. A. Hunter, North Carolina; Rev. Lyman E.  
 Davis, D. D., President of the General Conference, ex officio, and the  
 President of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, ex officio.

JOHN S. BOWERS, Chairman  
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THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER OF  
 THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS, TO THE  
 GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

In compliance with the requirement of the law of the church, as set forth in Article II, of the Constitution of the Board of Home Missions, I take pleasure in submitting to you my report for the quadrennium just closed.

**A Prosperous Term.**

The work of the Board of Home Missions has grown very rapidly during the past four years, as the following report will show.

**New Missions.**

New missions have been established in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Clarksburg, three in Columbus, one in Frankfort, Indiana, and one in Chicago.

**Chapels.**

Chapels have been built at Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia, Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh, and Clarksburg.

**New Churches.**

New churches have been built at Hyde Park, Cincinnati; Keokuk, Iowa; Ravenna Park, Seattle; and three in Columbus, Ohio. These properties are worth \$20,000, \$23,000, \$5,000, \$40,000, \$10,000, and \$6,000 respectively. A new church is almost ready for dedication at Frankfort, Indiana, which will be worth \$20,000; one is under way at Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh, which will be worth not far from \$25,000; and a neat church is being erected at Birmingham, Alabama.

Plans are being secured for the erection of a church to cost not far from \$25,000 at Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia; and one will be erected in Asheville, North Carolina, to cost from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

**Loans**

Loans have been made to Calvary Church, Baltimore; Taylor Memorial, Philadelphia; Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh; First Church, Grace Church and West Lane Avenue, Columbus; Frankfort, Indiana, and Lawton, Oklahoma.

**Donations.**

Donations have been made to Christ Church and Bethany, Baltimore; St. Luke's and Taylor Memorial, Philadelphia; First Church, Millville, New Jersey; Clarksburg, West Virginia; Zanesville, Ohio; First Church, Columbus; Hyde Park, Cincinnati, Hoyt Avenue, Indianapolis and Frankfort, Indiana; Lansing, Michigan; Keokuk, Iowa; Winnfield, Louisiana and Ravenna Church, Seattle, Washington.

### **Salaries.**

Assistance has been given in the support of the pastors at White Plains, New York; Berwick, Pa.; Taylor Memorial, Philadelphia; Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh; Clarksburg, West Virginia; First Church, Grace Church and West Lane Avenue, Columbus; Hyde Park, Cincinnati; Frankfort, Indiana; Chicago; Keokuk, Iowa; Kahoka, Missouri; People's Church and London Heights, Kansas City, Kas.; Hugo and Comanche, Oklahoma; Paris, Carbon, Buffalo Gap and San Angelo, Texas; First and Ravenna Churches, Seattle, Wash.; Asheville, North Carolina and Birmingham, Alabama.

### **Loans Reported in 1908.**

The following loans have been carried through the quadrennium: Hoyt Avenue, Indianapolis; Board of Church Extension, Kentucky Conference; Elkins, Morgantown and Buckhannon, West Virginia; Coolidge and Roxton, Texas; London Heights, Kansas City; Indiana Conference Board of Church Extension; Comanche, Oklahoma; Stamford, Conn.; Wingate, Miss.; Kearney, New Jersey; Cumberland and Federalburg, Maryland; Moorestown and Magnolia, New Jersey and Berwick, Pa.

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It becomes, my duty, however, to record the fact that quite a large number of schools are allowing the offering to be taken by the pastors to be credited to the assessment for Home Missions. If all the churches would do this we would be compelled to reduce our work by at least twenty-five per cent. to keep pace with the reduced income.

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from time to time by the Secretary-Treasurer. This book contains all the records of the Board for the quadrennium.

The books have been duly audited semi-annually as required by the conditions of the Bond of the Treasurer, and certificates are hereby presented showing that this has been done. But the books are here for such examination as you desire to give.

#### A Closing Word.

The Board of Home Missions takes pleasure in giving you this brief review of its work for the last four years. Many things ought to have been done which have not been undertaken, but it is impossible to meet the demands of the church with the present annual income.

In closing this report for the past quadrennium, we thank you for your confidence, your co-operation, and your support; and we devoutly pray that those who come after us may enjoy the same favor with the church and accomplish greater work for the church. Remember, what the Board of Home Missions is able to do for the church, must depend upon what the church does for the Board of Home Missions. Before we can take a dollar out some one must put that dollar in.

"The light that shines farthest, shines brightest nearest home."

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. BECK,

Secretary-Treasurer.

#### QUADRENNIAL FINANCIAL SUMMARY

##### Receipts From the Conferences.

For the Year Ending April 30.

	1909	1910	1911	1912	Total
Alabama.....	\$ 113 24	\$ 188 66	\$ 103 73	\$ 167 28	\$ 570 91
Arkansas.....	87 80	82 03	68 03	65 11	302 14
Charleston Mission.....	1 50	11 32			12 82
Colorado-Texas.....	18 12	9 45	9 00	6 80	43 37
Central Texas.....	70 46	54 49	9 00		133 95
Georgia.....	133 92	135 19	288 66	156 73	714 50
Georgia, Colored.....	1 90	1 56	53	4 58	8 62
Indiana.....	1,055 37	1,002 57	1,040 06	938 75	4,036 75
Iowa.....	150 22	246 38	229 21	197 60	823 41
Kansas.....	179 94	231 27	243 15	223 88	878 24
Kentucky.....	3 60	3 00	7 00	5 80	19 40
Louisiana.....	60 85	27 45	17 30	59 65	165 25
Maryland.....	2,591 46	2,598 96	2,593 96	3,138 89	10,928 47
Michigan.....	622 19	497 68	520 98	570 45	2,211 30
Missouri.....	18 26	108 08	34 60	63 20	224 14
Muskingum.....	1,638 78	948 31	1,794 73	1,078 83	6,055 89
Mississippi.....	3 75	65 65	71 00	65 00	205 40
New Jersey.....	247 61	403 62	227 85	343 47	1,222 55
New York.....	429 18	432 42	341 54	229 68	1,429 82
North Carolina.....	1,171 58	1,425 36	1,185 52	1,319 21	5,101 67
North Illinois.....	590 90	586 64	626 37	530 61	2,334 52
North Missouri.....	76 40	30 35	84 35	59 00	250 10
Northwest Texas.....	8 83	11 40	13 30		33 53
Ohio.....	242 74	641 74	579 17	763 08	2,226 73
Onondaga.....	238 93	316 68	344 48	367 71	1,267 80
Oklahoma.....	40 78	46 14	19 90	26 53	133 35
Pittsburgh.....	989 81	953 33	822 94	1,106 93	3,873 01
Pennsylvania.....	45 01	52 90	68 26	58 91	225 08
South Carolina.....	6 70	8 90	4 40	25 82	45 82
South Illinois.....	70 05	56 23	106 57	35 79	268 64
Southwest Texas.....	7 50			10 00	17 50
South Mississippi.....	50 15				50 15
North Mississippi.....	5 00				5 00
Texas.....	68 24	149 35	161 23	160 12	538 94
Virginia.....	5 00	47 95	31 00	16 65	100 60
West Virginia.....	514 38	451 95	374 03	468 68	1,809 04
Washington Mission.....	4 56	91 90	12 75	250 00	359 21
Florida Mission.....		4 00			4 00
Tennessee.....		1 00	58 90	40 20	100 10
Colorado-Texas (Col.).....				3 10	3 10
Eastern.....				195 17	195 17
New Mexico.....				5 00	5 00
Ft. Smith.....				1 70	1 70
<b>Total from Conferences ..</b>	<b>\$11,561 76</b>	<b>\$11,922 60</b>	<b>\$12,093 80</b>	<b>\$13,360 19</b>	<b>\$48,948 35</b>

I also suggest that it will assist the Secretary-Treasurer in carrying out your former instruction in this regard if you will direct that there be a special place in the report blanks used by the Annual Conferences in which to report the Easter offering.

**The Assessment.**

I regret that it is necessary to bring another matter to the attention of this General Conference, namely, the assessment. The law reads, "The Board shall estimate at each annual meeting the amount of money required to carry on its work the following year, and assess each annual conference, notice of which assessment shall be sent to the President of each annual conference, who shall present the same to the next session of his conference and have the same apportioned to the several stations, circuits and missions, and the money when collected shall be forwarded at once to the Treasurer of the Board." See Article V, Page 93, of the Discipline. I recommend that this General Conference take such action as will make the conferences understand that the assessments levied by this Board are binding, having been made by the direction of the highest authority in the church, and are not to be disregarded by the annual conferences. I append the assessment which the Board has made for the year 1912-13. This calls for about fifteen cents per member from each of our larger conferences. One of the smaller conferences, the North Illinois, has been paying at the rate of twenty-five cents per member for its resident membership, and is assisting in the Chicago work to the extent of the resources of its Board of Church Extension. I recommend that this conference instruct the Committee on Revision to make the following change in the section just quoted, Article V, Page 93, line four:—"and assess each conference not less than fifteen cents per member, notice of which assessment shall be sent to the President of each annual conference—"

The assessment for 1912-13 follows. If this shall be adopted there will be changes increasing the assessment on a member of the conferences. The receipts from the churches last year were less than six cents per member including the Easter service, and all special funds. I submit to you that it is time for the church to get in earnest about this great department of its work.

**The Assessment For 1912-1913.**

Alabama .....	\$ 700	North Carolina .....	\$ 2,250
Arkansas .....	700	North Illinois .....	700
Colorado-Tex. ....	150	North Missouri .....	150
Onondaga .....	500	N. W. Texas .....	150
Georgia .....	500	Ohio .....	1,000
Georgia-Col. ....	100	Oklahoma .....	200
Indiana .....	1,600	Pittsburgh .....	1,800
Iowa .....	500	South Carolina .....	100
Kansas .....	400	Southwest Texas .....	50
Louisiana .....	400	South Illinois .....	200
Maryland .....	4,500	Texas .....	500
Michigan .....	800	Tennessee .....	100
Mississippi .....	400	Virginia .....	150
Missouri .....	300	Washington .....	100
Muskingum .....	2,250	West Virginia .....	2,000
New Jersey .....	600	Kentucky .....	150
Eastern .....	600		
			<b>\$24,600</b>

Note by Secretary—All assessments are to be made by the Executive Committee elected by the General Conference. This Committee will pass upon the assessment suggested in this report.

**Records.**

To complete my report and give you the details of every transaction of the Board, I have prepared a book containing the complete minutes of every Board and Executive Committee meeting, and all the reports made

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	1909	1910	1911	1912	Total
Board Expense .....	\$ 402 26	\$ 264 05	\$ 579 02	\$ 435 05	\$1,680 38
E. A. Miller, Evangelist .....	163 27				163 27
Ira Miller, Evangelist .....	25 00				25 00
G. Kilmer Ackley, Evang. ....	35 00				35 00
J. W. Hawley, Evangelist .....	59 76	175 00			234 76
J. W. Hawley, Evang. Ex. ....		65 00			65 00
F. W. Perkins, Evangelist .....	50 00	200 00			250 00
F. W. Perkins, Evang. Ex. ....		65 35			65 35
J. E. Butler, Paris, Tex. ....		175 00	100 00		275 00
J. J. Beardon, Hugo, Okla. ....		25 00			25 00
E. M. Houchens, Kah'a Mo. ....		230 00	234 98	200 00	664 98
A. A. Hendryx, Fr'k't, Ind. ....		24 00			24 00
J. C. McCain, Keok'k, Iwa. ....		100 00	700 00	600 00	1,400 00
J. C. McCain, Mov. Ex. ....		160 90			160 90
J. C. McCaslin, Keok'k, Iwa. ....		100 00			100 00
J. Will Payne, Berwick, Pa. ....		177 76			177 76
J. Will Payne, Mov. Ex. ....		100 00			100 00
Will Stevens, Comanche, Okl. ....		75 00			75 00
R. T. Tyson, Taylor Memorial, Phila., Pa. ....		550 00	650 00	600 00	1,800 00
J. I. Vincent, Clrk'g, W. Va. ....		200 00	50 00		250 00
B. H. Somers, Ast. Col. O. ....		199 98			199 98
Lee Anna Starr, Chic'go, Ill. ....		386 25	650 00	300 00	1,336 25
J. W. Shell, London Hgts. ....					
K. C. K. ....		125 00	245 00	60 00	430 00
W. H. Miller, San An'lo, Tex. ....		100 00	25 00		125 00
D. W. Gaddy, S'n An'lo, Tex. ....			62 50		62 50
O. W. Milburn, S'n A'lo, Tex. ....			112 50	300 00	412 50
A. R. Reichert, Berw'k, Pa. ....		100 00	353 27	130 00	553 27
F. W. Lineb'y, Pr'ft, Ind. ....		249 99	416 65		666 64
S. Heininger, Grace Church Columbus, Ohio .....		161 54	416 65		578 19
Frankfort, Ind., Church .....	210 00	27 00		2,000 00	2,237 00
Miscellaneous Ex. ....	764 25	210 00			974 25
Books, Ptg., Sta., Etc. ....	170 94	324 34	322 30	154 94	972 52
Treasurer's Bond .....	60 00				60 00
J. H. Lucas, Salary .....	650 00				650 00
J. H. Lucas, Mov. Ex. ....	75 00				75 00
C. L. Queen, Salary .....	1,050 00	1,500 00	875 00		3,425 00
C. L. Queen, Mov. Ex. ....	100 00				100 00
J. H. Lucas, Trav. Ex. ....	236 19				236 19
C. L. Queen, Trav. Ex. ....	1,438 86	3,508 71	1,271 71		6,219 28
J. D. Clarkson, Hugo, Okla. ....			50 00	125 00	175 00
M. M. Campbell, Cin., O. ....			698 39	607 55	1,305 94
E. J. Jenkinson, Cornell Av. Chicago .....			112 50		112 50
J. J. Beardon, Hugo, Okla. ....			75 00		75 00
J. W. Brown, Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh .....			100 00		100 00
F. L. Geis, Evangelist .....			90 00		90 00
W. J. Whitely, S'n An'lo, Tex. ....			60 00		60 00
T. C. Eley, Hugo, Okla. ....			37 50		37 50
E. T. Howe, Frank't, Ind. ....			430 00	600 00	1,030 00
A. Low, Paris, Texas. ....			200 00	160 00	360 00
E. D. Beck, Gr'ce Ch. Col'us. ....			800 00	1,000 00	1,800 00
C. H. Beck, Salary, Sec. ....			625 00	1,500 00	2,125 00
C. H. Beck, Traveling Ex. ....			298 98	714 52	1,013 50
J. R. Horsey, Comanche Ok. ....			12 50	100 00	112 50
T. C. Casady, Birm'hm Ala. ....				500 00	500 00
S. S. Fisher, Kansas City People's Church .....				250 00	250 00
S. S. Fisher, Mov. Ex. ....				100 00	100 00
T. J. Strickler, London Hts., K. C. K. ....				120 00	120 00
L. W. Gordon, Berwick, Pa. ....				140 00	140 00
G. C. Van Hoesen, White Plains, N. Y. ....				84 00	84 00
H. F. Gould, 1st Ch., Col'us. ....				500 00	500 00
H. F. Gould, Mov. Ex. ....				133 40	133 40
J. F. Phipps, Hugo, Okla. ....				150 00	150 00
C. T. Simmons, Comanch, Okla. ....				150 00	150 00
W. B. Sanders, Paris, Tex. ....				164 99	164 99
W. D. Fogleman, Asheville, N. C. ....				116 67	116 67
W. C. Banks, Carbon, Tex. ....				25 00	25 00
R. I. Farmer, West Lane Ave., Columbus .....				2 50	2 50
N. J. Kinney, West Lane Ave., Columbus .....				10 00	10 00
Easter Ex. ....	378 43		560 86	492 73	1,432 02

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.

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	1909	1910	1911	1912	Total
Mission Study Supplies .....	19 13				19 13
*First Ch, Columbus, O. ....	\$3,250 00	\$ 3,525 40	\$7,971 00	\$12,783 65	\$27,530 05
Grace Ch., Col'us., O. Loan .....			2,500 00		2,500 00
W. Lane Av., Col'us., O. L'n .....			300 00	276 62	576 62
Hyde Park, Cin., Ohio.....	7,143 46	10,466 72	396 97	19 49	18,026 64
Hyde Park., Cin., O. Ex. ....	85 43				85 43
Keokuk, Iowa, Church .....	1,700 03	12,122 41	1,849 80	352 58	16,024 82
Interest.....	60 00	717 00	1,064 47	2,554 96	4,396 43
Loans and Donations .....	1,375 00				1,375 00
Donations—		1,034 00	920 00	428 40	2,382 40
First, Seattle.....	3,559 74	507 15	2,002 90		6,069 79
Ravenna, Seattle .....			118 05	3,119 50	3,237 55
Snow Hill, Md. ....		200 00			200 00
Hoyt Ave., Ind. ....	102 00	84 00	72 00	60 00	318 00
Winnfield, La. ....		100 00			100 00
Zanesville, O. ....		120 00	108 00	96 00	324 00
St. Luke's, Phila.....			1,000 00		1,000 00
Bethany, Baltimore.....			500 00		500 00
Millville, New Jersey.....			300 00		300 00
Clarksburg, W. Va. ....			1,000 00		1,000 00
Donation, Friendly Hill, Ga.....				100 00	100 00
Loan, Squirrel Hill, Pitts- burgh, Pa. ....		3,500 00			3,500 00
Bureau of Evang. Ex. ....	205 33				205 33
Bulletin .....	131 66				131 66
Financial Plan Supplies .....	3 00				3 00
General Expense .....		1,508 83	1,000 99	481 71	2,991 53
Office Expense .....		526 40			526 40
Secretary's Assistant .....		180 38			180 38
Clerical & Sten. Ex. ....			147 81	173 21	321 02
Times Printing Co., Adrian .....			228 41		228 41
Ravenna Ch. Ex. ....			93 00		93 00
Discount.....		150 00			150 00
To make legal tender (not used).....		650 00			650 00
Refund, remitted in error, Ind. Con.....		6 40			6 40
Bond Purchase .....		23,000 00			23,000 00
Notes Payable .....		18,000 00	9,050 00	18,831 00	45,881 00
General Conference Fund.....					27 00
Balance May 1, preceding... ..	3,191 95	4,476 09	98 26	2,950 29	
To Balance .....	4,476 09	98 26	2,950 29	245 00	
	\$36,551 81	\$91,908 99	\$65,456 41	\$54,991 96	248,909 17
*\$11,459.07 of the amount reported for First Church, Columbus, Ohio, is a loan without interest.					
Total disbursements .....					\$248,909 17
Not including borrowed money repaid.....					45,881 00
					\$203,028 17
Total Receipts.....					\$147,516 09
Disbursements above Receipts.....					\$ 55,512 80

A considerable portion of this amount is covered by loans made to churches, and by the Bond investment, as is shown by the report of the assets. The last period has been one of building—the next will be one of development.

ASSETS.

Cash.....	\$ 245 31
Notes and Mortgages .....	30,377 34
Bonds Par value \$15,000.....	13,967 75
Accounts Receivable .....	24 00
Real Estate.....	231,500 00
	\$276,114 40

LIABILITIES.

Notes Payable.....	\$ 51,630 59
	\$ 224,483 81

NET ASSETS.

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY

ASSETS.

Assets, April 30, 1912.....	\$ 171,947 45
April 30, 1908 .....	
Gain in Assets .....	\$ 62,635 39

## RECEIPTS.

Conferences for the Quadrennium, 1908-1912 .....	\$ 48,948 35
Conferences for the Quadrennium, 1904-1908 .....	43,030 76
Gain in Receipts from Conferences .....	\$ 5,917 59
From other sources, 1908-1912 .....	\$ 97,249 52
From other sources, 1904-1908 .....	82,826 47
Gain in Receipts from other sources .....	\$ 14,423 05
Total Receipts for the Quadrennium, 1908-1912 .....	\$ 147,516 08
Total Receipts for the Quadrennium, 1904-1908 .....	125,857 23
Gain in Total Receipts .....	\$ 21,658 75

## REPORT OF WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

## Pine Ridge, Kentucky.

Mrs. Everett has worked in Kentucky for the last three years. She organized a Methodist Protestant Church, at Shoulder Blade with a present membership of 160.

Mrs. Everett with the assistance of this church has been a great force in driving out the illegal liquor dens and in elevating and Christianizing the people of this section. At present this church is a part of and is supplied by the Kentucky Conference.

Later Mrs. Everett opened up the field at Pine Ridge where she is doing noble work and endeavoring to establish a school.

The Society has raised \$1,909.45 besides that raised in North Carolina.

## Orphan's Home, Denton, North Carolina.

The members of the North Carolina Branch of Home Missions decided two years ago to have a special work in North Carolina feeling that this would excite more interest and enthusiasm in Home Missions. Work among orphan children was decided upon. Temporarily the Orphans' Home is at Denton, where is located a Methodist Protestant High School.

The Home was formally opened August 22, 1910. It was furnished by the various Missionary Societies, churches and circuits. The building is an old school house with partitions, making 9 rooms. The children have free tuition in the High School, which is on the adjoining lot. There are eighteen children who have come from all parts of the State. A widow lady and a young woman are in charge of the institution. It has been supported by the dues from the various Missionary Societies in the State, free-will offerings, collections from Sunday schools and Thanksgiving services. All of the churches in the State are aiding in its support.

The Orphan's Home is not only a creature of the Woman's Home Mission Society, but of the Methodist Protestant Church, the only one in the State. By the annual Conference for the work. This committee is composed of three men. The time seems near for a permanent location. This of a locating committee of three men. During has been sent in. About sixteen hundred dollars estimated cost of supporting a child for a year Orphan's Home is increasing and it is predicted He has said, "Inasmuch as ye have done a little bit for the poor children, ye have done it unto me."



## OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

President Mrs. A. G. Dixon, Greensboro, N. C.  
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## REPORT NO. 10

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Methodist Protestant Church must believe in education. Its chosen mode of influence demands the educational process. There are two modes of address to men to move them to action. One is by the voice of authority commanding and threatening, re-enforced by great institutions and by symbols of power, impressing the imagination. This mode is effective in a way: It tends to build up great organizations, but it also tends to reduce men to automatons. The other mode of influence is through an appeal to the intelligence and reason and conscience of the individual, involving a presentation of pertinent fact, the awakening of the sense of honor and duty, and leading to action from a rational conviction of propriety. This is the Methodist Protestant mode—not ours exclusively, but ours.

It is the more difficult mode, but its results are enough better to justify the additional cost: It tends to develop true manhood,—real Christian manhood if employed in a Christian spirit and employing Christian materials.

For distinctively religious education, our chief factors are and will probably continue to be our pulpits, our Sunday schools, and our religious press. But these, while chief factors in their special province, are not enough for complete education. We need also day schools—institutions of higher education under Christian influence and control, church colleges and universities.

It is a real pleasure to read of the good work of education done for our church and our people by the colleges reporting to this body—we name them in alphabetical order. Adrian, Kansas City, Western Maryland, West Lafayette, Westminster. We heartily commend the work of all of them. We rejoice in the progress indicated by the reports referred to us and herewith submitted.

It is painful to us to note that in some instances the means provided are not adequate to meet the expenses of the work done. We believe that severe economy is practiced in the management, and the only remedy we can suggest is increased support. More young people should be induced to enter our colleges, but our case is not different from that of other churches in that it is necessary to supplement the income from tuition fees.

We therefore urgently commend our colleges to the special and favorable consideration of our people of means. Those having money to give or bequests to make can render a lasting service to their church and bring help and blessing to aspiring young people by adding to our college endowments and college resources for current expenses.

In regard to the memorial from the Ohio Conference recommending the creation of a Board of Education to supervise and enlarge all the educational

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work of the church, this committee wishes to record its belief that the creation of such a board is an end to be achieved, but that the matter involves interests so complex that it cannot be hurriedly accomplished.

Therefore we recommend that this memorial be referred to the Committee on the Consolidation of the General Interests of the church, and that that committee be instructed to formulate a plan for such a board and present it to the next General Conference.

For Trustees of Colleges we recommend the following:

Adrian College.

- A. S. Cooper New Cumberland, W. Va.
- Rev. Crates S. Johnson Tiffin, Ohio
- L. B. Robertson Adrian, Michigan
- Levi Custis Sabina, Ohio
- Rev. J. F. Henkle, D. D. Mount Corey, Ohio
- Rev. J. W. Gray, D. D. Adrian, Michigan
- F. W. Cook Castle Shannon, Pa.
- G. Roscoe Swift Adrian, Michigan
- Rev. J. O. Ledbetter Swayzee, Indiana
- Rev. U. W. Morrison Grafton, West Virginia
- H. B. Hitchings Capac, Michigan
- Hon. Wm. Drury Pittston, Pa.

R. K. McFall is recommended for vacancy occasioned by death of W. N. Swift.

Kansas City University

- A. L. Cook Kansas City, Kan.
- T. J. Strickler Kansas City, Kan.
- W. A. Morris Kansas City, Kan.
- James McCord Raymore, Mo.
- Granville Dags
- E. D. McCafferty
- S. S. Fisher Kansas City, Kan.
- D. P. Freeman Weldon, Ill.
- C. E. Custis
- W. G. Jones Kansas City, Kan.
- Henry C. Cooper
- Willard Merriam

*I suggest our moral instruction was referred to our committee. We are much interested with the efforts now put forth in various ways to inculcate in the minds of the youth of our land moral truth, and to this end we recommend the various of moral instruction suggested for schools and other organizations suggested by Dr. Alexander L. W. Begg, of New York.*

Respectfully submitted,  
J. F. McCULLOCH  
G. W. HADDAWAY  
A. O. HORNEY  
FRED P. ADKINS, Secretary  
J. H. LUCAS

ADRIAN COLLEGE.

*The General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church assembled at Baltimore Maryland, May - 1912. I have the honor to submit to the same the following Report of the management of Adrian College, one of the institutions of the Methodist Protestant Church.*

History.

*The Methodist Protestant Church organized an institution at Adrian Michigan in 1845 as The Michigan Union College. They continued to operate at this location for about seven years. In 1852 they decided to change the location and Adrian College was transferred to the place to which they would transfer the school.*

At this time a re-organization was effected and the name of the school was changed to Adrian College. The Wesleyan Methodist Church continued to operate the college for a few years when, owing to financial embarrassment, an arrangement was made with the Methodist Protestant Church under which the latter denomination was to furnish an equal number of professors and also to have equal representation upon the Board of Trustees. This arrangement was continued until the year 1867 when the entire interests of the school were taken over by the Methodist Protestant Church, since which time the Methodist Protestant Church has had entire control of the institution.

Throughout its history, Adrian College has maintained a most excellent reputation for scholarship and high moral standards. The religious influence has been such that very few students have gone out from the institution who have not been allied with the Christian Church.

#### **Equipment.**

The present equipment of the school compares very favorably with other denominational schools in the middle West. There are five brick buildings in good state of repair. The ladies' dormitory contains ample accommodations for present demands. The same may be said of the gentlemen's dormitory. The rooms are warmed by steam and lighted by electricity. Each dormitory contains ample lavatories and bathroom facilities. The rooms are well ventilated and most of them contain a study room with sleeping room attached.

Our equipment is now in such condition as to enable the college to carry forward its work in a most satisfactory manner for some years to come without much additional expense for this purpose.

#### **Conservatory of Music.**

The Conservatory of Music contains fourteen practice pianos where music students are assigned practice periods for their regular work. Since your last session a beautiful \$20,000.00 pipe organ has been installed in Down's Hall. It is stated upon reliable authority that there are larger organs in but two schools in this country. This instrument affords students of the organ exceptional opportunity for study.

The present director of the Conservatory, Professor Arthur S. Williams, ranks among the most accomplished musicians in this country and he has brought the standard to a point where it compares favorably with our best conservatories. After completing a thorough conservatory course in this country, he spent five successive years studying at the Royal Conservatory of Music, Leipsic, Germany, from which institution he graduated with the Master's degree.

#### **Science Department.**

Until two years ago the work in the Science Department was done by one man. We now regularly employ two professors and have so strengthened the course in Natural Sciences that double the work is being done that has been done in any former period during the history of the school. Several hundred dollars have recently been expended by way of equipment in this department.

#### **Attendance.**

The increased attendance during the last eight years had been a source of gratification to the management of the school. Nine years ago the school enrolled for the entire year but seventy-eight students. The enrollment the present year is two hundred and five. With the exception of one year we have had a gradual increase. A larger number of our students than formerly come prepared to enter the freshman class, though we still have a goodly number who, not having had high school opportunities, find it necessary to spend from one to three years in the academic department. There is every reason to believe that this increased attendance may be continued for some time to come. It is worthy of note that nine years ago we had but six gradu-

ates of the Adrian High School in the college. At the present time we have about thirty. The student-body in its personnel is of a superior character. The young men and the young women who come to us come with a seriousness of purpose which makes of them good students.

#### **Educational.**

During the Quadrennium now closing, a thorough course in Spanish has been added to our Department of Modern Languages. The teaching force of the school has been increased by the addition of two professorships. It is the aim of the school to do all of its work through regular professors and not by tutors. The school is yearly gaining additional recognition among the leading universities and technical schools of the country. We have received some very high compliments concerning the educational work done at Adrian, with which, however, we will not burden our report.

#### **Financial.**

It may be said of the financial perplexities of a small college as our Master said concerning the poor, "They are ever present."

Adrian College has the smallest endowment of any denominational college in the state of Michigan, but there is one college of a prominent denomination, which has an annual deficit of \$20,000.00 and upwards, while two or three others have an annual deficit of \$5,000.00. The deficit of Adrian during its history has run from \$3,000.00 to \$9,000.00 annually. The deficit last year was a little more than \$3,000.00. This is our most perplexing problem, "To live within our income." An effort is being made each year to increase our endowment. In order that we may avoid debt there has been organized what is known as the Laymen's Adrian College Association, which is making an effort to raise sufficient money each year to meet the annual deficit. This association has been operating for a little more than a year, and while there has been nothing phenomenal in its success, it is realizing a fair degree of success.

#### **Endowment.**

Our pressing need is an Endowment of more respectable proportions than any the college has ever had. Our present report will show an increase in the Endowment over that of four years ago, but the increase is much smaller than we had hoped to report. Four years ago we reported an Endowment of \$29,000.00. Our present Endowment, as reported by the Endowment Treasurer in June 1911, amounted to \$39,000.00, so there has been an increase in Endowment of \$10,000.00. This does not include endowment notes which have recently been taken, amounting to \$11,356.34, which, if we are able to realize upon them in full, will bring our Endowment in the near future to \$50,356.34. The Laymen's Adrian College Association holds notes in favor of the College amounting to \$1,658.00.

It will be noticed that we have only reported as our Endowment, money which is actually invested. It is believed that we shall be able to collect at least 90% of the endowment notes which we hold.

#### **Present Financial Condition.**

The buildings, grounds, and furnishings, are worth for educational purposes about \$225,000.00; the Endowment as above reported \$39,000.00, with endowment and debt notes valued at \$14,356.34. (\$3,000 of this being debt.)

A friend of the college has recently died in Nebraska leaving his will which bequeaths to the college a certain amount of real-estate upon which the institution should realize about \$20,000.00. There has been shown no disposition upon the part of the heirs to contest the will and there seems every reason to believe that the institution can depend upon the carrying out of the wish of our deceased friend. This will bring the entire assets of the institution to \$298,356.34.

### **Liabilities.**

Since our last Quadrennial Report we have paid the indebtedness against the school in full, but the accumulating deficits from year to year have brought upon us floating liabilities amounting to about \$15,000.00. It is believed that before the next session of the General Conference this indebtedness can be entirely wiped out and reasonable additions made to the Endowment.

It is needless to say that these liabilities are the cause of not a little anxiety to the management of the school, but it is felt that all things considered, the school is in far better financial condition to-day than ever before in its history. A comparison of conditions as they existed eight years prior to June 1911, with present existing conditions show that the assets of the institution had increased during that period about \$70,000.00, and this was without taking into consideration the natural advance in real-estate in this section.

### **Theological Work.**

Ever since Adrian College became the property of the Methodist Protestant Church an effort has been made to select from the studies usually given in theological seminaries, such branches as have been regarded as most essential to a young man preparing for the work of the ministry. The General Conference has repeatedly recommended to the college the separation of the theological department from the College of Liberal Arts. Three years ago this recommendation was followed out by the Board of Trustees and a seminary was established with Dr. H. L. Feeman, a former professor in the college, as president. The seminary was continued for two years, during which time it did most excellent work. Then, at the recommendation of an Advisory Board, which had been appointed by the Board of Trustees, the Trustees decided to close the seminary and recommended that such theological work as had been done for many years in the college, should again be added to our curriculum. This has been done, and Adrian College is now offering to young men studying for the ministry the same facilities as have equipped some of the most prominent men in the Methodist Protestant Church for service. We have upon an average about twenty-five young men in the school annually preparing for the work of the Christian ministry.

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With great sadness I report the death of the beloved President of the Board of Trustees of Adrian College, W. N. Swift, who had been intimately connected with the work of the school for thirty-seven years.

He was also a member elect of your body and was planning to be present at this session of the General Conference when the death messenger called on the 14th of last month, and took him from toil to rest, from labor to reward. Not only has Adrian College lost a friend but the Methodist Protestant Church has lost one of its most loyal and effective members.

### **Recommendation.**

It is earnestly recommended that special emphasis be placed by your body upon the importance of larger contributions upon the part of the churches within the contributing territory of Adrian College. If the modest sum which is asked from year to year from our contributing conferences, were paid in full, we would not be under the necessity of reporting any deficit.

Soliciting for Adrian College most prayerful consideration and the heartiest co-operation in the effort to advance the interests of the work, I have the honor to remain,

Yours most respectfully,

B. W. ANTHONY,  
President.

SEVENTY-FIRST QUADRENNIAL SESSION

KANSAS CITY UNIVERSITY

of the Methodist Protestant Church:  
Baltimore, Maryland.

submitting to you the following report of the present  
of the Kansas City University of Kansas City, Kansas.

Historical.

The University was established with the view of contrib-  
uting to the extension of the Methodist Protestant Church in the West.  
It is a general extension enterprise on a large scale. It is vitally  
important to our denomination west of the Mississippi River.  
A denominational undertaking, yet it has been wonder-  
fully successful. A Congregationalist physician in Kansas City,  
Dr. [Name], bequeathed to our people his valuable estate on  
the condition that we should build an educational institution in his home city.  
The interest has brought to the Methodist Protes-  
tant Church and other property since acquired, that amounts now  
to \$500,000 in value.

Affiliated Schools.

The University has been affiliated with several professional  
schools so that it is a University in fact as well as in  
name. These are the Kansas City Medical College and the Kansas City School of  
Dental Relation with the institution.

The Department of the University is known as Mather College,  
under the control of the Board of Trustees appointed by the

the Preparatory Department of the University  
with the school authorities of Wyandotte County,  
for the Public Schools of the County.

Students in the institution in all departments for the  
year were three hundred and forty-eight students. Of this  
number one hundred and fifty-four were enrolled in the College and High

Department, connected with the University has in view  
the education of young men for the ministry of the Methodist  
Church. It has recently been re-organized and presents a thor-  
ough course in Theology under the supervision of a competent  
faculty. The progress of our work in the West depends very largely  
on the success of this department. It is vital to the success of our Western Conferences.

GREATER KANSAS CITY UNIVERSITY.

Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas, though in different  
States are practically one city. Our institution is located on the Kan-  
sas side. Ever since the organization of our work we have  
been looking for an opportunity when our institution would supply the educational  
needs of both cities. At present there is no institution of higher education  
in either city. Within the past year, however, a movement  
has been made toward the establishment of such an institution in Kansas City.  
We drew the attention of the promoters of this move-  
ment to our institution in Kansas City, Kansas, and  
they have been very kind to include our name in their labors with ours, looking toward the creation  
of a University for both cities. In order to facilitate this proposition  
we have agreed to give up the ground which we regarded as belonging to us, some of  
which is in Missouri for an institution to be known as "The Kan-  
sas City University of Greater Kansas City." The plan that we have had  
in mind is to locate our institution in Kansas City, Kansas the literary de-  
partment comprising both cities. It is proposed that depart-  
ments of Theology and Law for Greater Kansas City shall be located in both  
cities. Professional schools and a school of Technology might be located

in Kansas City, Missouri. Several of these professional schools already existing, have expressed themselves as willing to become affiliated with such an institution. The advantages that would come from such an arrangement, to the enterprise now under control of the Methodist Protestant Church are obvious:

First—It will prevent our institution from being overshadowed by a rival university in the Missouri city. Should such a rival institution be established, the greater wealth and greater population of Kansas City, Missouri would give it in all probability a larger influence than we could command. It is important for our interest that we prevent the establishment of a separate institution in Missouri, if it may be possible.

Second—If our present organization can be made the literary department of a University that shall be recognized as presenting the educational interests of both cities, it will bring to us a much larger patronage and support than otherwise would be possible. The prestige that would be thus gained would be of the greatest value.

Third—The increased values that would be brought to the real estate now owned by the University by such an arrangement would largely enhance our finances. The plan proposed would contemplate the continued existence of our present Board of control and the management of our property exclusively in the interests of the Methodist Protestant Church as now. We would become an affiliated department of the Kansas City University of Greater Kansas City, but remain under the control of our present Board. The plan of consolidating institutions under denominational control by affiliation with a larger organization, independent of denominational control is not an entirely new thing. The University of Montreal, in Canada, is established on a somewhat similar basis. Schools under denominational control are affiliated with the University of North Dakota. It is possible that other denominational schools besides our own might enter into the proposed Kansas City University for "Greater Kansas City." The Baptists have a theological school in Kansas City, Kansas, and the Methodist Episcopal Church (South) has a Bible Training school in Kansas City, Missouri, and the Methodist Episcopal Church has a training school for nurses, also in Kansas City, Missouri. There would be nothing inconsistent with the plan proposed, if each of these institutions should be invited to become a department of the proposed University for Greater Kansas City. Whether the plan as proposed, will be realized or not, we are not yet able to say. At any rate, should it be realized, it would seem to open a much larger field for the work of our own institution than that which we at present occupy. Further steps will probably be taken, looking toward the organization of the proposed institution in the near future.

#### **The New Street Railway.**

An Electric Line, known as the "Kansas City Western" connects the University with the two Kansas Cities. The cars on this line, however, run only once an hour, and they do not accept transfers to the city street railway system, so that it requires two ordinary street car fares to go to many parts of the city. For many years we have tried to get the Metropolitan Street Railway system of the city to extend their line to the University. Until within the past few months our efforts have not met with success. About a year ago, however, the City Commissioners of Kansas City, Kansas, became interested in the matter, and they ordered the street railway system to extend one of their principal lines to the University. This has been accomplished, and now we have street car facilities that are as good as we could wish. Cars start from the University every ten minutes; and for one street car fare of five cents, passengers can be transferred to any part of either city. Not only have we secured this most desirable improvement in our transportation facilities, but the new street car line is to be known hereafter as "The University Line." The City Commissioners have directed that the change shall be made from the present name of "Chelsea" to "University." As this line passes through some of the most important parts of both cities, it will add to our institution in a way that will be very valuable to us. The car line to be known as "The University Line" is about twelve

miles long and passes through some of the best portions of both cities. One of our difficulties in the past has been that people have not known of our existence. A street car line will soon familiarize them with the fact that we are here.

It will no doubt have considerable effect also on our patronage. One of the difficulties we have had to contend with in the past, in the way of attendance of students from Kansas City, Missouri, has been the fact that it required two street car fares to reach us, and even then cars came to the University only once each hour. With the cars running every few minutes and the fare to all parts of the two cities, we anticipate that our patronage will be very considerably increased.

Another important result will be the enhancement in value of our real estate owing to the extension of the new line. This line passes by much of our property; already the stimulus of the new line is being felt and real estate values are improving in the vicinity of the new line. We feel that the completion of this new street car line will prove to be one of the most beneficial things that has happened to the institution in its history.

#### The New Cemetery Proposition.

The University received from the Mather estate a tract of land, comprising sixty-seven acres, overlooking the Missouri River, about two miles north of the business center of Kansas City, Kansas. For several years we did not regard this property as of much value, owing to the fact that the ground was rough and that the growth of the city for some time did not seem to be in that direction. Two or three years ago, however, the city took a sudden development in the direction of this land. A little over a year ago the University authorities decided that it might be wise to place this land on the market. A contract was made with the leading real estate firm of Kansas City, Kansas, to the effect that they were to be at all expense of platting and selling this land, and pay to the University the first forty thousand dollars received from the sale, and then divide the proceeds above forty thousand dollars equally between the University and the firm handling the property.

Assa thirty acres of the ground were platted and placed on the market. Within the last twelve months, the firm has sold nearly thirty thousand dollars worth of this land—the proceeds from which will go toward the payment of the mortgage that covers all of our property.

Two or three weeks ago this firm made a proposition to the University to take the remaining thirty-seven acres and convert it into a cemetery. They propose under the terms of our contract to handle the property as cemetery and divide the proceeds with the University. It is mainly this tract of land will be the most available for cemetery purposes in the vicinity of either of the Kansas Cities. It is the most attractive place for cemetery purposes that there is about either city. It is nearer to both cities than any of the cemeteries now existing. At the rate at which property is disposed of for cemetery purposes, this tract of ground, if sold as cemetery, would realize not far from one million dollars. It is expected that it will bring an income to the University of from two to five thousand dollars annually at the start, and later on it may produce a revenue of from ten thousand dollars annually for many years to come.

If the proposition can be realized, it will be seen that it is practically equivalent to a permanent endowment. The Board of Trustees have not yet finally decided on the matter but will probably do so at its annual meeting in June.

#### The J. W. Murphy Mortuary Notes.

The University has held notes given by the late J. W. Murphy in the amount of \$20,000. Mr. Murphy died in 1901. The University understanding that some of Mr. Murphy's heirs were willing to contribute with his contribution to the University, offered to the heirs of Mr. Murphy ten thousand dollars. The heirs declined, however, and as a consequence the University has been forced to look against the estate of J. W. Murphy, for the amount of



the notes in question. This suit will be tried in the court of Iowa at an early date.

Mr. Murphy was very desirous of having the amount which he has promised, used for the erection of a building, to be known as "Murphy Hall." If the University is successful in winning this suit, such a building undoubtedly will be erected. Mr. Murphy has been one of the foremost representatives of Methodist Protestantism in the West, and is deserving of this memorial.

#### Real Estate Holdings of the University.

The Kansas City University has lands in the suburbs of Kansas City, Kansas, amounting to something over two hundred acres. A considerable portion of this land has been platted and is in the vicinity of portions of the city that are rapidly building up. The new car line and the growth of the city are enhancing the values of this property every year.

In March, 1910, a committee of three of the most experienced real estate men in Kansas City, Kansas, made an inventory of the different pieces of property held by the University, fixing its values for the greater part by prices for which property in the immediate vicinity had been sold. The following is the inventory of the value of the real estate owned by the University, at the time the inventory was taken:

1. S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ block 7 Kensington (375 ft. @ \$8 ft.)	\$ 3,000 00
2. Block 8 Kensington (1200 ft. @ \$8 ft.)	9,600 00
3. Block 9 Kensington (375 ft. @ \$8 ft.)	3,000 00
4. Block 10 Kensington (1425 ft. @ \$8 ft.)	11,400 00
5. Block 11 Kensington (475 ft. @ \$8 ft.)	3,800 00
6. Block 12 Kensington (100 ft. @ \$8 ft.)	800 00
7. Block 1, Lot 9 Armstrong Place, with house	1,250 00
8. Block 3, Lot 2 Mather Place, with house	2,200 00
9. Block 4, Lot 1, Mather Place, with store building	1,800 00
10. Block 4, Lot 5, Mather Place, with house	3,000 00
11. Block 10, Lot 1, Riverview, with house	850 00
12. Block 10, Lot 3, Riverview, with house	850 00
13. Block 137, Lots 4, 5, 6, Northrup Place, with house	18,000 00
14. Block 19, Kensington Place (32 lots)	8,470 00
15. Block 1, University Place (35 lots)	3,155 00
16. Block 2, University Place (30 lots)	6,715 00
17. Block 3, University Place (24 lots)	4,755 00
18. Block 5, Carpenter Place, Lots 14, 15, 18 and 19	200 00
19. Block 3, Chelsea Springs, Lots 27 to 36 inclusive	2,000 00
20. Block 4, Mather Place, W. $\frac{1}{2}$ 11 and E. $\frac{1}{2}$ 12	325 00
21. Block 4, Chelsea Place, Lots 9 to 12 inclusive	400 00
22. Block 13 and 14, University Hill (962 ft. @ \$8 ft.)	3,848 00
23. Blocks 7 to 12 and 15, 16, University Hill (3,827 ft.)	36,789 00
24. Blocks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, University Hill (7304 ft.)	91,299 00
25. Blocks 1 and 2 Finkdale (858 ft. @ \$7 ft.)	6,008 00
26. Block 5, Midland Park, Lots 12 to 21 @ \$7 ft.)	1,750 00
27. Block 6, Midland Park, Lots 12 to 21 @ \$10 ft.	2,500 00
28. Grund Tract @ \$7 ft.	3,466 00
29. Kerr Tract	5,000 00
30. Morrison Tract	26,400 00
31. Quindaro Tract	60,000 00
32. Block 17, Kensington, Lots 1 to 8 and 15 to 25 inclusive	3,400 00
Total	\$321,030 00

#### Summary of Assets

Gray farm, notes and mortgages	\$ 8,820 00
Dexter Horton Scholarship	10,000 00
Joseph Wilson Fund	500 00
Dexter Horton Residuary Legacy (in hands of executors)	33,333 33
Mortuary Notes	35,000 00
Real Estate Valuation March 26, 1910	321,030 00

Mather Hall .....	40,000 00
Wilson Hall .....	35,000 00
Campus .....	37,500 00
Library, Furniture and Equipments .....	10,000 00
Emergency Fund, Notes (estimated) .....	10,000 00
Stock in San Antonio Mines .....	1,000 00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$542,183 33</b>

#### Summary of Liabilities.

Due H. J. Heinz for money advanced to pay encumbrances on Mather Estate, interest for fifteen years on the same, and money advanced to pay taxes at various times, with interest etc. ....	65,000 00
Bonds for erection of Wilson Hall, current exp. and other items. . .	35,000 00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$100,000 00</b>

#### Our Debt.

Our debt, as will be seen above, comprises two items: we owe to Mr. H. J. Heinz for money advanced to take care of encumbrances coming with the Mather estate and to meet other obligations of the institution, a sum, that altogether with interest will amount to not far from \$65,000. The original amounts advanced by Mr. Heinz aggregated something near \$40,000. The interest on these amounts would bring the whole to the sum named. Mr. Heinz holds a mortgage covering all of the property owned by the University, except the University campus and the buildings.

Another item of debt is the bond issue of \$35,000, made for the purpose of building Wilson Hall and meeting some other obligations of the institution. This debt is secured by mortgage on the campus and the buildings. While the property thus is wholly covered by mortgage, it amounts in value to more than we think the amount of our indebtedness. If we were willing to dispose of our property at such figures as could be realized by quick sale, we could easily get out of debt, and still have considerable property left. To realize the greatest advantage from our real estate holdings, however, we should dispose of the property only when it seems to have reached its maximum value.

Our church will assist us to take care of this property until it can be sold to our advantage, we shall be able in a few years to create an endowment that will put this institution in a position that will enable it to do its work with ease and satisfaction.

#### A Church Extension Movement.

Our church called attention to the fact that this institution is part of a great church extension movement. Our church in the West is weak. If it were not, it would be the result of massing denominational energies in that section of the country west of the Mississippi is destined to be the seat of a great church extension movement for many years to come, is evident. If we thrive as a university, we must build up in that section of the country. Providence has favored us thus far. Great possibilities have been placed around us thus far. To realize these possibilities, however, we must have the assistance of the machinery by which church extension is supported. Our people who live in the territory tributary to this institution are unable to give it that support which its success demands. In the time being, at least, the assistance of the church in other sections of the country is needed. The success of the Kansas City University will depend on the securing that co-operation which only the church can give. It is our prayer that the co-operation which only the most strenuous efforts of the church can give. Such a field has never been opened before. It will surely be opened to us again. If help can be given

us for a few years, the resources that we now control can be developed so that the institution thereafter will be able to take care of itself.

I trust that this General Conference will take such measures as will result in bringing to our support the assistance that only the organized machinery for our denominational extension can secure.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. STEPHENS.

Chancellor.

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### WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE.

Westminster, Maryland  
May 17th, 1912.

To the General Conference of the  
Methodist Protestant Church.

Dear Brethren:—

I have the honor to submit to you a report of the condition of Western Maryland College at the close of the forty-fifth year of its history and its progress during the last four years since the General Conference of 1908.

#### The Outstanding Events.

The outstanding events of the past quadrennium are:

1. Reduction of debt. At the last General Conference we reported a debt of \$14,000. It is now \$9,000. This debt is the remains of a bond issue of 1898 which matures in 1918. The original issue was \$23,500, bearing interest at the rate of 2% per annum. There is no other debt of any kind against the property except a mortgage given to the Church to represent the amount contributed at various times, and which does not constitute a charge against the institution.

#### A New Library and Administration Building.

2. At a cost of something over \$50,000, we erected two years ago the most ornate building on our campus, and also reconstructed our heating plant making it very complete and modern. This has all been paid for.

#### Increase of Endowment.

3. We reported to the last General Conference an Endowment Fund amounting to \$27,000. We were just then in the midst of an effort to increase this fund, and we are happy to report that we now have a paid in and invested fund amounting to \$75,000. It has been our policy up to the present not to use the interest of the fund but to add it to the principal, and this policy will probably be continued until the fund shall amount to \$100,000. Then we think we can safely begin to use the income of the fund for current expenses if necessary.

Not everything that has happened to us has been entirely of the complexion of these items mentioned, but they are sufficient to cause us to give thanks without ceasing for the good hand of our God upon us.

#### Students.

The College continues to attract a large number of young people. Our enrollment for the past four years respectively has been, 221, 232, 242, and 235. The four classes graduated in the same time aggregate 141.

In caring for these students we employ twenty-two teachers, and we believe that the work we are doing educationally is constantly improving, giving the College the respect of all who know anything of it and the love of an increasing number of loyal sons and daughters.

I believe—and I am sure that this Conference will agree with me—that this position has been won by a steady adherence to the best educational ideals; but most of all by keeping constantly in view from the first year of

its foundation to the present time the guiding conviction that Western Maryland College is a Christian school. Its first president, Rev. James Thomas Ward, D. D., of blessed memory, was happily so constituted and endowed that he naturally impressed this character upon the school through his long administration of nineteen years, and when he retired to give place to the second president, the school had received the indelible impression which had only to be cherished to be made permanent. This character of the school has been used by some persons to affix upon it the stigma of sectarian. But nothing could be more untruthfully said of it. Its charter expressly forbids it to subject either teachers or students to any religious test; it teaches no sectarian or even denominational tenets; and having students of many religious faiths it scrupulously respects the ecclesiastical preferences of all its members. But it sets Christian culture above every other in importance and value; it believes in God and reveres His Christ, and it declares as its motto the word of Christ in the spirit of Christ, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." If we have come to a time when such a College is to become the mark for the depreciating estimate of godless educational theorists, then the Church should awake to the enthusiastic support of its stronghold; for when the Church ceases to lead the thought of its time its very citadel is in danger. The Methodist Protestant Church has in Western Maryland College a great opportunity; not to amass or glory in valuable property although it has more invested here than in any other one place in the world; nor to make denominational converts, but to testify to the children of its generation its loyalty to Jesus Christ and to teach them the truth as it is in Jesus.

#### Prospects and Needs.

The first great need of the College is students. Although we maintain a fairly good roll from year to year, and although a College may have too many students to give them the best attention, we have not reached the point where the best results can be attained with the greatest economy in administration. We ought to have at least a third more students annually and we would have that increase without spending a dollar for advertisement if our pastors could feel the importance of this matter to their own best success. It is lamentable that many of our pastors take so little interest in our Colleges that they are not prepared to take advantage of the opportunity of directing their young people to their own schools. It is a loss to the Colleges, but it is also a serious loss to the home pastorate when young people go away from their own schools for an education. Pastors that turn their young people to College are wise, and they that tell them of Western Maryland shall shine as the stars.

The second great need is increase of endowment. This is not only a wise provision against disaster, but it is almost the only way in which our Colleges can strengthen themselves in their faculties. Larger salaries are demanded by the increased cost of living, and the cost of tuition must not be increased greatly lest it turn away young people by making their attendance financially impossible. The College ought therefore to have its income from students supplemented by an income from endowment.

Another immediate need for us at Western Maryland is a building. We have to-day on our campus at an early day an imposing structure to be used mainly for educational purposes. The cost of such a structure as we need would not be less than fifty thousand dollars. Our present recitation rooms are watered through several buildings, and they are not adequate for our needs. By gathering all these into one building, and making it a monument to our progress and standing that will at once inspire the public, we will inspire the respect of our contemporaries and give us a city to respond to a great call. We will build into such a structure the character and ability

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. LEWIS,

**WEST LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.**

To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Dear Brethren:

We note by the minutes of the General Conference in 1908 a very good historical sketch of the College by its former President, Dr. Straughn, therefore, it is not necessary to take time and space to give in detail the history of this institution. It might be well to repeat the reference made at that time to the location.

The college is located in one of the finest sections of Ohio. The country is picturesque and rich in natural products. The town is on the Panhandle Railroad, six miles from Coshocton, one hundred and twenty-five miles from Pittsburgh and seventy-five miles east of Columbus. There are no saloons in the town of 1,200 people. No college in the State has a more beautiful location, more interesting surroundings or better moral conditions.

The Financial problems of the school as with most schools of similar character, cause the greatest care and anxiety. At present the indebtedness is being held by friends of the institution who are willing and glad to hold the college paper, but we must be able to meet our requirements with them and pay the indebtedness in yearly installments so that we can have the money we are now paying out for interest to use in equipment etc. The assets as reported in 1908, amounted to \$25,000, at present, \$39,061.52, the indebtedness in 1908, \$9,235.22, at present, \$17,845.53. This increase is due to new equipment, building and deficit. The new Gymnasium built of brick has been completed. It has a main floor 40 x 60, a large running track and basement equipped with shower baths. A great deal of credit is due former President Straughn and the very loyal student body, for this building.

The Dormitory for Ladies has also been added to the College property. This is a two story frame building well suited to the needs of a dormitory.

We find that eight have been graduated with the Bachelor Degrees within the past quadrennium, also several in Commercial and Music. Among the graduates of West Lafayette College, the past ten years are to be found men and women filling positions side by side with the graduates of the largest and best colleges of the country, in the Ministry, the Law, the profession of Teaching, from College president down to primary work; and business men in many of the prominent positions of the country. Rarely has there been a graduate from any of the departments but that before graduation there was a place offered him. The student enrollment for the past four years: 1909, fifty-nine; 1910, eighty-six; 1911, one hundred and thirty-two; and thus far in 1912 we have a total individual enrollment of one hundred and fifty-eight. We are beginning a campaign to make the enrollment for next year two hundred and fifty. The tuition receipts are more than doubled on account of more of our students enrolling in two or more departments and remaining the full year. The rate of tuition and other expenses are so low here that an education is brought within reach of all. Our students need not spend more than \$150.00 per year.

We believe that a careful study of the history of West Lafayette College will convince the most skeptical that it is worthy of all and a thousand times more than it costs, and that it deserves the largest amount of consideration from Methodist Protestants who live in the territory which geographically belongs to it.

A. F. HESS,  
President.

TWENTY-FIRST QUADRENNIAL SESSION

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE, TEXAS.

of the Methodist Protestant Church,  
Maryland.

submit the following report of the condition and  
College, Tehuacana, Texas:

History.

In 1895 Methodist Protestants in the Southwest had  
to train and to educate the youth of the church.  
discussion and agitation, in that same year, through  
determination of Dr. J. L. Lawlis, Rev. T. L. Garrison  
Methodist Protestants a school was established  
under the direct supervision of Dr. Lawlis, who  
A building was purchased, land secured, a  
built at a place which was named Westmin-  
in Maryland where is situated the Westminster  
which Dr. Lawlis had received his theological train-  
name the school "Westminster College," and it was  
State of Texas, which gave the Board of Regents the  
in conformity with the laws of the State.

Stubbs was elected to the presidency of the College  
and Dr. Lawlis was placed at the head of the College  
direction of these men, who devoted their time and  
the school was carried on with marked success  
when an opportunity was offered for its removal  
Tehuacana, Texas

After the college had opened for its first term of  
Dr. Lawlis died, prematurely worn out, as many believed,  
the College. In September, 1903, Rev. H. H.  
left vacant by the death of Dr. Lawlis as presi-  
At the annual meeting of the Board of  
the resignation of Prof. Stubbs from the  
Arts and Sciences, the College of Theology was  
regular work, and Prof. Price was elected to the  
which are now known as "Westminster College."

Property Rights.

by the College was deeded to the citizens of  
Trinity University, a Cumberland Presby-  
has been located in the town for thirty-five years  
to Waxahachie, Texas. The citizens of  
with the Board of Regents of Westminster  
satisfactory agreement to all concerned,  
Board with the proviso that a school of collegiate  
of ten consecutive years. This condition  
property passes to the Board in fee simple. The  
of the College to the property have been  
in the District Court in the year 1905, and  
as to the validity of the deed given to the

Aims and Purposes.

the charter, the aim of this institution is to give a college  
will avail themselves of the advantages of a Christian  
the expenses of an education to a cost within the reach of  
means, and yet to give such a quality of work as that no better  
be acquired by those of more extensive means.

"He who writes a book, edits a paper, or founds a school merely for the money, and one which meets no felt want of humanity is to be considered an imposter rather than a benefactor. A careful consideration of the free tuition to ministerial students, and the children of those actively engaged in the ministry, and the low rates of tuition to others will convince anyone that Westminster College has some benevolent features. Experience has convinced those most intimately acquainted with this institution that benevolence and ability may be combined; that, while the cost has been reduced to the minimum, the teachers are not insufficient or the work poorly done." —Dr. J. L. Lawlis.

#### **Location.**

Tehuacana is in Limestone County, Texas, nearly in the center of the state, on the famous "Tehuacana Hills." A station on the Trinity and Brazos Valley Railroad a mile and a quarter from town, and connection also at Mexia with the Houston and Texas Central Railroad gives Railroad facilities.

#### **Buildings and Surroundings.**

The College building is constructed of the very finest limestone, with a front elevation of 116 feet, four stories high, and contains twenty-five rooms besides a chapel with a seating capacity of over 500. Situated upon a high hill overlooking the surrounding country and towering over a hundred feet in the air, it can be seen for many miles distant and makes an impressive landmark in the scenery. Tehuacana has been a seat of learning for over forty years, and the town is composed of cultured Christian people. The healthfulness of the place has become proverbial wherever the town is known. There is an abundance of pure well water, and the free flowing springs made the place a noted point in the days of Indian wars. The hills, the springs, and the rocks make it appear like a miniature mountain in the midst of a broken plain. In forming this place, nature seemingly fitted it for some great purpose.

In addition to the main building the College owns the girls' dormitory, This building will accommodate thirty and up to date has been large enough for the accommodation of the girl boarding students.

#### **Course of Study.**

The course of study is divided into Preparatory and Collegiate, and is designed with the idea of reaching students in the sixth grade of public school work and of finishing with the college courses. Such courses as are necessary are given in the preparatory work before the college work is taken up, and then the course continues through such studies as English, Latin, Greek, French, German, Physics, Chemistry, Advanced Mathematics, History, Economics, Sociology, Ethics, Metaphysics, Logic, Psychology, Geology, Astronomy and the Bible. On the completion of which course of study the degree of Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Letters is conferred on the student according to the course taken.

#### **Theological Department.**

In addition to the course of study mentioned above a theological course is available to students who desire to equip themselves for the ministry. This course leads up to the degree of Bachelor of Divinity, and embraces studies as Hebrew, Greek, Systematic, Historical, Exegetical, Evidential, Biblical and Practical Theology.

#### **Endowment.**

The endowment of the College consists of the money invested in the Coolidge property and the money represented by the promissory notes called "Endowment Notes," which bear interest at 10 per cent per annum. The income from this source amounts to about \$900 per year. This income is wholly inadequate to meet the needs of a growing college and we feel the need of a larger endowment fund very much.

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**Needs.**

Equipment for our day of study and  
 We need a large library, and  
 . . . . .

**Financial Statement.**

Resources.	
. . . . .	\$ 75,000 00
. . . . .	5,000 00
. . . . .	6,000 00
. . . . .	1,000 00
. . . . .	500 00
. . . . .	500 00
. . . . .	300 00
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	\$ 84,500 00
Expenses.	
. . . . .	\$2,000 00
. . . . .	550 00
. . . . .	2,000 00
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	\$4,550 00

With confidence in God and His grace  
 may be used by Him to His glory,  
 submitted.

T. L. GARRISON, Agent,  
 Westminster College.

REPORT NO. 11.

REPORT ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

Relations reports with much gratifica-  
 tion from various religious bodies.  
 Church has sent to us from their General  
 Conference, Minn., a fraternal delegation consisting  
 of Rev. Wallace MacMullen, D. D., of New  
 President of the Northwestern University,  
 would were exceedingly cordial, breathing  
 Christian love.  
 Rev. E. J. Partymann, D. D., Pro-  
 fessor of the Methodist Episcopal Church,  
 Burlington, Bishops of that church as the  
 position. The greetings of this representa-  
 tion were of Christian love.  
 In his message, the President of our General  
 Conference, our fraternal delegate to the General  
 Conference of the Methodist Episco-  
 pal Church.  
 Rev. A. D. Fritcherson, D. D., and Rev.  
 by the Board of Bishops of the Church  
 as fraternal negotiation to our General Con-  
 ference, Christian fraternity and union—As expressive  
 Commission on Church Union was authorized  
 just as our Commission was  
 going to union was taken by the United Breth-  
 ren.  
 President of this General Conference be ap-  
 pointed to the next General Conference of the United  
 Brethren from the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist



Episcopal Church, Rev. C. L. Mead, D. D. and Rev. S. R. Murray, D. D. made addresses, and as representing the Baltimore Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. J. E. Cook, the moderator of that body, Rev. Henry Branch, D. D., the stated clerk, Rev. J. Wynne Jones, D. D., were heard. The addresses of fraternity of all these representatives were blessedly full of good will, and it is inspiring to record that their addresses were received in the spirit given amid much enthusiasm. They were occasions of exceeding delight.

We cannot forbear expressing our pleasure in the gracious and brotherly responses of Rev. Lyman E. Davis, D. D., the President of our General Conference to these addresses.

We have had referred to us the report of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

We rejoice in the excellent work being done by this council in emphasizing the essential unity of Protestant Christianity, in exerting a world wide influence in promoting co-operating in Missionary work at home and abroad, Temperance, Family Life, Sabbath Observance, Peace and Arbitration, and other reforms of exceeding importance, and it is a pleasure to know that we form a part of this great council in company with thirty other denominations.

The next quadrennial meeting of the council will meet in Chicago on the evening of December 4th, 1912.

We recommend that eight delegates and eight alternates be appointed by this General Conference to represent the Methodist Protestant Church in this Council, and that this Conference provide for their expenses, and also provide for our apportionment of the annual expenses of the next quadrennium.

We recommend the following vote of thanks:

To the Pastor, Rev. J. W. Kirk, D. D., officials and members of the St. John's Methodist Protestant Church for the abundant provision made for the comfort of the representatives to the General Conference. It seems as though nothing has been omitted which could have been thought of for the convenience of the Conference.

To the Preachers' Meeting of the Methodist Protestant Churches of Baltimore, which so generously extended its invitation to meet here—To the Committee on Entertainment which has so faithfully performed its part of the work, not only providing for ample entertainment, but at considerable expense and no small amount of labor, giving us a delightful excursion by steamboat to Annapolis.

To the Western Maryland College for the splendid trip to Westminster, and the pleasure derived from viewing our great Educational Interests in that city.

We cannot refrain from expressing our sincere gratitude for the hospitality of the homes of the people of this fair city, and we shall bear away most delightful memories of our stay with them, praying that the blessing of God may be upon every household.

To the ladies of our churches who have served us with excellent luncheon at the church, thus enabling us to expedite the work of the Conference.

We wish also to record the great help in our devotional and song services which has been rendered to our delight and edification by Rev. E. D. Stone, of Washington, D. C. as the leader of the singing, and Miss Grace Green, of St. John's Church, who has so efficiently presided at the organ, and to the excellent choir, whose music has been an inspiration.

We record with decided pleasure our great appreciation of the sweet, and lovable christian spirit of our Presiding Officer, the President of this General Conference, and his unceasing effort to be thoroughly kind and impartial in all his rulings.

We note with pleasure the constant attendance of the representatives of the press, and also the space given us in their reports, and their evident desire to make clear to the public our proceedings

J. W. KIRK, Chairman  
 J. P. COLLIER, Secretary  
 J. FRANK HARPER  
 J. D. WILLIAMS  
 BERT PETTY

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THE COMMITTEE OF THE  
THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST  
GENERAL CONFERENCE  
THE TESTAMENT CHURCH.

in the fellowship of the Federal Council and herewith submit a brief report on the conduct of its work.

that through the activities of the Churches that hold to Christ's message before in the history of America

and has exerted a world-wide influence among thirty-one denominations, at the completed the organization of the Council on the Churches on co-operation in Industrial Relations, Temperance and Arbitration and the Separation through the religious and secular press millions of Christian homes and hearts

and are in close and helpful relations with denominational agencies supported by the notable and far-reaching co-operative Protestant Christianity is illustrated through the Federal Council Committee

and over fifty City and local Federations with the influence and aid of the National these Federations have made extended carrying forward co-operative evangelism. In the recent Men and Religion and that where local Federations were this movement has been secured with the largest assurance of permanent combined influence for the Churches of and social life of the people, the Council Federal Council at its meeting in 1908. "war is evil and that Christian Nations organization the international differences." This declaration has enabled the to give leadership in the great Peace hesitate to affirm that as the official Council is the greatest and most influential

over the imperative need and value of the united Protestantism in standing for the fundamental principle of our national life. in 1908, gave a timely message to the world to modern industrial conditions. Dis of the legislature and of the Court, the of united Protestantism that "the Church should shape industrial relations and strive in which alone these truths become operative to the furtherance of all reforms by which be protected, the unscrupulous restrained, opportunity secured and wholesome conditions that concerns human life can be alien to the and its task are measured by the sympathy, of its Lord." This message has already, through Commission on the Church and Social Service, and fruitful action.

The Federal plan and conception of Church Unity realized in this great linking of forces, is proving both practicable and workable. From our viewpoint it is a very high and holy mission which the Federal Council is fulfilling as a means of bringing together the officially chosen leaders of the Churches in its fellowship. The unity of spirit and purpose that lies at the heart of our American Church Life has already been disclosed in ways that make evident that there are many things that can be better done in union than in separation.

As your official agency in carrying forward the great and difficult task of unifying, correlating and allying the religious forces of our country in matters of common interest, those charged with the administration of the work of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America bespeak the generous and prayerful support of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

The next Quadrennial Meeting of the Council will open its session in Chicago on the evening of December fourth, 1912. Your General Conference is asked to arrange for the appointment of eight delegates and their alternates to represent your Church in this Council meeting, and also to provide for your apportionment of the annual expenses during the next quadrennium.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Executive Committee,

WILLIAM H. ROBERTS, Chairman.

E. B. SANFORD, Cor.-Secretary.

CHARLES S. MACFARLAND,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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#### REPORT NO. 12 ECUMENICAL COMMISSION.

Your committee on the matter of approving the establishment of an Ecumenical Conference Commission report as follows:

(1) We recommend the adoption of the plan for an Ecumenical Conference Commission as proposed by the Executive Committee of the Western section.

(2) We recommend that this General Conference instruct the Finance Committee to provide for the amount of \$175.00 annually to meet the share of the expenses of this commission that would fall to our church, this annual payment to continue for the period of ten years from the last Ecumenical Conference.

(3) We recommend that a Commissioner be appointed to represent the Methodist Protestant Church.

F. T. LITTLE, Chairman

U. W. MORRISON

S. R. HARRIS

D. S. STEPHENS

M. L. JENNINGS

ELY D. MILLER

A. L. REYNOLDS

JAMES IRWIN.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church:

Dear Brethren:

The undersigned Executive Committee, appointed by the Commissions representing the Churches of the Western Section, desire to call the attention of your honorable body to the action of the Fourth Ecumenical Methodist Conference, held in Toronto, Canada, October 4-17, 1911, concerning an Ecumenical Methodist Commission to serve in the intervals of the decennial Conferences.

The Conference discussed, with great interest and profit, the problems facing our common Methodism and reached some important conclusions. One of these conclusions was that the manifest advantages of these periodical conferences ought to be conserved and extended by a continuous Commission, whose purpose it should be to bring the score or more of Methodist divisions into close and constant contact, that they may have a more intimate knowledge of one another, that mutual encouragement, helpfulness, and practical co-operation may be promoted, that their unity and solidarity may be deepened



promote closer fellowship and co-operation between them, to further great moral causes affecting the peace and welfare of our respective countries, and to make arrangements for the next Conference." The Conference indicated, by resolutions adopted, a number of specific questions for the consideration of the Commission, such as the evangelization of the world and how it may be promoted, federated action concerning young people's work, temperance work, a common college system, forms of social and philanthropic service, greater economy and effectiveness of missionary organizations, a federation of Methodist historical societies, etc. Sir Robert Perks speaks of the resolution creating the Commission as "the most momentous resolution since the days of John Wesley."

The World Alliance of the Presbyterian Churches has in this country a committee which acts in the interval of the triennial meetings of the Pan Presbyterian Council; and the Baptist World Congress, which meets every five years, has a similar committee, and the president of the Congress has relinquished his pastorate and has been giving his entire time to the work of the Congress.

The Conference was deeply impressed with the desirability of federation, co-operation, and union among Methodist branches, to which previous Ecumenical Conferences gave a wonderful impulse. The first Conference, in London, in 1881, was followed by the union of Methodist branches in Canada; the second Conference, in Washington, in 1891, gave impulse to the union of Methodist branches in Australasia, which was completed in 1902; and the third Conference, in London, in 1901, led to the union of three Methodist branches in England. Perhaps a similar movement among the many branches in the United States may grow out of the fourth Conference, in Toronto, in 1911. Union negotiations are proceeding encouragingly between the Free Methodist and Wesleyan Methodist bodies, and likewise between the Evangelical Association and the United Evangelical Church, which are Methodist in all but name. Commissions representing the Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal, South, and Methodist Protestant bodies have been trying to bring about closer relations, and the African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, and Colored Methodist Episcopal bodies already enjoy a measure of practical co-operation in the joint sessions of their boards of bishops. Such advisory help and influence in the promotion of measures of federation and union as the Ecumenical Methodist Commission may afford will no doubt be given.

The questions respectfully suggested for the consideration of your honorable body are as follows:

1. Approval of the creation, scope, and purpose of the Ecumenical Commission.

2. Authority for the appointment of members of the Commission allotted to the Methodist Protestant Church.

3. Approval of the maintenance of the headquarters of the Commission, already established, with provision for reasonable annual expenses thereof, including traveling expenses of members of the Commission.

(Bishop) JOHN W. HAMILTON, Chairman,  
Methodist Episcopal Church.

(Bishop) E. E. HOSS,  
Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

(Mr.) T. T. FISHBURNE,  
Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

(Rev.) F. T. LITTLE,  
Methodist Protestant Church.

(Bishop) C. S. SMITH,  
African Methodist Episcopal Church.

(Bishop) A. WALTERS,  
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

(Mr.) GEORGE W. BROWN,  
Methodist Episcopal Church.

(Dr.) H. K. CARROLL, Secretary,  
Methodist Episcopal Church.

## REPORT NO. 13.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

Your committee on Young People's Work submits the following report: Four years ago this the youngest board of our denomination was instituted and Dr. C. H. Hubbell was elected Field Secretary. The results achieved have fully demonstrated the efficiency of this new department of work. Through correspondence, personal visitation, convention addresses and in manifold other ways our church has been thrilled with a new vision of the possibilities latent among our young people. The future is bright with prospects and this board deserves our hearty recognition and endorsement. We commend the management for the plans projected, and our Field Secretary for his success in carrying forward the purposes outlined. The board was at the disadvantage of having no established financial plan and was left to develop its own financial plan and constituency.

(1) We recommend that an assessment be laid upon each Annual Conference by the Executive Committee of the General Conference. Said assessment to be apportioned among the several societies.

(2) We recommend that the Annual Conferences be instructed to include in their annual minutes more complete statistics of all Christian Endeavor Societies in their district.

(3) We recommend the endorsement of the use of the Christian Endeavor Day Programme prepared by the Board of Young People's Work, each year on the first Sunday of February.

(4) We recommend the following as members of the Board of Young People's Work.

G. W. Haddaway, Maryland; C. D. Sinkinson, Eastern; Robert Rawsthorne, Pittsburgh; Ely D. Miller, Michigan.

Signed by the Committee.

J. SALA LELAND, Chairman  
 F. T. BENSON  
 C. S. JOHNSON  
 S. E. KENDALL  
 J. M. STEPHENSON  
 H. A. MIDDLETON  
 W. M. PASCO  
 ELY D. MILLER.

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 QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE  
 BOARD OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.
**History and Organization**

The Board of Young People's Work was created by the last general conference which met at Pittsburgh on May 23rd, 1908. The following were elected as members of the Board: Rev. G. W. Haddaway, Baltimore, Md.; W. N. Swift, Adrian, Mich.; C. D. Sinkinson, D. D., Atlantic City, New Jersey; Rev. S. W. Posenberger, Empire, Ohio; Robert Rawsthorne, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Rev. C. H. Hubbell was elected General Secretary of the Board.

July 24th, 1908, the Board held its initial meeting at Pittsburgh with all the members present. As a result of the meeting the following definite aims were taken up: For the Sunday School, the organization of Teachers' Training Classes, the formation of organized Adult Bible Classes, the Fall Rally Day and Decision Day. For the Christian Endeavor Society, more societies, more members, the formation of mission study classes in co-operation with the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions, a campaign for systematic giving.

**Inspiration**

It is the business of a Board to create and foster an atmosphere, a spirit, an abiding enthusiasm. The Board has endeavored to do this. We believe it is fair to say that more Methodist Protestants have thought and talked

about our young people and their possibilities than ever before. And we believe they have done it oftener. More news about our Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies has been printed than in any previous quadrennium.

#### **Publicity**

During the quadrennium the Secretary has contributed material to our denominational papers. Regular departments have appeared weekly in the Methodist Recorder and in the New Guide, and the material has appeared as often as space permitted in the Methodist Protestant and in our Church Record. A total of eleven hundred columns has been furnished to our church papers. Through this agency, the importance and value of our Sunday School and Young People's Work has been widely disseminated throughout the church.

#### **Literature**

In connection with its editorial work the Board has prepared and distributed a large amount of literature calculated to help Sunday School and Christian Endeavor workers.

The secretary has carried on a wide correspondence, touching every section of the Church. This correspondence has touched upon the practical problems that confront our workers in the Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Societies, and good results have followed the suggestions brought out in such correspondence.

#### **People Who Know**

We believe denominational knowledge begets loyalty. Consequently the Board has urged the formation of Methodist Protestant Committees in our Societies and Sunday Schools. We believe there is a large and important field before such a committee.

In a word, an enthusiastic and intelligent Methodist Protestant Committee could make the average Endeavorer far better informed and much more interested in his own Church, local and general. Let us follow the advice of centuries ago and "know ourselves" denominationally. And this knowledge will not make us bigoted, it will make us BIGGER. It will increase our respect for others.

#### **Our Clearing House**

The Board has sought to be a clearing house of wise and helpful methods. It is as incumbent to use the best methods available as it is to insist on the highest motives.

It is customary in some quarters to decry organization. We magnify motive and minify method. But is it not possible to go too far in this?

Surely, if organization appears in our creation and our salvation, we can ill afford to belittle it in the work of the kingdom.

#### **Rally Day**

The Secretary has published two special services under the direction of the Board. The first has been the Rally Day program which has been produced each fall for the past four years. The special denominational Rally Day program was a new venture for our church, but the results have amply justified the undertaking. The service has grown in use and popularity from the beginning.

Rally Day has been called the "New Year's Day" of the Sunday School year. It is THE day when the attention of the Church and community is called to the great work the Sunday School is doing. The program has had a distinct educational value. Many schools have reported through the use of Rally Day, new movements for local Sunday School progress. We have not desired to make a show ON Rally Day, but we want the School to have something to show AFTER Rally Day. We therefore have endeavored to produce a program of constructive and permanent value. We have en-

deavored to secure the adoption of Rally Day as an institution of the Sunday School which earns its place by its merits.

During the past three years the Board has presented six Sunday School Workers' Libraries to the Schools making the largest offerings for Rally Day. These libraries have been distributed to the following schools: Tiffin, Ohio, Fairplay, Kansas, Adrian, Michigan, Roscoe, Ohio, Tiffin, Ohio, and York, Ohio.

#### **Christian Endeavor Day**

For the past three years, the secretary has also prepared a special Christian Endeavor program for Methodist Protestant Endeavorers. This program has been used on or near Christian Endeavor Day, the first Sunday in February. The programs issued by the Board have been received with a fine spirit of co-operation by the young people and we trust the program has been a real aid in bringing them help and inspiration.

#### **The Standard of Excellence for Methodist Protestant Schools**

Bigger and Better has been our Sunday School slogan. A good School is growing better. If it isn't, it's not apt to stay good. The satisfied School is hopeless. The dissatisfied School—the School that wants to do better—is hopeful and healthful.

In harmony with this idea, the Board of Young People's Work set up the following Standard of Excellence for all Methodist Protestant Schools

#### **The Cradle Roll**

Every Sunday School that has a written roll of the babies of the congregation or neighborhood, in charge of a Cradle Roll Superintendent, is entitled to this point.

#### **The Home Department**

To secure this point, at least five home department scholars must be enrolled, and pledged to weekly lesson study under the direction of the Home Department Superintendent.

#### **Organized Classes**

Experience has shown that organized adult classes are more effective than those unorganized. The International Sunday School Association has established a very simple standard of organization embracing three essentials: (1) the class must be composed of pupils over sixteen years of age; (2) and must be a regular class in the Bible School; (3) with five officers, president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and teacher, and at least three committees, Membership, Social and Devotional.

#### **Missionary Information and Contributions**

Our Mission Board Secretaries, Rev. F. C. Klein, 316 Charles Street, Baltimore, Md., and C. H. Beck, D. D., West Lafayette, Ohio, gladly furnish general information and helps for mission study classes. The school must also contribute to both our Home and Foreign Mission Boards to make this Point.

#### **Decision Day**

We do not insist at all upon this name. The main thing is the fact of decision for Christ. Our earnest hope is that each School shall carefully and prayerfully undertake this vital commission of enlisting the boys and girls for Christ and the Church.

#### **Offering for the Board of Young People's Work**

The purpose of the Board is to do everything possible to maintain and increase the efficiency of all of our Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies.

This standard is in general accord with similar standards adopted by the several denominations and State Associations. It has not been adopted,



however, from any insane desire to "keep up with the procession." We believe it sets before our Sunday Schools a sane and constructive program of faith and works.

### **Our Union Policy**

The Board has co-operated with the denominational Christian Endeavor Union in proposing and propagating a union policy and a standard of service for our young people. The standard and policy are as follows:

- First: Two thousand dollars at least for missions.
- Second: Ten cents per member for our Board of Young People's Work.
- Third: A new society for every day of the year.
- Fourth: Information and agitation for our own Church.
- Fifth: Our motto, "A Greater Methodist Protestant Church."

### **Standard For Service For Local Societies**

- First: A contribution for missions.
- Second: A mission study class maintained for at least four weeks.
- Third: A contribution to the Board of Young People's Work.
- Fourth: A ten per cent gain in membership.
- Fifth: Some special work for the local church.

### **New Societies and Schools**

The Board has emphasized and encouraged in every way possible the organization of Young People's and Junior Christian Endeavor Societies. Through field work, correspondence and the distribution of free organizing literature, the secretary has endeavored to assist such organizations in all parts of the Church. We are glad to report that 250 new societies have been organized. If all the reports were available the total would exceed this considerably.

The Board has also assisted in the organization of new Sunday Schools particularly in the southwestern conferences. In the opinion of the Board this affords one of the most important and strategic fields of work that will pay large dividends for the Church. The history of the larger as well as some of the smaller denominations, in the West especially, is the history of seeing and seizing the Sunday School opportunity.

### **Teacher Training**

From the beginning the Board has emphasized in every way possible Teacher Training. In the opinion of the Board, it is one of the most notable and important movements in the Sunday School world. The movement has grown steadily from its beginning in the various denominations and states until at the present time one out of every twelve teachers in the United States is a trained teacher. If it is important for the highest efficiency of our Church that the ministers should be trained, which we all readily grant, it is also of paramount importance that our Sunday School teachers be trained. We have in round numbers twelve teachers for every preacher in the Methodist Protestant Church. It has been the mission of the Board to reach as many of our teachers, present and prospective, as possible.

The Board has prepared a beautiful joint diploma which recognizes both the International Sunday School Association and the Methodist Protestant Church. This diploma has been granted to a considerable number of our workers in all parts of the Church.

According to the best records available, we have two hundred Teacher Training classes and two thousand students and the number is constantly increasing.

The Board has prepared the following Advanced Course: First year, Pattee's Elements of Religious Pedagogy; Lamoreaux's, The Unfolding Life. Second year, Bible Study by Books, Sell, Principles and Policy of the Methodist Protestant Church, Lewis. Third year, Manual of Missionary Methods, Trull, How to Conduct a Sunday School, Lawrence.

### Our College Campaign

As an integral part of its Teacher Training campaign, the Board has taken up this work in our Colleges.

The College faculties and students have co-operated heartily. As a result students in Western Maryland College, Adrian College, Kansas City University, West Lafayette College, and Tehuacana College will receive our Teacher Training diplomas at their coming commencements.

This work in our College opens up a new and most promising field, pregnant with promise for the local church and the College.

In connection with the work in the College the Secretary has endeavored to serve the students preparing for the ministry. He has visited Westminster Theological Seminary three times and Adrian Seminary once. Through lectures and conferences on Sunday School and Christian Endeavor work he has sought to give our future ministry a vision and a practical program of work for these great departments of the church.

Westminster Seminary has the honor of graduating the largest Teacher Training class enrolled by the Board under the direction of Professor Forlines. The work of teacher training has been made a regular part of the work of the Seminary.

The faculty has co-operated heartily with all the efforts of the Board.

### The Organized Class Movement

The Board has emphasized constantly the Adult Bible Class Movement that has made such remarkable progress during recent years. The secretary has promoted the movement in our Church through literature, and conferences and addresses. We have at a conservative estimate 300 organized classes and the number is constantly increasing. Many of these classes are doing excellent work. Their activities are by no means confined to the study and discussion of the lesson, which is the first and vital essential of such a class. These classes are busy in social, civic and relief work during the week. They are in many cases contributing generously to local and general church enterprises. These classes have been the means of conversions and additions to our churches. They afford an inspiring example of creed and deed. They are answering a long felt need of the Sunday School.

Cambridge, Ohio has the honor of enrolling the largest class in the Church which was organized less than two years ago, by Rev. W. E. Harrison. The present membership is 392. Tiffin, Ohio holds second place with 130 on the roll. This class has a long and notable record under the direction of Rev. C. S. Johnson. Many other classes have done excellent work. It is a movement which under wise direction is full of promise and power.

### Sunday School Evangelism

From the beginning the Board has emphasized the vital importance of evangelism in the Sunday School. The Church has no richer or more fruitful field.

### Field Work

Following out the policy of the Board the general secretary has devoted as much time as possible to field work.

The secretary has tried to be a clearing house of plans and methods—and the clearing house has been peripatetic and not stationary. The clearing house comes to the farthest society and school. A plan in the paper is good. A plan in a person is better. And the plan is more apt to be impressed by a person than by a paper. He has been an advertising agency of admirable and applicable aids and he has delivered the goods on the grounds. These conferences on methods constitute one of the most helpful features of the rallies held by the secretary.

The following is a summary of the field work conducted by the secretary:

#### 1908-9.

Engagements filled .....	162
Addresses and Conferences .....	253
Miles traveled .....	31,541

**1909-10.**

Engagements filled .....	125
Addresses and Conferences .....	249
Miles traveled .....	30,882

**1910-11.**

Engagements filled .....	129
Addresses and Conferences .....	254
Miles traveled .....	27,758

**September 1911 to April 1912.**

Engagements filled .....	92
Addresses and Conferences .....	162
Miles traveled .....	20,887

This field work has covered the majority of the Conferences of the Church, and a large number of Schools and Societies have been reached personally by the secretary. At a conservative estimate 45,000 people have attended the public meetings addressed by the secretary.

In addition to this work the secretary has been privileged to represent the Methodist Protestant Church on the program of a considerable number of state and international Sunday School and Christian Endeavor gatherings.

**Assembly and Institutes**

A new and exceedingly helpful feature of the work of the Board has been the Summer Assembly idea. This was carried out very successfully last summer at Midland Park, Gull Lake, Michigan, where the beautiful Assembly grounds of the Michigan Conference are located. No more beautiful or appropriate spot could be imagined for such a gathering. The attendance was large during the three days of the Institute, and the spirit and enthusiasm manifested were splendid. Many of the leading pastors of the Conference shared the benefits of the Institute with their young people.

**Finance**

The General Conference commissioned the Board to provide for the maintenance of its work. Inasmuch as the labors of the Board were to be directed for the benefit of the Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies of our Church, it seemed logical and natural to depend upon these organizations for financial support. In addition to these sources, funds have been received from individuals as direct personal contributions for the work of the Board.

The Board and its Secretary desire to express their sincere and grateful appreciation of the generous and constant support of Schools, Societies and individuals.

**The Interdenominational Council**

Soon after the Board of Young People's Work was organized the Interdenominational Sunday School Council of Evangelical Denominations was organized in Philadelphia. The purpose of the Council as set forth by the president, Dr. Rowland, is threefold: To promote denominational proficiency in Sunday School work; to protect denominational interests and to further mutual understanding among various denominations and churches.

The Board of Young People's Work and its secretary have affiliated as members of this Council and the secretary has attended two of the annual meetings. We feel membership in this council has already worked greatly to the advantage of the work of the Board in various particulars. We believe it is a timely and important movement and has large possibilities for the Sunday School work of the future among the various denominations.

**A Word of Thanks**

The thanks of the Board and its Secretary are gladly given to the general officers of the Church who have co-operated courteously and heartily on many occasions. We appreciate sincerely the earnest and generous co-operation

of a great number of pastors and workers. There has been much to encourage, comparatively little to discourage. The Board and its Secretary have endeavored to execute the commission, entrusted to them by the last General Conference, of promoting in every way possible the efficiency of the Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies of the Methodist Protestant Church. We trust in our endeavor to do this we have contributed in some degree to a Greater Methodist Protestant Church.

We present herewith the financial summary for the quadrennium.

## 1908-9.

Receipts		Expenditures	
Sunday Schools	\$ 744 99	Salary	\$ 1,500 00
Christian Endeavor	394 93	Office postg. expr. supls..	318 69
Field Offerings	1,071 30	Stenographer	96 50
Personal Gifts	428 75	Printing	338 29
Literature	614 60	Field Expense	638 10
Loan	485 00	Literature	365 42
		Sundry	107 15
		Loan	112 00
		Office Fixt. & Supplies	144 01
Total	\$ 3,737 57		
		Total	\$3,618 16

## 1909-10.

Receipts		Expenditures	
Sunday Schools	\$ 1,006 94	Salary	\$ 1,600 00
Christian Endeavor	379 21	Office Postg. expr. suppl..	346 61
Field Offerings	1,419 06	Stenographer	150 00
Personal Gifts	227 60	Printing	437 25
Literature	268 53	Field Expense	668 75
Loan	291 00	Literature	188 71
		Sundry	168 80
Total	\$3,592 34		
		Total	\$3,560 12

## 1910-11.

Receipts		Expenditures	
Sunday Schools	\$ 1,142 45	Salary	\$1,600 00
Christian Endeavor	407 02	Office Postg. expr. supls...	394 80
Field Offerings	1,154 10	Stenographer	171 00
Personal Gifts	438 00	Field Expense	605 80
Literature	187 89	Printing	214 26
		Literature	186 22
		Sundry	89 75
Total	\$3,329 46		
		Total	\$3,261 83

## September 1911—April 1912

Receipts		Expenditures	
Sunday School	\$1,070 25	Salary	\$1,066 68
Christian Endeavor	312 04	Office postg. expr. supls. .	402 41
Field Work	754 22	Stenographer	140 45
Personal Gifts	599 74	Field Expense	517 45
Literature	200 50	Printing	570 89
		Literature	61 55
		Loan	100 00
		Sundry	64 15
Total	\$2,936 75		
		Total	\$2,923 48

Assets		Liabilities	
Personal Pledges .....	\$ 1,329 15	Note due in June.....	\$ 300 00
Sunday School Pledges...	20 00	Note due in Oct.....	300 00
Christian Endeavor .....	41 70	Printing .....	365 93
Literature Bills Due .....	36 05	Literature.....	171 56
Literature on hand .....	110 15		
Cash .....	15 81	Total .....	<u>\$1,137 49</u>
Office Fixts. & Supplies...	145 10		
Total .....	<u>\$1,697 96</u>		

C. H. HUBBELL, Secretary

REPORT NO. 14

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions would respectfully report:

Your committee has studied with interest and pleasure the excellent quadrennial report of the Board of Foreign Missions referred to us and returned herewith.

The report shows that the work and interests entrusted to the Board have been carefully and faithfully looked after, in strict accordance with the regulations and requirements of the constitution of the board, with the one unavoidable and pardonable exception of contracting debts in excess of the funds in hand. But we rejoice to know that, notwithstanding this occasional unfortunate necessity, the quadrennium closed without debt.

We commend the faithfulness and efficiency of the Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. F. C. Klein, in his incessant arduous labors, his numerous earnest addresses and sermons, his many informing articles in the church papers, his frequent distribution of helpful literature, and his excellent Children Day programs, prepared each year for Sunday Schools. We regret that the gifts of the church in response to his earnest appeals, though showing an increase of about \$10,000 above those of the preceding quadrennium, have not been all that those appeals merited, nor sufficient to meet the increasing needs of our enlarging work in Japan.

Although the Children's Day Offerings exceeded by some \$8,000 those of the preceding quadrennium, the corresponding secretary informs us there has been quite a falling off in the number of Sunday Schools holding service, and this falling off he attributes in large measure to the encroachment of the Easter Service for the Home Mission Board, coming, as it does, so near the date for the Children Day Service as to crowd it out of many schools. Our Committee regrets that it seems impossible to adjust this difficulty in any way satisfactory to the two boards interested, and feels constrained to appeal this question to the wisdom of these boards and the generosity of our Sunday schools.

Your committee believes that this General Conference should emphasize the duty of pastors as enjoined in Section 7, Article 6, of the Constitution of the Board of Foreign Missions, to report the collection from the Children Day Service as distinct from and in addition to the money raised by assessments.

In order that the corresponding secretary may not be compelled to spend so much time in mere clerical work, but devote his time entirely to the more important duties of visiting conferences and churches and soliciting individuals under the direction of the Board of Foreign Missions for the stimulation of our people to greater generosity:

We recommend that the Board of Foreign Missions be authorized to employ an assistant whose duty it shall be to take charge of the office work.

We recommend that the Board arrange with one or both of our publishing houses for the distribution of the Children Day Programmes.

We have carefully considered the resolutions referring to sending the committee of three persons to Japan to investigate the question of the consolidation of our Foreign Missionary interests; to investigate the interests of our entire denomination in the East, and to sustain to them an advisory

relation; to report to the Board of Foreign Mission any plan of consolidation and any change of policy which may to them seem just and wise, which plans the board may approve and put into immediate effect, though subject to final approval by the General Conference. We do not recommend the adoption of this paper, but we approve the recommendation in the following preambles and resolution addressed to your body by our Board of Foreign Missions and referred to this Committee.

*Whereas*, The wisdom and importance of uniting educational work in Japan has been apparent for a number of years to all the churches engaged therein, and

*Whereas*, The Missionaries of the Evangelical Association in Japan, together with our own Missionaries, are favorable to such union, and have already taken affirmative action in the matter.

*Resolved*, That we, as a Board of Foreign Missions recommend to the General Conference of our church the advisability of making immediate overtures to the proper authorities of the Evangelical Association with reference to their uniting with us in educational work in the City of Nagoya.

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At Hamamatsu we have recently acquired property, and it will now be one of our permanent stations. We have a fine Kindergarten, with an enrollment of fifty pupils. We have one resident Missionary, who has Bible and English classes, besides conducting a large cooking class. She has three assistants.

Mothers' meetings, cooking classes and meetings in general for women, are carried on throughout our entire work, touching in some manner all classes who are willing to give heed to the teaching of the Gospel. We are thankful for the success of our work in Japan, feeling that we have obtained a standing of which our Church need not be ashamed.

The total valuation of our property in Japan is about \$50,000. All in good repair and without encumbrance.

In connection with our school work in Yokohama, we are building a Domestic Science Hall at a probable cost of \$2,000. This seemed to be necessary to keep abreast with other schools and maintain our standard.

By sanction of this body, in session 1908, we have re-entered China and opened work at Kalgan, a city of 100,000 population in the northern portion of that great Republic.

Upon the advice of the Board of Foreign Missions in 1907, we sought the supervision of the American Board of Foreign Commissioners, and through their courtesy have been given this choice spot in the field of the North China Mission. This compound with buildings can be purchased by us if we so desire. At present we have the use of this station, with the buildings, at a mere nominal rental of some \$45.00 per annum. Our Missionary, Rev. Charles S. Heininger, has been in the field three years. Perhaps most of you are familiar with the situation of our Society at Kalgan. If not, I would refer you to a letter addressed to the delegates of this conference, written by Mr. Heininger and printed in the issues of the Church papers of February 17th, 1912. We trust you will consider with great interest the work at Kalgan, in the new Republic of China. We have two schools in operation here—one for boys and one for girls. A Dispensary has been opened and is doing very good work. Evangelistic work is carried on throughout the territory belonging to this Mission. We have about two hundred and fifty native Christians.

The American Board of Foreign Commissioners, through their Missionaries, give some financial aid, meeting entirely the expense of the Medical work.

Will not this great body of Christian ministers and laymen take some action to forward the Gospel to waiting China? It will be carrying out in a practical manner the great question before the "Men and Religion Movement" the past two years. Be interested, and help us send reinforcement of workers to China this Fall.

"The Missionary Record," our official organ, has been successively published twenty-seven years. It is now under the care of Dr. J. F. McCulloch and Mrs. McCulloch, of Greensboro, N. C. As this is the only Missionary publication of our Church, we ask for it a better patronage.

In the home land we are organized in nearly all the Conferences, and average an auxiliary of our Society in perhaps one quarter of the Churches in the Conferences where organized. We would be gratified if this respected body could take some measures to emphasize the importance of Article VIII in Discipline, in Laws governing our Society, in connection with the duty of the pastor to encourage the work of organization of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

We have seven Missionaries in active service, one home on furlough, and one traveling secretary and twenty-seven native teachers. Our receipts for the quadrennium are:

1909.....	\$ 18,552 71
1910.....	16,550 91
1911.....	17 060 93
1912.....	20,032 50
	\$72,197 05

We ask for the continuance of existing relations between the Board of Foreign Missions and our Society. We are assisting the Board of Missions very materially on the field, in Sunday School work, and in providing and paying for Bible women, at a cost of about \$1,000.00.

At the close of this quadrennium we have brought to you our best—yet it seems as a grain of mustard seed in the mighty work of evangelizing the world in this generation. We have met with disappointments, and many times were sore pressed—but with thankful hearts to the great Giver of all good, we pray for the advancement of the work of Missions in our Church and trust she may with diligence and dignity do well the part assigned her in this world-wide movement.

We pray for eyes to see and steps to meet the great requirement of the hour  
Most respectfully,

MRS. D. S. STEPHENS,  
Corresponding Secretary.

## QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

May 17th, 1912.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Dear Brethren:

The Board of Foreign Missions respectfully submits to you the following report of its administrative affairs at home, and of the operations of our missionary enterprise in Japan for the quadrennium, May 1, 1908 to April 30, 1912.

### The Meetings of the Board

Regular quarterly and annual meetings were held, except the August, 1911, meeting and all matters brought to the Board's attention received very careful consideration, and the actions expressed the convictions and best judgment of the members whose one aim was to conserve and develop the great interests of the church committed to their hands.

The proceedings of the meetings were published in the church papers regularly every quarter, and the Board instructed the Corresponding Secretary to publish the four annual reports together with the quadrennial report in pamphlet form at the close of the quadrennium.

The receipts were also published quarterly in the church papers, and the Treasurer's accounts, with accompanying vouchers, were audited quarterly, as requested by him, by a competent accountant, and they were also examined and passed upon by the Board's auditing committee.

The Treasurer was annually bonded for \$10,000 as required by the last General Conference, the President of the Board certifying to his faithful service.

The Board appropriately noted the death of Rev. Dr. W. L. Wells, for several years the President of this Board, and recorded its appreciation of his worth as a leader in the church, and of his varied and efficient services in its behalf.

The Board continued the appropriation granted by the former Board, to Rev. I. F. Smith, one of our returned Missionaries whose health was still greatly impaired, and special funds were also secured from friends, but it was not deemed necessary to continue aid beyond August, 1909.

### Movement of Missionaries

The Board's policy of contracting for a fixed term of years with creditably recommended candidates for the foreign field was strictly adhered to, but unfortunately no new Missionaires could be sent out on account of a lack of available men and of funds.

Rev. Leigh Layman of the Pittsburgh Conference, who had efficiently labored as our Missionary in Japan, having been called for by the Japan Mission Conference, was sent to take charge of the Yokohama School of English (Night School) October, 1908.

Rev. F. A. Perry, of the Michigan Conference, whose health had become somewhat broken, and the conditions then existing making it easier to adjust the work in his absence, returned to America on furlough November, 1908.

Rev. F. Totten, having rendered faithful service during his term of labor, returned home August, 1909. His wife had been sent home on medical certificate a year and half before, and with their children awaited him.

Rev. F. A. Perry accepted the pastorate of the Lansing, Michigan church, and later informed the Board that there were rather formidable obstacles to his return to Japan, and in this the Board expressed its sympathy, and gave expression to its appreciation of his valuable services in the field and regret that he could not now respond to the request for his re-employment.

Rev. F. Totten, soon after arriving home, accepted the pastorate of the Adrian, Michigan church, and later resigned to continue his studies.

Rev. E. I. Obee's term of service expired in September, 1911, but he unselfishly volunteered to remain at his post seven months longer, that the work might not suffer. He remained in Japan to attend the session of the Japan Mission Conference, and is accredited by it as delegate to this General Conference.

### Financial Matters

The basis of the Board's expenditures in Japan are the fixed item of Missionaries' Salaries, and the annual Budget of expected expenses, less the contributions from the churches, and the entrance fees and tuitions from the schools, prepared by the Financial Committee in Japan, and submitted to the Board for approval.

The administrative expenses at home, varying as they do by the exigencies of the work, which of necessity must be increased if the church is ever to fulfill its true mission, are approximately determined, and rigid economy is practiced to keep them at the lowest point.

The only working capital the Board has is the income received from the churches, Sunday Schools, C. E. Societies and friends of the cause.

Inasmuch as contributions from these different organizations, which are scattered over a great part of our country, are influenced by local leadership, by weather, crops and business conditions, and as no fixed amount can be determined upon in advance, it is inevitable that the gross receipts of the Board will vary, and that financial embarrassment is liable to arise.

Moreover, the necessitated movement of Missionaries to and from Japan and special demands for church lots and buildings, employment of new workers and opening new preaching places, and the strengthening of the faculties and the equipment of our Yokohama School, and Nagoya College, the surest evidences of success, make a deficit here at home inevitable at times, although all obligations are paid in Japan, and no debt is on any properties.

It would be disastrous, and out of harmony with business procedure, for the Board to refuse to negotiate a temporary loan in order to maintain the work in Japan in a state of efficiency.

It is a fact that almost without exception all the Boards of Foreign Missions in America are compelled to borrow money for a certain period in every year while waiting for the contributions from the churches which are mainly received at fixed times of the year controlled by the meeting of Conferences, Presbyteries, Synods, etc.

That our Board this quadrennium has been no exception should occasion no surprise, certainly no criticism, as the showing made is very creditable when all is understood.

The present Treasurer's administration began under adverse financial conditions, caused by a debt, increase in the Japan Budget granted by the former Board, movement of Missionaries, and increase in salary list and house rent in Japan, and the College indebtedness, most of which was in addition to the granted Budget for the year, and, despite the strictest economy in management, a nominal deficit of \$919.24 exists.

This is explained by the fact that our Bank indebtedness April 30, 1912, was \$4,000, but as \$1,740.46 was sent to Japan in April for the first month of the year 1912-1913, and there was a balance on hand April 30, 1912 of \$1,340.30, total \$3,080.76, the balance was \$919.24.

No debt whatever would have existed if receipts from the Assessment, Children's Day and Christmas Offerings had equalled those of last year, as ought to have been the case, and it is confidently believed that all obligations will be met from the Children's Day offerings and the receipts at the Annual Conferences this year.

It is but just to say that, although the summer's drought, severe winter conditions, the high cost of living, etc., tended to reduce the receipts they were sufficient to meet the regular expenses of the entire enterprise at home and abroad during the quadrennium, and that the movement of Missionaries and other special demands outside of the Budget created the debt.

#### **Sources of Income**

It is a lamentable fact that some Annual Conferences do not accept the Assessment apportioned by the Board, and generally what is assessed is only partly paid.

Equally regrettable is the fact that scarcely half of the Sunday schools hold a Children's Day service or make an offering, as called for by the Discipline, although great effort is made by the Secretary to have them do so.

A factor in this is the proximity of the Service of the Board of Home Missions which was moved by a former Secretary from the fall of the year to Easter, just in advance of the time which this Board of Foreign Missions has had for more than twenty years.

Superintendents and scholars refuse to have two special services or secure contributions for Missions so close together, and our income has been affected, and the young have been denied the missionary training which the church ought to impart.

The Board felt impelled to seek relief by applying to the Executive Committee of the General Conference, and its reference by the Committee to the two Boards concerned resulted in nothing being done, on the ground that the General Conference had approved, by resolution, the Easter Service.

It is hoped that suitable action, in the interest of both Boards, will be taken at this session to relieve the situation, and not impose upon this Board further difficulty and loss.

The Christmas offering, appealing as it does for the recognition of the true meaning of Christmas, and for the enlistment of the young in the work of the church, has been quite an aid in the conduct of the work, as the Sunday schools were asked to make it to meet an emergency, and it has been necessary to continue it.

#### **Special Appeals**

Several hundred letters were sent to members in the different Conferences for contributions to insure a regular, dependable income: efforts were made to raise a Pastors' Fund with which to support a Missionary; a Campaign Fund was started to inaugurate a Forward Movement by the church, and the Emergency Fund was begun to pay off obligations and provide needed equipment for the Japan work.

They were pressed upon the attention of pastors, superintendents and members by personal letters, Bulletins in the church papers, and illustrated, leaflet "Do You Know" and subscription blanks, and the financial results while not up to expectations by far, were gratifying, and the educational value was far from insignificant.

What is needed is more effective, systematic and continuous work of informing, arousing and enlisting the whole church in Foreign Missions, but this cannot be adequately done by the Corresponding Secretary without being relieved, either by the Board electing a Treasurer, as was the case for many years, or the General Conference electing a General Treasurer for all the Boards, as was suggested by this Board to the last General Conference. That is a sound business policy which fosters an enterprise by giving its agent full opportunity to utilize all his powers in the largest way for its development, and not hampering him with numerous details which an assistant can do at less cost.

#### **The Board's Educational Department**

The Board sanctioned this department to publish leaflets, etc., to aid in organizing Mission Study classes, and other features of missionary education, including general information for the entire church.

The Children's Day Service has been enlarged, illustrated, made instructive with official messages, latest facts from the field and other features, and is rendering valuable service.

A special Service, entitled "A Vision," prepared by the C. E. Committee of our Lynchburg, Va. church, consisting of tableaux, etc. was published, and orders for it came from practically all parts of the land, a notice commending it having appeared in the Christian Endeavor World.

An illustrated leaflet describing the books, and explaining the organization of Foreign Mission Study Classes was also published, and sent broadcast in the church, as our church ought to derive the benefit of this helpful agency.

The illustrated leaflet "Do You Know," giving much information as to what we are doing in Japan, what we have there, what it costs, its present demands etc., which was published last summer, was distributed in packet to the pastors generally, with subscription blanks in an effort to raise the Emergency Fund, as indicated.

This is a most important part of the Board's work, and it should have far more attention than the Corresponding Secretary has been able to devote to it.

#### **Special Movements**

The Board endorsed the Laymen's Missionary Movement, and very favorable results were secured in several cities, as the report shows elsewhere.

The Men and Religion Forward Movement also was cordially approved by the Board, and its Secretary identified himself with its plans and conferences and sought to enlist pastors and people who came under its uplifting influence.

The great Missionary Exposition—"The World in Baltimore"—has been heartily favored, the Corresponding Secretary is a trustee and member of the Executive Committee, and is visiting churches to inform and enlist the people to insure its success as the greatest educational factor of modern times. The Exposition is to be held during November, 1912.

#### **The Corresponding Members**

Nearly all the Annual Conferences elected their three Corresponding Members of the Board, and assurances were given of active co-operation in bringing the Board into closer relation with the Conferences, in imparting information to our people and in securing their aid to carry forward the Board's plans, and also in representing the Board at Annual Conference, Conventions, District Meetings, etc.

Regular correspondence was kept up by the Corresponding Secretary with about ninety members, to the extent of his ability, and they were supplied with facts from the foreign field, proceedings and plans of the Board, and with suggestions concerning the Board's interests at their Conferences.

The plan can be made most effective by careful management, but it is impossible for the Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer to do more than he has done, as he has given more than the usual hours and labor to the duties of his position.

### Headquarters of Our Japan Enterprises

The Board finally decided that a permanent resident Missionary should not be placed in Tokyo at the present time, and that Nagoya should be the center of our missionary operations.

This necessitates the sale of the Tokyo lot purchased for the Coulbourn Memorial, a higher price will be secured, and the investment of the proceeds in Nagoya where values are less.

Rev. E. H. Van Dyke was appointed President of the Nagoya College, and has removed to that city, thus adjusting matters, and promising larger results.

### The Mission

The Mission is the Board's legal representative in Japan, and is composed of the Missionaries, and one or two Japanese who may be elected.

It acts for the Board in matters entrusted to the "Shadan" which is the property holding organization, as required by the Japanese government, and which is composed of all the Missionaries of the Board and Woman's Society, and, "when deemed desirable may elect as many as two Japanese," and it operates under a constitution.

### The Evangelistic Department

The Japan Mission Conference by General Conference action, is "regarded as a creature of the Board of Foreign Missions," and its actions are subject to the approval of the Board.

Important changes are proposed by the Mission, approved by the Board, and communicated to and carried out by the Conference, as a general procedure.

The Board approved of the re-organization of the Japan Mission Conference by which the Conference District is composed of the organized churches and such Missions as the Annual Conference or the local church as may authorize and sustain.

2. The stationing Committee is composed of the President, and one minister and one layman elected by the Conference.

3. The Board's Missionaries are ex officio members of the Conference with all the rights and privileges of membership, but not subject to the stationing authority of the Conference.

4. The Mission, representing the Board, has control and management of all Evangelistic work, sustained by Mission funds, not yet having been organized into churches and entered into Conference relation.

5. Through a misapprehension of the Board's action, but in accord with its spirit, two nominees were elected for President of the Conference for the year beginning April 1913, the Board to appoint one to serve. Rev. E. H. Van Dyke was elected on the first ballot, and Rev. I. Inanuma on the second. The Board approved this action at the meeting held May 16, 1912.

This represents a forward step, and will work for harmony, aggressive efforts and larger achievements.

### Educational Department

The schools were placed in the same relation to the Japan Mission Conference as in the case of our schools in America.

The Yokohama School and the Nagoya College are operated under separate constitutions, and with a Board of Directors, the Missionaries and two Japanese members elected by the Japan Conference, and are under the care of the Mission.

The school for the blind is a part of the Azabu church work in Tokyo.

The Yokohama Technical School (Night School), under its new constitution approved by the Board, is preparing to add a few departments to better serve its purposes in that great commercial city.

Either an additional story must be added, or a new building provided to accommodate its growing work. The enrollment last year was 280.

It has been in existence fifteen years, and about 3,000 young men have come under Christian instruction, many of them for four years.

They have high ideals, when all is considered, and to leaven those ideals

with the Gospel, and then send the young men out to become leaders makes this work worth while.

The NAGOYA COLLEGE is the pride of our Japanese, and the source of our best workers in the ministry and laity.

With the granting by the government of "Postponement of Conscription Privilege" its enrollment reached 335 young men last year. 360 were enrolled in April, 1912, the first month of the new year. A number had to be turned away.

Its excellent leadership, faculty, student body and work, and its strong religious tone are enhancing its prestige, widening its influence and broadening its field of operations.

The church has here presented the greatest possibilities for developing and prosecuting Christian educational work in Japan where it is so urgently needed, and can be done at such moderate cost.

Comprehensive plans for the college's development, including additional ground, changing and erecting buildings, were approved but operations are delayed by lack of funds.

#### **Union with the Japan Methodist Church**

The question of uniting with the Japan Methodist Church was brought to the Board by a formal resolution, calling for an expression of the attitude of our people in Japan thereon.

After careful inquiry, to avoid agitation and attendant consequences, the Mission in Japan reported that four-fifths of the ministers had expressed themselves in plain terms that they did not wish to unite with that church, and that they did not know any one who desired to make a change.

On the other hand, they were anxious to see what they could make out of our Methodist Protestant principles.

Since the reorganization of the Japan Mission Conference, which is in harmony with the general trend in the Empire, the question "is a dead issue" as the latest word indicates.

#### **Union in Educational Work**

Union in Educational work was favored by the Missionaries of the United Brethren Church, of the Evangelical Association Church, and the Methodist Protestant Church, and a "Suggested Plan" was adopted, and forwarded to the respective Boards of those churches.

Our Board favored the plan, recognizing the great importance of Christian Education in Japan, and the fact that by such union far greater work could be done through the larger plant, equipment, faculty, etc., made possible by the union of three Missions, as is proved by similar unions in different mission fields.

The matter was entrusted to a Committee, Revs. Lewis, Broomfield, and Beck, but nothing definite has been done, although we are informed by our Missionaries that, for the present, the United Brethren Mission has other plans in view, and the Missionaries of the Evangelical Association are very favorable to merging their forces with ours.

It is hoped that an agreement may be reached, inasmuch as the Evangelical Association Mission contemplates the erection of an educational institution, and has funds in hand for the same, but sees the wisdom of forming some combination by which greater results for the Kingdom may be secured. A formal resolution was adopted at the Board meeting held May 16, 1912, recommending to the General Conference the advisability of making immediate overtures to the proper authorities of the Evangelical Association with reference to their uniting with us in educational work in the city of Nagoya. (See separate resolution.)



COMPARISONS—INFORMATION

Japan Statistics

	May 1, 1908	May 1, 1912	Increase
Ministers, probationers, evangelists..	27	34	7
Preaching places .....	25	46	21
Organized churches .....	11	17	6
Full members on roll .....	1,037	1,144	107
Baptisms .....	159	141	
Contributions for all purposes .....	Yen 1,143 21	Yen 3,541 76	2,398 55
Sunday schools .....	27	46	19
Scholars .....	1,302	2,770	1,468

Japan Property Values

7 Church lots.....	\$ 16,000 00	
11 Church buildings .....	10,000 00	
6 Parsonages .....	1,900 00	
2 Missionary Homes.....	13,800 00	
Total .....		\$ 41,700 00
Yokohama School, Nagoya Col gro'ds.	\$ 13,410 00	
2 " " " buildings.....	22,370 00	
Total .....		\$ 35,780 00
Grand total .....		\$ 77,480 00

In compliance with Japanese law, the Board's properties are held by the "Shadan" except a few which are now in process of being transferred, and thus the title is fully guaranteed and protected.

Receipts By Quadrenniums

1888-1892.....	\$52,028 94
1892-1896 .....	52,380 79
1896-1900 .....	52,688 72
1900-1904 .....	65,604 33
1904-1908 .....	83,965 48
1908-1912.....	93,391 79

The total increase of the 1908-1912 quadrennium over the former one was \$9,426.31, but deducting the bequests received in each, thus ascertaining the regular contributions, the increase over 1904-1908 was \$14,216.41.

ASSETS—LIABILITIES

Assets

Board's properties in Japan .....	\$77,480 00
Permanent Fund.....	1,055 50
Coulbourn Memorial Fund in U. S.....	46 4 29
" " " in Japan.....	267 49
Office Furniture.....	100 00
May, 1912, Appropriation paid in advance.	1,740 46
Balance on hand April 30, 1912 .....	1,340 30
Total May 1st, 1912.....	\$ 82,448 03

Liabilities

Note in bank April 30th, 1912 .....	\$ 4,000 00
Permanent and Memorial Fund in U. S....	1,519 78
Total .....	\$ 5,519 78
Total Assets over Liabilities .....	\$ 76,928 25

The obligation at the bank, as explained under "FINANCIAL MATTERS" in this report, could have been reduced to \$919.24, if the funds sent to Japan a month in advance, and the balance on hand, could have been applied to its liquidation.

A plan is to be adopted by which the Treasurer need not check out such monthly appropriations in advance, as heretofore

The Permanent Fund and the Memorial Fund held here were temporarily used in purchasing Japan property, and for regular expenses there.

Unusually belated receipts from the churches are the chief cause of our financial embarrassment, for if the receipts had come as they did for the same period during the last fiscal year there would have been no trouble, and for what exists the Board cannot be held responsible.

## RECEIPTS FROM CONFERENCES.

May 1, 1908 to April 30, 1912

CONFERENCES	1908-1909	1909-1910	1910-1911	1911-1912	Total
Alabama	113 94	154 45	168 36	170 91	607 66
Arkansas	129 29	115 35	112 17	77 15	433 96
Colorado-Texas	18 17	52 55	45 80	36 90	148 42
Central Texas	54 63	90 16	11 40		156 19
Charleston Mission		6 25	11 15	8 00	25 40
Eastern (N. Y. & Pa.)				134 01	134 01
Florida				2 00	2 00
Georgia	230 44	169 24	228 12	218 38	846 18
Georgia (Colored)	6 57		3 90	3 00	13 47
Indiana	1,096 31	1,287 60	1,508 87	1,164 65	5,057 43
Iowa	288 61	352 48	419 76	277 59	1,338 44
Kansas	358 02	398 47	488 39	778 44	2,023 32
Kentucky	3 00	1 30	8 10	8 02	20 42
Louisiana	52 96	50 01	48 06	44 12	195 15
Maryland	7,422 51	8,462 76	9,687 02	8,472 07	34,044 36
Michigan	790 72	875 55	1,114 82	951 90	3,732 99
Mississippi	5 25	76 80	74 86	62 84	219 75
Missouri	58 70	109 52	86 02	127 85	382 09
Muskingum	1,689 30	1,510 64	2,162 54	1,906 57	7,271 05
New Jersey	370 47	431 33	600 27	534 55	1,936 62
New York	472 35	527 02	569 87	370 40	1,939 64
North Carolina	2,054 12	2,089 32	2,350 99	2,381 66	8,876 09
North Illinois	876 28	971 50	858 92	721 43	3,428 13
North Missouri	78 59	90 55	117 44	58 60	345 18
North West Texas	14 78	17 35	26 95	3 65	62 73
Ohio	1,368 25	1,207 36	1,483 33	1,076 44	5,135 38
Oklahoma	24 20	31 73	14 20	5 89	76 02
Onondaga	383 65	548 49	832 16	683 02	2,447 32
Pennsylvania	63 05	69 03	64 57	60 76	257 41
Pittsburgh	1,375 87	1,309 58	2,145 11	1,729 73	6,560 29
South Carolina	4 75	24 88		10 94	40 57
South Illinois	73 27	31 52	73 03	90 19	268 01
South West Texas	21 55	10 00	10 00	15 00	56 55
Tennessee	47 30	30 16	34 10	43 00	154 56
Texas (Tex. & Cen. Tex.)	55 15	86 87	167 00	147 93	457 03
Virginia	39 22	14 20	15 60	14 14	83 16
West Virginia	605 60	578 03	674 70	569 12	2,427 45
Washington	229 80	91 51	150 00	130 16	601 47
Denom. C. E. Union	420 00	480 00	286 25	317 90	1,504 15
Total	20,891 67	22,353 56	26,653 91	23,410 91	93,310 05
Special	49 61	14 88	13 75	3 50	81 74
Permanent Fund	898 00				898 00
Treas. Ogburn Error	10 00				10 00
Total from all sources	\$21,849 28	\$22,368 44	\$26,667 66	\$23,414 41	\$94,299 79

FRED C. KLEIN, Treasurer

## TREASURER'S QUADRENNIAL REPORT.

## RECEIPTS.

May 1, 1908—April 30, 1912

	1908-1909	1909-1910	1910-1911	1911-1912	Total
To Assessment	\$10,092 88	\$ 9,592 05	\$10,780 04	\$ 9,741 05	\$40,206 02
To Children's Day Offer'g...	6,553 09	8,679 42	9,212 05	8,344 54	32,789 10
To Special Contributions	4,295 31	4,096 97	6,675 57	5,328 82	20,396 67
Total	20,941 28	22,368 44	26,667 66	23,414 41	93,391 79
Bal. on hand May 1, 1908	3,420 14				3,420 14
To Permanent Fund	898 00				898 00
To Treas. Ogburn's Error	10 00				10 00
Total	25,269 42	22,368 44	26,667 66	23,414 41	97,719 93
To Loans		6,750 00	2,750 00	4,500 00	14,000 00
Total from all sources	\$25,269 42	\$29,118 44	\$29,417 66	\$27,914 41	\$111,719 93

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EXPENDITURES.

Abroad.

	1908-1909	1909-1910	1910-1911	1911-1912	Total
<b>By Missionaries' Salaries</b>					
E. H. Van Dyke.....	1,204 00	1,196 00	12,00 00	1,200 00	4,800 00
F. A. Perry.....	1,016 64	333 32			1,349 96
F. T. Totten.....	1,099 97	333 32			1,433 29
E. J. Obee.....	966 64	999 96	1,000 05	916 67	3,883 32
L. Layman.....	900 00	1,194 50	1,205 50	1,200 00	4,500 00
U. G. Murphy.....	814 31	250 00			1,064 31
<b>Total Salaries.....</b>	<b>6,001 56</b>	<b>4,307 10</b>	<b>3,405 55</b>	<b>3,316 67</b>	<b>17,030 88</b>
<b>By Mission Expenses.</b>					
Evangelistic Department.....	6,806 28	7,564 74	9,431 24	10,364 44	34,166 70
Educational Department.....	4,594 00	4,903 46	4,793 53	5,203 89	19,494 88
Gen'l Miscellaneous Exp.....	1,552 41	2,466 42	1,524 51	1,421 42	6,964 78
E. H. Van Dyke Home R't.....			150 00	87 50	237 50
Conf. Moving Expenses.....				100 00	100 00
Substitute Teacher (Col.).....					
<b>Total Mission Exp.....</b>	<b>\$12,952 69</b>	<b>\$14,874 62</b>	<b>\$15,899 28</b>	<b>\$17,502 25</b>	<b>\$61,228 84</b>
<b>By Special Mission Exp.</b>					
Nagoya College Debt.....	400 00				400 00
Mission Debt.....		1,344 50			1,344 50
Japan Treas., Deficit.....			17 64		17 64
Theolog'1 Scholarships.....	50 00		100 00	50 00	200 00
Photos., Paper Fish, etc.....			5 11	5 38	10 49
L. Layman (from Friend).....	50 00				50 00
U. G. Murphy, Hosp. Ex.....	75 00				75 00
L. Layman and Family, Trav. Exp. to Japan.....	828 37				828 37
F. A. Perry and Family Ba. Trav. Ex. to U.S.A.....	50 00				50 00
E. J. Obee and Family Trav. Exp. to U. S. A.....				750 00	750 00
F. T. Totten Traveling Exp. to U. S. A.....		248 70			248 70
F. T. Totten Freight on Books to U. S. A.....		29 52			29 52
Freight on College Bell.....				35 07	35 07
Gaven Spence Mem'l.....			1,000 00		1,000 00
<b>Total Special Expenses...</b>	<b>\$ 1,453 37</b>	<b>\$ 1,622 72</b>	<b>\$ 1,122 75</b>	<b>\$ 840 45</b>	<b>\$ 5,039 29</b>
<b>By Coulbourne Memorial</b>					
Amt. E. H. V'n D'ke J'pn Cabl'd E. H. V'n D'k J'n.....	241 70				241 70
Expense of Cable.....	25 22				25 22
Bal. E. H. Van Dyke's Trav. Ex. in U. S. A.....	42 10				42 10
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>2,309 02</b>				<b>2,309 02</b>
<b>Total Exps. Abroad.....</b>	<b>\$22,716 64</b>	<b>\$20,804 44</b>	<b>\$20,427 58</b>	<b>\$21,659 37</b>	<b>\$85,608 03</b>

At Home.

	1908-1909	1909-1910	1910-1911	1911-1912	Total
<b>Office Expenses</b>					
Office Rent.....	20 00	120 00	120 00	120 00	380 00
" Furnishings.....	26 20	15 59			42 19
" Help.....	37 00	*173 50	33 65	24 85	269 00
Stationery.....	26 96	21 87	19 15	19 70	87 68
Rec. Sec. B'k & Act. Bo'k Files, Pads, Rub'r Sta'ps Shelv'g, Lect'e, work, etc.....	3 44	5 82	3 95		3 44
Mis'n Liter're, cuts, photo.....	10 26	4 89	11 00		20 03
Postage, Telegrams, etc.....	5 30		9 05	9 00	21 19
Expr'ge, Fr'ght, Phone c'l'l Half-tones for Circulars .....	10 02		50 48	61 54	28 07
Circulars & Cir. Letters.....	46 24	28 45	5 70		186 71
Rect. Bl'ks & Imp'd Env. Paper, Twine, etc.....	6 94	9 95			22 59
Spea's Ex. to L. M. M. Con. Printing "Vision" Service.....		12 00	7 25		12 00
Cor. Sec'y's Salary.....		19 32	20 75	32 50	72 57
" Trav. Exp. & Permit.....			26 25	7 90	34 15
" Trav. Exp. to Conf.....	1,125 00	1,525 00	1,600 00	1,625 00	5,875 00
Repts & Sec'g Supt. Nms.....	47 64	46 06		18 13	111 83
	291 58	307 19	239 27	263 31	1,101 35
				6 45	6 45
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 1,656 98</b>	<b>\$ 2,289 64</b>	<b>\$ 2,157 19</b>	<b>\$ 2,209 35</b>	<b>\$ 8,313 16</b>

Special Letters	1908-1909	1909-1910	1910-1911	1911-1912	Total
Pastors .....	19 00	12 00			31 00
Church Members .....		110 14			110 14
S. S. Supts. ....	30 00				30 00
Stationery .....		22 00			22 00
Leaf'ts & Subs. Blanks .....				115 50	115 50
Postage .....			87 89	100 35	188 24
Postals .....	30 00				30 00
Prtg Post'l & Cir. Let'rs...	15 25				15 25
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$ 64 25</b>	<b>\$ 174 14</b>	<b>\$ 87 89</b>	<b>\$ 215 85</b>	<b>\$ 542 13</b>
<b>Total Office Exps.</b> .....	<b>\$ 1,721 23</b>	<b>\$ 2,463 78</b>	<b>\$ 2,245 08</b>	<b>\$ 2,425 20</b>	<b>\$ 8,855 29</b>

\*Mr. J. H. Baker, a member of the Board, gave \$200 for a Stenographer.

#### Children's Day Expenses

Hymn & Poem .....	600	5 00	1 00		12 00
Electro's, Cuts, & Proofs' .....			15 30	35 20	50 50
Half-tones .....	12 00	20 60	27 05		59 65
Music Plates .....	28 52	28 23	31 95	37 59	126 29
Recitation Sheets .....		24 00	22 50	46 75	93 25
Illustr'd Collec'n Env .....		71 50	58 38	41 70	171 58
Child'n's Day Ser. Pam'l'ts .....		433 00	275 28	269 45	977 73
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>46 52</b>	<b>582 33</b>	<b>431 46</b>	<b>430 89</b>	<b>1,491 00</b>
Wrapping Paper, twine, etc .....	5 23	7 13			12 36
Postage .....	47 94	244 34	124 20	200 24	616 72
Expressage .....	64 61	91 17	162 60	111 52	429 90
Circulars, etc. for Samples .....		4 50	6 50		11 00
Postals and Printing .....		22 50	24 00		46 50
Order Cards .....			6 50		6 50
Supt. Letters & Envelopes .....				12 95	12 95
Hauling .....				3 39	3 39
Address & Return Blanks .....		4 00	10 50		14 50
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>117 78</b>	<b>373 64</b>	<b>334 30</b>	<b>328 10</b>	<b>1,153 82</b>
<b>Total Child. Day Exp.</b> .....	<b>\$ 164 30</b>	<b>\$ 955 97</b>	<b>\$ 765 76</b>	<b>\$ 758 79</b>	<b>\$ 2,644 82</b>

#### By Special Expenses

Treasurer's Bond .....	\$ 30 00	30 00	\$ 30 00	30 00	\$ 120 00
Board's Quarterly Meet'g .....	313 24	239 70	229 10	146 75	928 79
Dele'tes to Con F. M. B'd .....	19 51	19 53	9 19	18 31	66 54
Railroad Permits .....	4 00				4 00
Remit'd Bo'd Home Miss .....	1 55				1 55
Rev. I. F. Smith Appr't'n .....	360 00	80 00			440 00
" " (W.Va. Fri'ds) .....	34 00	22 94			56 94
Japanese Ban'rs & Duty .....		21 00			21 00
K. Maruyama Col. Exp. ....		215 75	227 50		443 25
C. Sec. to L. M. M. Con'g. ....		16 65			16 65
Missionary Literature .....		5 00	11 76		16 76
Del. Exs. World Mis. Con. ....		45 00	145 96		190 96
J. C. Broomfield part Ex. ....			65 00		65 00
World Miss Conf. ....					65 00
Freight .....		5 25			5 25
Pres. to Amer. Bo'd Cent. ....			16 90		16 90
Notary Public Fee, etc. ....			1 20		1 20
Ark. Conf. Treas. Error .....				5 44	5 44
Exp. on Mortuary Note .....				4 00	4 00
Interest on Loans .....		119 22	227 37	157 40	503 99
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>762 30</b>	<b>820 04</b>	<b>963 98</b>	<b>361 90</b>	<b>2,908 22</b>
<b>Boards Quad. Rep'ts '04-'08</b>					
Printing .....	86 25				86 25
Postage .....	20 92				20 92
Expressage (from N. Car) .....	2 22				2 22
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>109 39</b>				<b>109 39</b>
<b>T. J. Ogb'n Ex. to J'ne 8 '08</b>					
Postage .....	87 63				87 63
Salary .....	105 54				105 54
Frght, Exprge, Print'g, etc. ....	18 36				18 36
Traveling Expenses .....	16 35				16 35
" " of Son .....	16 00				16 00
Treas. Ogburn's Error .....	10 00				10 00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>253 88</b>				<b>253 88</b>
<b>Total Special Exps.</b> .....	<b>1,125 57</b>	<b>820 04</b>	<b>963 98</b>	<b>361 90</b>	<b>3,271 49</b>
<b>Loans</b> .....		<b>2,500 00</b>	<b>5,000 00</b>	<b>2,500 00</b>	<b>10,000 00</b>
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$ 1,125 57</b>	<b>\$ 3,320 04</b>	<b>\$ 5,963 98</b>	<b>\$ 2,861 90</b>	<b>\$13,271 49</b>

Summary of Expenditures.

	1908-1909	1909-1910	1910-1911	1911-1912	Total
Total Abroad Expense .....	\$22,716 64	\$20,804 44	\$20,427 58	\$21,659 37	\$85,608 03
Total Office Expenses.....	1,721 23	2,463 78	2,245 08	2,425 20	8,855 29
Total C. Day Expenses.....	164 30	955 97	765 76	758 79	2,644 82
Total Special Expenses.....	1,125 57	820 04	963 98	361 90	3,271 49
Total.....	25,727 74	25,044 23	24,402 40	25,205 26	100,379 63
Total Loans Repaid.....		2,500 00	5,000 00	2,500 00	10,000 00
Grand Total.....	\$25,727 74	\$27,544 23	\$29,402 40	\$27,705 26	110,379 63

SUMMARY—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

RECEIPTS

To Regular Receipts.....	\$21,849 28	\$22,368 44	\$26,667 66	\$23,414 41	\$ 94,290 79
Balance on hand.....	3,420 14		1,115 89	1,131 15	3,420 14
Loans .....		6,750 00	2,750 00	4,500 00	14,000 00
Total from all sources	\$25,269 42	\$29,118 44	\$30,533 55	\$29,045 56	\$111,719 93
By Expenditure.....	\$25,727 74	\$27,544 23	\$29,402 40	\$27,705 26	\$110,379 63
	Def.458 32	Bl.1,574 21	Bl.1,131 15	Bl.1,340 30	Bl.1,340 30

Statement of Loans.

	1908-1909	1909-1910	1910-1911	1911-1912	1908-1912
Loans Secured.....		6,750 00	2,750 00	4,500 00	14,000 00
Loans Paid.....		2,500 00	5,000 00	2,500 00	10,000 00
Bal. due Ba'k Apr. 30, '12.....					4,000 00

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Assets.

Payment of 1912 Japan Expenses (New Fiscal Year).....	\$1740 46
Balance in hand April 30, 1912.....	1,340 30
Total assets to April 30, 1912.....	\$ 3,080 76

Liabilities

Note in Bank.....	\$4,000 00
Net Indebtedness.....	919 24
The Permanent and Memorial Funds in U. S., \$1,519.78, were temporarily used in purchasing property in Japan and for regular expenses.	

FRED C. KLEIN, Treasurer.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

SPECIAL FUNDS	Confs	1908-1909	1909-1910	1910-1911	1911-1912
Smith Relief Fund.....	Va. & W V.	44 35	12 59		
"Special Appeal" Fund..	Various		176 73	10 00	
Pastor's Fund.....	"			177 60	30 00
Campaign Fund.....	"			893 25	127 00
Emergency Fund.....	"				859 81
Coulbourne Memo'l F'd.	"	1,206 50	74 00		
"Gaven Spence" Memo-ri'l F'd (Newark 1st C, Annuity Fund	Md.			1,000 00	
Rev. S. Heininger and Wife, Adrian .....	Mich.				200 00
Total Special Funds...		\$1,250 85	\$ 263 32	\$ 2,080 85	\$ 1,216 81
Laymen's Miss'y Move'nt					
Greens'ro (Sup't of N Sc.	N. C.		133 16	379 77	275 90
St. J'ns Balt (Sup't Past.	Md.			147 72	80 05
N. Balti Sup't of Pastor	"		218 73	60 05	
1st Ch. Pgh. Sup of Past	Pitts.		10 00	130 57	
2nd Ch. Pgh. Sup of Pa'r	Pitts.			215 00	165 00
1st Ch. Pgh. N. S. Pas'r	"			206 00	25 00
Sharpsb'g Sup't of Pas'r	"			225 00	50 00
Christ Church, Balti.....	Md.		10 50	10 00	5 00
Alexandria.....	"			5 55	
Butaw Sup't of Theo St	"				54 00
Total Lay's Mis. M'nt			\$ 372 39	\$ 1,379 66	\$ 654 95

## TWENTY-FIRST QUADRENNIAL SESSION

Support of Pastors	Conf.	1908-1909	1909-1910	1910-1911	1911-1912
Cambridge, Ohio.....	Musk			200 00	200 00
Henderson, N. C.....	N. C.				175 00
1st Ch., Newark, N. J..	Md.				63 00
Scholarship (Theological)					
Richard Pacey.....	N. Ill.	50 00	50 00		50 00
Friend .....	Pitts.		25 00	25 00	25 00
Day Student					
Miss Jefferson, Camb'ge	Md.			10 00	
K. Maruyama (Col Ex.)	Various		62 65	16 18	
Total.....		\$ 50 00	\$ 137 65	\$ 251 18	\$ 513 00
Christian Endeavor Soc'cs.		1908-1909	1909-1910	1910-1911	1911-1912
Denomina'l C. E. Union....	Various	420 00	480 00	286 25	317 90
Conference C. E. Union	Md.	315 00	625 00	390 00	344 36
" " " "	N. Y.	64 68	56 38	66 11	60 45
" " " "	Ohio	30 00			17 00
" " " "	Musk'm		25 00		
" " " "	Kansas		6 70		
" " " "	Onond'ga			94 14	
" " " "	Mich.			11 00	
Support of Pastor					
Cambridge C. E. Soc'ty.	Musk				75 00
Japanese Worker					
Toronto C. E. Society....	Musk	50 00	50 00	50 00	
Tehuacana C. E. Soc'ty	Texas	30 00	50 00	40 00	42 15
Peoples Church, C. E. Soc'ty, Kansas City ..	Kansas	25 00			
Rent of Chapel					
Buckeys't'n C. E. Soc'ty	Md.	104 00	52 00		102 00
Japanese Student					
McCune, Knas. C. E. S.	Kansas			21 40	7 10
Cont'ns from var's C. E. S.	Various	147 30	151 68	121 18	141 80
Total C. E. Offerings..	"	\$ 1,185 98	\$ 1,496 66	\$ 1,080 08	\$ 1,107 76
Sunday Schools					
Beaver Falls, Pitts.....	Pitts.	40 00	40 00		
Halifax Ct.....	N. C.	3 25	1 25		
Seattle .....	Wash.		77 15		
Vance Co. S. S. Asso'n..	N. C.		25 05		
Mount Washington.....	Pitts.		23 45		13 29
Christ Ch. Atlan'c City	N. J.		25 00		
North Baltimore.....	Md.				25 00
Muncie.....	Ind.		25 00	25 00	25 00
Greensboro.....	N. C.				12 16
Muncie (2 Classes)	Ind.		7 50	7 50	
Student and Worker					
Elkhart .....	Ind.	125 00	120 00	125 00	75 00
Westville .....	N. J.				25 00
North Baltimore.....	Md.			10 00	
Cont'ns from var. S. S.....	Various	41 32	7 50	9 87	19 76
Total S. S. Offerings...	Various	\$ 209 57	\$ 351 90	\$ 177 37	\$ 195 21
Christmas Offerings					
Various Sunday Schools.	Various		\$ 327 20	\$ 1,163 61	\$ 619 15

## REPORT NO. 15

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

We have considered the papers referred to us, namely, the report of the President of Westminster Theological Seminary, the request of the Chancellor of Kansas City University, and one paragraph in the report of the President of Adrian College.

These papers we return to be published with this, our report, if the General Conference approves.

We note with pleasure the progress Westminster Theological Seminary has made in several lines within the quadrennium.

We would further recommend that our pulpits be open to the Seminary authorities for the presentation of the needs of the Seminary, that our pastors preach on the call to the ministry, and that our churches observe a day of special prayer that more men be called to the gospel ministry.

We would nominate as members of the Board of Governors of Westminster Theological Seminary for the ensuing quadrennium; C. D. Sinkinson, A. F. Hess, Dr. F. R. Harris, J. Norman Wills and T. C. Miller.

To aid in furthering our cause in the western part of our country, we are glad to recognize the newly formed Theological Department in Kansas City University. It has a field and a work and has to contend with the disadvantage of location in a section where our church is not thoroughly established, but is, on the other hand, still struggling for a foothold.

We approve the policy of Adrian College in providing Theological studies in college courses since the discontinuance of the Theological Seminary at Adrian and note with pleasure the large number of students preparing for the ministry in that institution.

(Signed) J. M. SHERIDAN  
J. F. McCULLOCH  
J. O. LEDBETTER  
WM. E. SANKEY  
J. F. CAPPEL  
A. M. KOPF.

### REPORT OF THE WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Dear Brethren:

I have the honor of respectfully submitting the Quadrennial Report of the Westminster Theological Seminary.

#### Conference Support

During the quadrennium just closed conferences have contributed as follows: Maryland, \$7,016.19; North Carolina, \$1,015.70; New Jersey, \$998.84; Muskingum, \$731.07; West Virginia, \$595.01; New York, \$585.74; Pittsburgh, \$512.37; Ohio, \$328.29; Alabama, \$296.25; Georgia, \$212.81; Indiana, \$175.95; Kansas, \$115.83; North Missouri, \$72.05; North Illinois, \$95.20; Onondaga, \$63.96; Iowa, \$43.34; Pennsylvania, \$26.15. Pennsylvania contributed but three of the four years, Onondaga, but two and North Illinois but one. Michigan and Missouri enlisted last fall by laying assessments. At the close of the last quadrennium there were only twelve conferences contributing; there are now eighteen which makes an increase of 50%.

#### Prizes

During the quadrennium the following seven prizes have been annually contributed: Hebrew, Dr. J. W. Hering, The Grimes Greek transferred to the Parons Memorial, Prof. Forlines Theism, J. Norman Wills, Memorial to his Father, Thesis, The Drinkhouse Memorial, transferred to the Dr. C. D. Sinkinson, Impromptu Debate, E. Bayley Bates, Bates Memorial, Historical Theology, and The Queen Hymn and Bible Reading.

#### Special Instruction

In addition to the regular studies of the Curriculum there has been maintained annually during the quadrennium a course of Special Lectures. Biblical Specialists have covered the entire field of Theological Criticism, Doctrinal Controversies and Ecclesiastical Politics, and the Practical Problems of the day have been discussed by successful Leaders fresh from the field. This has been not only a source of instruction and inspiration to the students but also to the church at large by bringing prominent ministers and laymen from North, East, South and West to see the work of the Seminary at close range.

### Library

Many valuable additions have been made to the shelves of the Library during the quadrennium. Mr. T. A. Murray, of Baltimore, has contributed \$150 and expects to give more to purchase books for an alcove in the Library as memorial to his father, Rev. Joshua Thomas Murray, D. D., a member of the Board of Governors of the Seminary from 1882 to 1899 and Professor of Pastoral Theology 1882-3 and 1887 to 1889. The Library will be further increased by the forward movement in abolishing all prizes heretofore offered and turning this income to the purchase of books.

### Endowment

In the raising of Endowment Funds considerable amount was raised with the understanding that it was to go into a fund for the erection on the campus of cottages to be occupied by the professors who would be charged an annual rent. The West Virginia Cottage will be erected on this plan, the North Carolina Cottage was completed last year on the same plan; the Hill legacy built the President's house for which a rent is also charged. In addition to this we have other investments, making a sum total of \$8,923.66. At the close of the last quadrennium the total amount was \$5,400, an increase of \$3,523.66, or 65%.

### Scholarship Fund

At the close of the last quadrennium the invested Scholarship Fund amounted to \$3,795; at the close of this quadrennium it is \$4,175, an increase of \$380, or 10%. In addition to this amount which is permanently invested there has been raised for distribution among needy students over and above that which was received from the Board of Ministerial Education the sum of \$4,952.55.

### Emergency Fund

During the last year of the quadrennium an addition to the faculty was made which necessitated an emergency fund to provide for his salary until a sufficient sum for this purpose could be annually raised by an increase in conference assessments. So far the canvass has been limited to the Pittsburgh district. Twelve churches contributed in cash, one and three year pledges, \$2,637.03. It is the intention of the Seminary authorities to continue this canvass in other conferences until this chair has been made secure.

### Numerical Growth

The number of graduates during the preceding quadrennium was 39; the number for the quadrennium just closed was 40, and would have been 46 had it not been for the raising of the standard requiring three instead of two years for college graduates to complete their course. These graduates are distributed according to the following conferences: Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, Japan, Maryland, Muskingum, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, West Virginia, and one in the United Brethren Church. The average annual enrollment for the preceding quadrennium was 28.25; the average annual enrollment for the quadrennium just closed was 36.50 an increase of over 29%.

### Forward Movement

In April, 1911, the President of Adrian Theological Seminary, Dr. H. L. Feeman, resigned, and in June the Seminary committee of the Adrian College trustees recommended that the Adrian Theological Seminary "be discontinued, and that the students in course be recommended to the Westminster Theological Seminary." This report was adopted." Upon learning of this action, having need of an additional man in the Faculty, and believing that Dr. Feeman would not only fill the position with profit to the institution but that this movement would also consolidate our theological interests, we offered him the chair of Biblical and Practical Theology in the Westminster Theological Seminary. This position he accepted, not only adding strength to



the Faculty but giving inspiration to the students and winning the heartiest endorsement of our leaders East and West. We inaugurated this enterprise without having in sight a single dollar of salary for this additional member of the Faculty; but, believing that it was a providential solution of our vexing theological problem, we entered upon it with only two assets—faith in God and the Methodist Protestant Church. This faith has been confirmed by the successful work of Dr. Feeman both in his professional and personal relations to the students, and by the generous response of every conference and local church appealed to in behalf of this unification of our theological forces.

#### Loss by Death

We report with keen sorrow and deep sense of loss the death of Rev. Dr. John David Kinzer, a charter member of the Board of Governors, and at the time of his death President of the Board. Wise in counsel, energetic in action, aggressive in means and methods, liberal of purse and loyal to every enterprise for the welfare of the Methodist Protestant Church, he always stood a strong pillar in this School of the Prophets.

With gratitude to God and to the Methodist Protestant Church for the prosperity of the past and with courage to attempt greater things for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH LATIMER ELDERDICE,

President.

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#### COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES.

I respectfully request that your committee will recommend recognition of the Theological School connected with the Kansas City University, as an institution for the training of young men for the ministry in the West, on equal terms with Westminster Theological Seminary for the more Eastern sections of the Church.

The School of Theology at Kansas City has at its head as Dean, Dr. H. T. Stephens, and numbers among its faculty, several pastors and leaders in Sociological and Evangelistic work in Kansas City. It is the intention to secure for this school a separate building and a thorough equipment as rapidly as circumstances may permit.

D. S. STEPHENS,

Chancellor.

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#### REPORT NO. 16

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES.

We your committee on Boundaries, carefully having considered all questions pertaining to boundary lines of the various Conference districts respectfully submit the following:

1. We recommend that this Conference ratify the Union of the New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey Conferences to be known as the Eastern Conferences and that the boundaries of the United Conferences shall embrace the territory formerly held by the three Conferences.
2. We recommend that the boundaries of the Maryland Conference be left unchanged.
3. We recommend that the boundary of the South Carolina Conference be made so as to include all that part of Chesterfield County, South Carolina, lying Southeast of the Seaboard Air Line R. R.
4. We recommend that the boundary lines of the North Missouri Conference and Iowa Conference be left unchanged.
5. We recommend that the action of the Texas and the Central Texas Conferences be ratified in uniting the two Conferences.
6. We also recommend that the Southwest Mission Conference be consolidated with the Colorado-Texas Conference.

7. We further recommend that the name of the Gulf Mission Conference be discontinued and that the territory be included in the Texas and the Colorado-Texas Conference. The Boundaries to be as follows:

Texas Conference shall include that part of the State of Texas South and East of the following lines: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Grayson County, thence South to Collin County, thence West to Denton County, thence South to Dallas County, thence West to Tarrant County, thence South to Ellis County, thence West with Tarrant County line to Brazos River, thence down said river to Gulf of Mexico, thence Northeast with said state line to place of beginning.

Colorado-Texas Gulf Conference shall include that territory beginning on the Brazos River at the South line of Parker County, thence West with the lines of Parker and Palo Pinto counties to the West State line including all territory South of said line, and West of the Brazos River.

*Further,* That the Arkansas district includes all that part of the state of Arkansas, except that part of the state included in Fort Smith district, and a strip of country seven miles wide situated in the North part of the state of Louisiana between the Red River and the Ouachita River and the counties of Peniscot, Maulden, and New Madrid in the state of Missouri.

W. E. SWAIN, Chairman  
C. R. GREEN, Secretary.

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#### REPORT NO. 17

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Your Committee on Sunday Schools begs leave to submit the following report:

The only matter referred to us by this Conference has been the report of the Secretary of The Young People's Work. We have carefully read this report, and considered the matters of which it treats.

We wish to express our pleasure that, through this new department of our church in the management of the affairs of our work among the young, we are taking a stand for the "New Sunday School Idea." While losing none of the blessed efficiency of the old idea, it is destined to lead the schools of our land out of that complacent and self-satisfied indifference which says, "Any thing is good enough for the Sunday School." The Sunday School has a right to expect the best thought, and the wisest labors of the church.

We commend the Board of Young People's Work, and its Secretary, Rev. C. H. Hubbell, D. D., for the splendid results which have been achieved in the new conditions which must surround the launching of a new Board into the sea of our church economy. We believe that the church has a right to expect great things from this Board, and its efficient Secretary.

As the report submitted to us will be printed, either in whole or in part, in the Journals of the Conference, it will not be necessary for your Committee to go into details as to the items included therein. We desire, however, to lay stress on one or two phases of the work as found in the report.

We heartily endorse the emphasis the Board of Young People's Work is making upon "Teacher Training." In these days of increased efficiency in teaching, both in public and in private schools, it is necessary that we shall have better teaching in our Sunday Schools. Some one has said, with much truth, we think, that, "The Sabbath School teacher must compare favorably with the public school teacher if we are to command the attention and respect of the children of to-day." We bespeak the heartiest co-operation of the church everywhere in this department of the Board's scheme of work.

We note with pleasure also that the Board has not overlooked the fact that the child has a soul as well as a brain, and that a child is not only to be taught, but saved. The chief end of all Sunday School labor must be always to bring a child to freely and fully accept Jesus Christ as a Saviour. In pursuance of this cardinal faith in regard to duty and responsibility the Board urges upon the churches the wisdom of holding each year a "Decision Day"

when every child under our supervision shall meet the appeal for a personal consecration of his life to God.

Your Committee also concurs in the suggestion of the Board that a new plan of financing the work of that body must be found if it is to do the work the church has given it to do. It must be apparent to every one who gives the subject any thought that the Secretary of the Board must be relieved of the necessity of collecting funds for the work of the Board, if he is efficiently to serve the Church along the lines of endeavor for which he was elected. No man can do the work he ought to do in that position under the present conditions.

We recommend that each Sabbath School use our Fall Rally Day programmes prepared by the Board, at such time as it shall be convenient, that a collection shall be taken at such time for the support of the Board, and that the collection received on such Rally Days, and by the use of the program, shall be credited on the assessment.

(Signed) L. D. STULTZ, Chairman  
FRANK T. BENSON, Secretary.

#### REPORT NO. 18

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BROTHERHOOD.

We, your Committee on Brotherhood, recommend the organization throughout our denomination, bodies of men for Christian service along the lines indicated in the "Plan of Work" of the Men and Religion Forward Movement, namely, Bible Study, Evangelism, Boys' Work, Missions, Social Service, and Community Extension.

To promote the religious and social activities among men along the lines indicated, we recommend the Federation of our Men's Bible Classes, Brotherhoods, and kindred organizations, under central organizations for the Church.

We recommend the following plan of organization as a basis:

#### **Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Methodist Protestant Brotherhood.

#### **Purpose**

The object of this Brotherhood shall be to encourage the organization of men in the Methodist Protestant Churches and to unite all such organizations in one central body, so that we may labor together for the enlistment of men in the service of Christ; for increased efficiency in the local Church; for larger denominational vision and achievement; for the furtherance of righteousness and in fellowship with all other Christian bodies for the promotion of the Kingdom of God in and to the ends of the earth.

#### **Management**

1. The management of the affairs of the Brotherhood shall be vested in an Executive Committee, the members of which shall be the members of the Board of Young People's Work. The Executive Committee shall name the officers and determine the policies of the Brotherhood, the officers of the Brotherhood working in conjunction with them.

2. The officers of the Brotherhood shall be President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Field Secretary, the latter to be the Field Secretary of the Young People's Board. The duties of these officers shall be such as usually devolve upon officers of like organizations.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) C. D. SINKINSON, Chairman  
ROBERT RAWSTHORNE, JR., Secretary  
M. R. STOVER  
W. L. ABBOTT  
A. R. LEWIS  
JOHN H. LANG  
J. D. ROSS  
C. S. JOHNSON  
R. S. McGARITY  
J. C. McCAIN

## REPORT NO. 19

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROPOSITION TO  
PROVIDE FOR SUPERANNUATES

Your Committee on Provision for Superannuates begs leave to report that the paper submitted for our consideration has been carefully examined, and we find that it sets out a kind of annuity insurance on a mutual plan.

It is the opinion of your Committee that it is not expedient at this time for the General Conference to inaugurate such a general system as the paper contemplates, therefore we recommend that the paper be not approved.

R. T. PICKENS, Chairman  
J. F. HOWE, Secretary  
L. D. STULTZ.

## REPORT No. 20

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

*Whereas*, Intemperance does more to promote degeneracy, crime, poverty, and misery than any other known agency, and that the use of alcoholic beverages, narcotics, and ardent spirits tends to destroy character and citizenship, wreck homes and society, all of which is in direct opposition to the work of the church, the cause of Christ and Christianity, and

*Whereas*, the Methodist Protestant Church has throughout its history taken a high position on the subject of temperance, and considering the modern problems that now confront the Christian churches we feel that this General Conference should not be silent and should speak in no uncertain way upon the great evil of intemperance, the ravages of which are on the increase, and are affecting humanity in all walks of life in so destructive a way as to be beyond description.

We therefore recommend that this General Conference reiterate its unalterable opposition to intemperance in all its forms, but in doing this further recommend that attention be given to the means and agencies through which the most practical results have been and can be achieved.

We are in favor of acquiring and retaining every foot of territory that can be wrested from the liquor traffic as an additional base of operation for the furtherance of a greater campaign against the liquor traffic which shall not cease until the world shall know no more the father and progenitor of crime, misery, poverty, and woe.

To this end and in the light of recent experiences we recommend that our people participate in every wise movement for local prohibition, commonly known as local option, as an additional step towards Statewide Prohibition and for State Prohibition as preparation for the national victory which in the fullness of time we hope to see reported as a triumph of right.

We recognize the powerfulness and the cunning methods of the liquor traffic, and in recognizing this we further recognize that the church is peculiarly qualified, to give temperance instruction and is in duty bound to create sentiment against the liquor traffic and cannot escape its responsibilities for such work by turning it over to any organization which it does not control. Yet since no denomination alone can successfully secure legislation and compel the enforcement of law but that the entire christian church as well as many of our churches throughout the United States are already gaining sweeping victories in this field through the Anti-Saloon League and are contributing large sums of money for the maintenance of such organization, therefore we endorse the Anti-Saloon League of America as a safe and effective agency through which the Methodist Protestant Church may co-operate with the members of other churches and temperance organizations for united action against the saloons and hereby call upon our churches and request our pastors and laymen to continue increasingly their co-operation in carrying forward this work. We further recommend that the President of this Conference

name two trustees, one layman and one minister to be members of the National Board of the Anti-Saloon League of America, and to represent this Conference in the National meetings of the Anti-Saloon League of America.

Recognizing the worth of the teaching of the injurious effects of alcohol, tobacco, and narcotics, to the youth of our land we heartily endorse the noble action and sacrifices of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in their efforts to have written on the statute books of the various states, laws incorporating these teachings in the public schools, and we further endorse any and all other worthy temperance organizations that have labored and are laboring for the overthrow of the liquor traffic.

We further recognize the value of temperance teaching in our Sunday-schools and request that our Sunday school literature contain at least four temperance lessons per annum, and we would further recommend that our pastors be requested to give due consideration to the cause of temperance.

We rejoice in the remarkable spread of temperance sentiment in our country and reports of prohibition victories in various states, and are glad to note notwithstanding the great fight of the combined liquor forces of the country backed up by a campaign of misrepresentation that the State of Maine still remains in the dry column and retains constitutional prohibition.

We congratulate the temperance people of West Virginia upon their hopes of victory in the prohibition campaign they are now waging, and request that the members of this Conference take cognizance of the importance of the campaign now being waged in that state as to the bearing it will have upon the cause of statewide prohibition in other states, and that the members of our church in its entire field lend our temperance brethren of West Virginia and all other states engaged in like conflicts any assistance that we can in this struggle for right.

We note with alarm the spreading use and the deadly effect of cocaine and like drugs. We also note that some states have passed laws making the sale or keeping for sale of these a felony, and we urge that our people co-operate in every movement to suppress these destructive agencies.

We recognize the importance of all Christian people taking a hand in the affairs of legislation that affects the morals of the country, and we urge that our ministry and laity press hard the present battles against the saloon, and by voice and vote demand its overthrow. Pledging their vote and suffrage only to those candidates who will pledge themselves to support the temperance measures which meet the approval of a majority of the temperance forces.

We recognize the fact that no great nation can succeed without fostering its agricultural interests, but that it should in no measure lose sight of the moral and social development of the character of its people, and that when the leader or the head of any branch of government lends prestige to a business that tends to reduce morality, he is acting in opposition to the interests he represents, therefore, when the President of the United States permitted Secretary Wilson to accept the Presidency of the National Brewers' Convention he aided and gave comfort to the liquor interests of this country, by giving them an opportunity of bolstering up their nefarious traffic by recognizing it as a legitimate business and thus giving the influence of his administration to this enemy of mankind, and we as a Conference condemn the action of the President and of Secretary Wilson or any other official, state or national, in giving to the liquor interests of the country the prestige of their official position by giving sanction to this traffic.

We note that there is now pending in the Congress of the United States a bill known as the Keynon-Sheppard Bill proposing an amendment to the Interstate Commerce law so as to give State supervision over the shipment of malt and spirituous liquors, thus giving dry counties and states power to enforce their laws and protect the morals of their people. We therefore recommend that the following resolution be transmitted to the United States Senate and House of Representatives:

**TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE: AND THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

*Whereas*, Amendments to the Interstate Commerce law in the form of the Keynon-Sheppard Bill now pending in Congress proposing to prohibit

the shipment of malt and spirituous liquors into dry counties and states, for the purpose of violating the law thus giving to the counties and states jurisdiction over these shipments thus securing to the people of such territory the power to enforce law, protect their morals, and to preserve their liberty.

Therefore,

*Be It Resolved,* By the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church now in session in the City of Baltimore, Md., that we petition the President and members of the United States Senate, the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives to bring to a vote and to enact into a law during the present session of Congress, the Kenyon-Sheppard Bill, or some other such measure as will secure the above desired end, and

*Be It Further Resolved,* That we oppose the re-establishment of the canteen, believing its discontinuance to have been to the best interest of our army and especially helpful to the morals of our soldiers.

*Resolved,* That we deeply appreciate the visit of Hon. Richmond P. Hobson to this Conference, and his remarkable address delivered, known as "The Great Destroyer" and his efforts to place the same before the nation and we hereby authorize our Secretary to send to him a letter of thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. REYNOLDS, Chairman  
 W. L. FAGG  
 S. McCLAIN  
 A. H. LINDER  
 W. H. FISHER  
 A. D. WILLIAMS  
 SIMON GOULD  
 L. L. McKINNEY  
 J. BIBB MILLS, Secretary.

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## REPORT NO. 21

### RESOLUTIONS

*Whereas,* The local committee on entertainment during this session of the General Conference has from time to time arranged various programs which have proven to be Educational, Inspirational, and thoroughly recreative, therefore, be it

*Resolved,* That we, the members of this Conference, extend unanimously our grateful thanks to this committee for their presentation of Capt. Richmond Pearson Hobson, for our hearing, for the delightful trip down the Bay to Annapolis, and to the Pastor for his benefactions, and for any and all other courtesies and pleasures not especially mentioned but hereby acknowledged, and,

*Whereas,* We have had the use of the splendid St. John's Church for the meetings of the General Conference and its committees.

*Whereas,* We have enjoyed the delightful hospitality of many homes in Baltimore, and the kindness of the ladies of the churches in our noon-day lunches, and

*Whereas,* The daily papers of the city, have given generously of their space to reports of our proceedings. Therefore, be it further,

*Resolved,* That the most cordial thanks of the General Conference be hereby expressed by these resolutions.

J. F. McCULLOCH  
 J. NORMAN WILLS  
 M. R. SAIGEON  
 J. P. COLLIER  
 ELY D. MILLER  
 H. A. MIDDLETON  
 M. L. JENNINGS  
 A. O. HORNEY.

REPORT No. 22  
THE ORPHANS' HOME

Your Committee to whom was referred the Memorial with reference to the Orphans' Home in North Carolina report the following:

*Resolved,* That the Memorial be referred to the Executive Committee with power to appoint a Board of Trustees for this institution which shall be denominated The Orphans' Home of the Methodist Protestant Church.

The Executive Committee shall be authorized to draw up a constitution and secure a Charter from the State of North Carolina and when thus organized the institution shall be commended to the whole church for sympathy and support.

T. H. LEWIS, Chairman.

REPORT NO. 23  
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JOURNALS.

We, your Committee on Journals, would submit the following report:

We have carefully examined all the Journals of the different Annual Conferences that have been received by the Secretary of the General Conference, and in some instances find the records, irregular and in bad form.

We find also that only fifteen Annual Conferences have as yet delivered all their Journals to the Secretary of the General Conference as per instruction of that body, and they are as follows: Onondaga, New Jersey, Michigan, Texas, Indiana, West Virginia, Ohio, Missouri, Iowa, Charleston Mission, (Col.), Maryland, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama and Muskingum. Some have sent three; they are as follows: Mississippi, South Illinois, Kansas, North Missouri, Northwest Texas, New York; others two; they are: Louisiana, Arkansas, Pittsburgh, North Carolina, Oklahoma and North Illinois; and others one, which are Georgia (Col.), Virginia, Kentucky, Colorado, Texas, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Japan Mission. The following none: Alabama, (Col.), Baltimore (Col.), California Mission, Dallas Mission, Colorado Texas (Col.), Florida Mission, Fort Smith Mission, Georgia (Col.), North Mississippi, Southwest Texas Mission.

We would recommend that the Secretaries of the Annual Conferences be more careful and prompt in sending to the Secretary of the General Conference a copy of their Journals as directed by the Discipline.

We wish to make special mention of the Indiana Conference for complying with the wishes of the General Conference in that they compiled and had bound in book form their four Journals. Also the Charleston Mission Conference (Col.) for their thoughtfulness in placing their Journals in a neat board cover. Therefore, we recommend all who do not have their Journals printed in book form adopt this method.

We further recommend that the Secretary of each Annual Conference be required to send a copy of its Journal to each officer of this General Conference and that all Annual Conference Secretaries be required to read this report before their Conferences each year.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) M. R. SAIGEON  
T. C. CASSADAY  
J. J. PHILLIPS  
J. E. BUTLER  
F. W. STONE  
A. L. COOK

REPORT NO. 24  
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE SABBATH

Your Committee on "The Sabbath" desires to submit this report:

Believing that the observance of the Sabbath day as a day of rest and worship is necessary for the best interests of humanity; and the honor and glory of God. We recommend therefore its strict observance by all Christian people.

The fact that the constitution of man requires, and the word of God commands one day's rest in seven is the sure foundation for the Sunday Statutes of our country. It is to the glory of the English speaking people of the world that they more nearly than others keep the Lord's day closed against business, labor and amusement, and give it to the home and the church.

We record with great pleasure the closing of the carrier windows in the Post Office of our country, thereby insuring a day of rest for more than 75,000 employees of the Post Office Department.

The evils of the Sunday newspaper are if possible greater than ever and we call upon our people, by influence and example to do all within their power to hasten the day of its discontinuance.

We look with disfavor upon the Sunday excursions so injurious to the individual, the church and the community, also upon Sunday base-ball, the picture show parlor, the open saloon, and other forms of gain and amusement.

We urge upon all the necessity of teaching the young that the day should be held sacred, for the boy and girl of to-day is the man and woman of to-morrow. We also urge upon all who proclaim the unsearchable riches of the gospel of Jesus Christ, to proclaim the sacredness of the day, and by precept and example prove to the world our sincerity and interest in the welfare of our fellow man remembering that "Man was not made for the Sabbath, but the Sabbath for the man."

With pleasure we recognize the good work of the Lord's Day Alliance, and commend the organization to the sympathy and support of all our pastors and people. We believe that under the leadership of such an organization, with the co-operation of the Christian people of our country we will be able to reserve the day from business and pleasure and give it to the home and the church.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

(Signed) W. H. COLE, Chairman  
 J. E. BUTLER  
 E. M. MOUSER  
 MRS. ANNA R. WILSON

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#### REPORT NO. 25

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

We, the Committee on Statistics, submit the following report:

In as much as eight conferences have failed to furnish the committee on Statistics, or the Statistical Secretary, with the report of the last session of their Annual Conference we have been compelled to formulate their report on the basis of previous reports.

These conferences are properly designated in the report of this committee.

We repeat the recommendation of the last General Conference directing our Publishing houses "to prepare and furnish, at the most reasonable price possible, a Church Register and Record Book, also a Quarterly Conference Register and Record Book, each of which shall contain printed forms of report for the several offices of the church, Sunday School and Young People's Society such as we are required to make to our Annual Conferences."

We further recommend that the Statistical Secretary act in conjunction with the publishing houses in the preparation of said records.

We submit herewith our statistical report.

J. McD. RADFORD, Chairman  
 P. W. DIERBERGER, Secretary  
 W. S. PHILLIPS  
 M. C. JACKSON  
 J. W. FONDA  
 ROBERT RAWSTHORNE, JR.  
 E. W. GILLESPIE,

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STATISTICS  
MEMBERSHIP AND PROPERTY.

NAMES OF ANNUAL CONFERENCES	Itinerant Ministers and Preachers		Full members now on Roll.	Total Membership	Number of Church Buildings.	Number of Parsonages	Value of all Church Property of every sort	Total Indebtedness on all Church Property
	Unstationed Ministers & Preachers							
Alabama	19	39	5,962	6,030	88	15	\$ 110,550	\$ 1,472 22
Arkansas	30	41	5,844	5,915	158	16	44,724	
*Colorado-Texas	14	17	1,219	1,250	9	7	20,457	500 00
Georgia	18	14	3,780	3,812	37	4	65,761	
Indiana	41	42	9,478	9,561	125	40	296,650	3,087 00
Iowa	25	5	2,693	2,723	51	18	148,350	11,615 00
Kansas	19	7	1,794	1,820	35	17	109,581	3,391 03
Kentucky	31	2	1,173	1,206	17		8,800	343 00
Louisiana	32		3,081	3,113	49	9	35,900	
Maryland	143	57	28,437	28,637	295	119	2,610,081	242,513 00
Michigan	74	32	4,752	4,858	127	57	349,275	21,375 00
Mississippi	22	47	3,175	3,244	71	5	26,050	
Missouri	29	20	2,736	2,785	43	12	53,731	1,127 00
Muskingum	57	32	15,027	15,116	151	32	581,821	31,221 85
New Jersey	38	27	4,409	4,474	46	26	325,450	49,508 00
New York	25	22	2,133	2,180	31	21	254,350	11,250 00
North Carolina	51	53	21,805	21,909	233	47	369,476	
North Illinois	24	11	2,690	2,725	44	26	171,500	
*North Mississippi	22		1,078	1,100	17		6,100	
North Missouri	9	7	1,107	1,123	25	9	40,700	200 00
Ohio	36	21	8,225	8,282	75	28	337,500	8,073 00
Oklahoma	44	17	1,965	2,026	13	2	16,000	1,300 00
Onondaga	59	10	2,612	2,681	57	37	193,005	323 00
Pennsylvania	10	3	977	990	26	5	61,800	1,238 60
Pittsburgh	57	11	11,289	11,357	94	25	1,818,400	191,243 37
South Carolina	7	2	402	411	10		8,550	
South Illinois	21	5	2,459	2,485	49	4	48,100	
Tennessee	11	4	1,319	1,334	30	5	21,600	
*Texas	49	21	2,862	2,932	36	20	61,253	
Virginia	18		1,905	1,923	11		12,200	
West Virginia	64	57	17,818	17,939	260	51	484,760	18,362 00
MISSIONS								
Alabama (Col)	14	15	455	484	6		4,655	
*Arkansas (Col)	13		190	203	6		1,325	
Charleston (Col)	9	12	791	812	17	3	15,000	
*Colorado-Texas (Col)	25	12	836	873	9		25,900	1,788 70
Florida	3		100	103	3		1,000	
*Fort Smith	18	12	1,570	1,600	10	1	1,200	
Georgia (Col)	30	16	726	772	27	1	15,990	
*New Mexico	4	22	128	134			25	
Northwest Texas	16	14	1,348	1,378	13	5	10,000	
Seattle & Ravenna	1		258	259	2	1	104,500	
Southwest Texas	6	22	280	297	3	1	6,650	
Japan	23	11	1,148	1,182	10	7	76,000	
Totals	1,271	722	182,045	184,038	2,419	676	\$8,934,740	\$599,941 77

Conferences marked (\*) had no reports before us and were estimated from former report  
The properties above include neither colleges or publishing house interests.

NAMES OF ANNUAL CONFERENCES	Sabbath Schools		C. E. Societies			
	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Number of Scholars	Number of Senior Societies Y. P. S. C. E.	Number of Members in Senior Societies	Number of Junior Societies C. E.	Number of Members in Junior Societies
Alabama.....	64	3,203	6	133	.....	.....
Arkansas.....	61	1,983	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Colorado-Texas.....	14	650	.....	.....	.....	.....
Georgia.....	26	1,271	.....	.....	.....	.....
Indiana.....	119	8,091	26	1058	15	369
Iowa.....	40	2,229	18	473	.....	.....
Kansas.....	36	2,082	12	349	7	184
Kentucky.....	14	100	2	112	.....	.....
Louisiana.....	27	971	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maryland.....	285	30,512	137	5,599	69	2,623
Michigan.....	142	7,472	33	1,018	.....	.....
Mississippi.....	30	1,080	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missouri.....	41	2,091	13	329	1	18
Muskingum.....	142	12,696	40	1,564	18	794
New Jersey.....	44	6,246	.....	.....	.....	.....
New York.....	30	2,828	19	742	7	240
North Carolina.....	222	13,925	8	238	8	114
North Illinois.....	42	3,436	18	619	3	61
*North Mississippi.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Missouri.....	21	966	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ohio.....	84	7,271	29	819	5	171
Oklahoma.....	22	400	.....	.....	1	40
Onondaga.....	49	2,418	29	680	7	116
Pennsylvania.....	23	1,358	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pittsburgh.....	87	9,797	38	2,400	16	586
South Carolina.....	7	250	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Illinois.....	33	2,329	8	235	.....	.....
Tennessee.....	17	488	.....	.....	.....	.....
Texas.....	32	1,947	2	72	1	.....
*Virginia.....	8	360	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Virginia.....	270	15,983	34	1,637	6	218
MISSIONS						
Alabama (Col.).....	6	146	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Arkansas (Col.).....	18	450	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Charleston (Col.).....	16	360	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Colorado-Texas (Col.).....	2	100	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Fort Smith.....	40	1,250	.....	.....	.....	.....
Georgia (Col.).....	21	459	1	25	.....	.....
*New Mexico.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Northwest Texas.....	15	735	.....	.....	.....	.....
Seattle & Ravenna.....	2	407	2	83	1	27
Southwest Texas.....	2	149	1	.....	.....	.....
Japan.....	45	2,713	5	100	2	43
Totals.....	2,209	151,202	481	18,285	167	5,604

Conferences marked (\*) had no reports before us and were estimated from former reports.

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.

NAMES OF ANNUAL CONFERENCES	Buildings and Improvements	Church and Parsonage Debts	Pastors' Salaries	Parsonage Rents	Sabbath School Expenses	Incidentals	Grand Total for All Purposes
Alabama	13,990 85	\$ 659 00	\$ 27,297 39	\$ 858 50	\$ 1,957 94	\$ 3,542 95	53,068 52
Arkansas	4,000 00	500 00	23,456 65	105 00	248 00	105 00	33,510 10
*Col.-Texas	5,200 00	960 00	6,600 00	105 00	821 68	1,886 79	15,217 88
Georgia	8,295 01	4,227 26	18,496 30	15,534 10	15,728 49	26,545 36	32,762 70
Indiana	59,987 34	3,373 00	39,410 49	5,330 00	4,654 71	8,147 27	250,390 99
Iowa	38,220 83	2,101 00	36,552 07	5,642 00	4,494 08	9,035 93	107,177 74
Kansas	14,931 04	.....	1,999 07	.....	240 97	.....	80,687 78
*Kentucky	8 75	.....	17,224 14	.....	.....	208 26	3,286 57
Louisiana	230,144 00	126,811 00	377,746 00	81,246 00	55,405 00	232,091 00	21,919 63
Maryland	45,461 54	16,968 41	118,910 87	1,583 00	15,367 30	29,548 23	1,253,486 00
Michigan	3,057 00	317 75	13,039 03	2,300 00	4,256 21	.....	254,190 97
Mississippi	8,082 12	268 00	21,560 04	2,300 00	2,523 92	145 70	11,083 88
Missouri	67,580 13	22,403 31	151,406 15	13,110 31	25,171 91	44,321 44	36,118 39
Munkingum	27,493 51	20,984 79	75,696 81	13,498 00	19,363 90	32,928 68	358,063 37
New Jersey	44,667 34	.....	59,131 95	13,516 00	15,018 24	15,336 11	201,065 61
New York	68,104 62	6,112 30	109,121 46	5,500 00	2,196 00	17,223 14	157,194 34
North Carolina	30,020 62	.....	72,551 38	3,125 00	9,386 74	15,321 44	242,742 00
*North Illinois	.....	.....	1,200 00	.....	.....	.....	151,843 12
North Missouri	3,207 75	200 00	11,802 86	2,498 03	1,222 46	3,240 70	1,600 00
Ohio	34,783 67	5,455 00	75,246 15	6,421 00	16,845 53	29,960 10	23,805 15
Oklahoma	4,171 50	1,300 00	7,990 02	.....	119 06	1,069 89	193,170 70
Oncodaga	17,569 36	1,711 04	66,359 18	5,990 00	4,217 85	14,547 67	16,665 52
Pennsylvania	4,547 66	829 18	15,375 51	675 00	1,913 65	1,988 88	121,078 84
Pittsburgh	52,701 90	24,945 32	194,181 80	.....	29,042 92	84,025 95	28,357 92
South Carolina	2,485 00	.....	1,799 18	.....	280 77	.....	420,094 92
South Illinois	12,300 35	400 00	14,649 17	.....	.....	1,653 15	5,621 43
Tennessee	240 00	.....	4,558 20	.....	163 99	.....	31,672 13
Texas	17,491 50	.....	26,392 71	3,313 00	2,438 35	3,123 35	5,352 37
*Virginia	60 00	.....	1,523 00	.....	80 00	.....	60,152 60
West Virginia	97,720 53	5,015 85	112,109 88	14,000 00	13,104 55	19,898 43	2,385 83
West MISSIONS	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	281,749 46
Alabama (Col)	16 50	.....	1,775 40	.....	134 23	128 00	2,620 31
*Arkansas (Col)	.....	.....	170 00	.....	.....	.....	228 00
*Cleveland (Col)	500 00	75 00	1,641 88	.....	156 00	60 00	3,613 84
*Col.-Texas (Col)	.....	.....	1,700 00	.....	8 00	600 00	2,727 00
Florida	100 00	.....	1,500 00	.....	20 00	74 00	388 40
*Port Smith	.....	.....	3,300 00	.....	.....	.....	4,500 00
Georgia (Col)	3,329 43	653 74	4,185 18	.....	126 86	134 29	9,428 72
*New Mexico	.....	.....	500 00	.....	.....	.....	645 00
Northwest Texas	1,979 94	.....	6,733 40	80 00	160 25	.....	10,791 88
Seattle & Ravenna	2,216 17	160 00	9,951 79	2,650 00	1,649 72	9,855 46	29,436 89
Southwest Texas	312 00	.....	2,325 97	.....	1,86 44	212 55	3,920 68
Japan	41 01	.....	3,908 46	.....	238 99	3,132 02	7,739 12
Totals	\$925,108 97	\$246,430 95	\$1,834,200 05	\$200,665 04	\$244,852 71	\$610,846 86	\$4,541,559 50

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The Protestant Church in the United States to whom is committed now, as in the past, the salvation of our people and the making of the greatest nation on the earth, and through this nation, to reach every other people on the globe have divided, according to Dr. Carroll, our religious census enumerator, into 141 denominations or sects, each more or less against the other, and this too in the face of the united hosts of darkness. If the Apostle Paul who begs us to "have the mind which was in Christ Jesus" were writing us now, would he not say "Oh! foolish brethren, who hath bewitched you?"

Should we not pray, and that right earnestly, like the fellow falling from the high bridge: "Lord, have mercy, and have it quick!"

What wasted strength, "what a weakening of our forces" what a dissipation of our vital resources!

The tendency of the age is towards organization and consolidation. The trend towards centralization is universal. These are the days of integration. The day of individual initiative and effort and great achievement is past. We are in the era of world-wide movements. The world has become a great community, from all parts of which we may hear daily and every man has become our brother. The problems to be solved and the tasks to be done are so large that it takes great agencies to accomplish them—not in commercial life only—but also in the social, educational, political and religious worlds, the watch words are "Organization" and "Combination"! And is it not the whole aim of the gospel and will it not be a glorious achievement to put our spirit, the spirit of our Christ, into the whole human family.

Who is urging this union? Jesus, the head of the Church. His last prayer on earth was that "they might be one." The Holy Spirit, our inspiration and our guide. His first coming was to the disciples who were in one place and with one accord and his perpetual ministry is to build us up together. Common sense and good judgment appeal to us to be as wise in religious affairs as the children of the world are in business matters; to mass our forces and push the conquest of Satan's kingdom never so aggressive and defiant as now.

Our laymen are eager to see the methods of practical efficiency applied to the work of the churches. The logic of facts is that of such a proposal. They want the comrade touch of shoulder to shoulder in company rank; the force of the regiment, the strategic power of the well placed battalion. For a half million members of our two churches to be organically related is in itself a stimulus of no mean order.

Who is against us? Satan, the arch enemy. The devil is a strategist. If he can keep the forces of truth divided into sections or sects, he will conquer in detail and the rule of his authority will be undiminished. The open advocate and agents of Satan decry church union, while pride in what our fathers wrought or left us, prejudice of birth or training, denominational greed and selfishness in all its ramifications, with some good people who live in the past and question the propriety of a change—these are the reactionaries clogging the chariot wheels of progress.

A growing sentiment of union is felt among all Christian people. All churches now have their committees on Church Union and a great national federation is endeavoring to bring all the churches nearer together. Men outside of the church, as well as those within, deplore ecclesiastical division and look upon sectarianism as a reproach. Unity does not mean uniformity; but it does mean such a spirit of loyalty to the master and such a love for the brethren as will tolerate individual differences and permit individual variety under a common form.

Subordinate beliefs raised to the rank of essentials block the way of unity. There is no proprietary right in matters of faith. The basis of real union

## REPORT NO. 26

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

See Conference Roll for list of names reported as being properly enrolled as members of this General Conference.

Your Committee on Credentials reports that it finds that the Credentials of J. H. Lucas, D. D., of the Pittsburgh Conference are regular.

J. C. McCAIN, Chairman  
T. J. STRICKLER, Secretary  
J. E. PETERSON  
ANDREW J. HARRIS

FRATERNAL ADDRESS OF DOCTOR A. P. FUNKHOUSER  
OF THE  
CHURCH OF THE UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, MAY 24, 1912

To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.  
Mr. President, Fathers and Brethren:

Commissioned by our Board of Bishops, it is a great pleasure to my colleague, Dr. Washinger, and to myself to bring to you the sincere and cordial greetings of the United Brethren Church, and to reciprocate most heartily the splendid and touching expressions of fraternity of your distinguished representative, President Lewis, in his able address to our General Conference three years ago at Canton, Ohio. We have followed your proceedings in this body with increased interest and rejoice over all the victories you have won for Christ, especially during the last quadrennium.

For six quadrenniums, it has been my privilege as a member of the General Conference to hear and greet the brethren you have sent to us with messages of warmest sympathy and co-operation. Messages in the more recent past, big with the conviction that God has one kingdom on earth; urging more than co-operation and fraternal sympathy—even the unity of organic union, responding in the fullest sense to *every advance* made by our most enthusiastic leaders.

It was my fortune to be a member of the Tri-Council which met six years ago in Dayton, Ohio, and to share in the spiritual exaltation of the whole Council described by another as "almost a modern Pentecost," after the unexpected but unanimous adoption of the resolution offered by your representative, Dr. Lewis, that "our first and chief business is to provide for the organic union of these three bodies," and later, as a member of the Committee on Polity, both at Pittsburgh and at Chicago, to share in a small way in the adoption of the Plan of Union, in a very large measure, your plan of union, which was presented to the churches interested with so much promise for good to our Common Zion. So that, having met with these, your representatives and having learned to know your spirit and having familiarized myself with your people and church life, I am not among strangers, for indeed I feel like repeating the words of our church founders almost a century and a half ago—when though strangers, after a heart-searching sermon full of the unction of the Holy Spirit by the Mennonite preacher, Martin Boehm, a man of small stature and plain garb, the stalwart and scholarly German Reformed Otterbein with burning heart and tear-filled eyes, put his arms about the speaker and exclaimed, "We are brethren."

All of these efforts and plans for closer relationship between our churches have had, from the beginning, our heartiest approval and our hopes have been high for the realization of this forward step in the massing of God's forces for the overthrow of sin and wickedness in high places. And my conviction to-day is that the discontinuance of these efforts for union is most foolish, if not criminal.

And in this without a single exception, to the best of my knowledge, on every occasion when the question has been voted on, in Annual or General Conference these sentiments echo the expressed will of our people.

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Should we not pray, and that right earnestly, like the fellow falling from the high bridge: "Lord, have mercy, and have it quick!"

What wasted strength, "what a weakening of our forces" what a dissipation of our vital resources!

The tendency of the age is towards organization and consolidation. The trend towards centralization is universal. These are the days of integration. The day of individual initiative and effort and great achievement is past. We are in the era of world-wide movements. The world has become a great community, from all parts of which we may hear daily and every man has become our brother. The problems to be solved and the tasks to be done are so large that it takes great agencies to accomplish them—not in commercial life only—but also in the social, educational, political and religious worlds, the watch words are "Organization" and "Combination"! And is it not the whole aim of the gospel and will it not be a glorious achievement to put our spirit, the spirit of our Christ, into the whole human family.

Who is urging this union? Jesus, the head of the Church. His last prayer on earth was that "they might be one." The Holy Spirit, our inspiration and our guide. His first coming was to the disciples who were in one place and with one accord and his perpetual ministry is to build us up together. Common sense and good judgment appeal to us to be as wise in religious affairs as the children of the world are in business matters; to mass our forces and push the conquest of Satan's kingdom never so aggressive and defiant as now.

Our laymen are eager to see the methods of practical efficiency applied to the work of the churches. The logic of facts is that of such a proposal. They want the comrade touch of shoulder to shoulder in company rank; the force of the regiment, the strategic power of the well placed battalion. For a half million members of our two churches to be organically related is in itself a stimulus of no mean order.

Who is against us? Satan, the arch enemy. The devil is a strategist. If he can keep the forces of truth divided into sections or sects, he will conquer in detail and the rule of his authority will be undiminished. The open active advocates and agents of Satan decry church union, while pride in what our fathers wrought or left us, prejudice of birth or training, denominational greed and selfishness in all its ramifications, with some good people who live in the past and question the propriety of a change—these are the reactionaries clogging the chariot wheels of progress.

A growing sentiment of union is felt among all Christian people. All churches now have their committees on Church Union and a great national federation is endeavoring to bring all the churches nearer together. Men outside of the church, as well as those within, deplore ecclesiastical division and look upon sectarianism as a reproach. Unity does not mean uniformity; but it does mean such a spirit of loyalty to the master and such a love for the brethren as will tolerate individual differences and permit individual variety under a common form.

Subordinate beliefs raised to the rank of essentials block the way of unity. There is no proprietary right in matters of faith. The basis of real union

must always be found in a common spiritual impulse and life and it will be effective, not along lines of history and ancestry, but in spiritual affinity; not in a common origin but in a common life. The Union must be vital, not simply formal.

There is so much in common in the Methodist Protestant Church and the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, that the wonder is not how to get them together, but that they have been so long apart. Each has a supreme regard for the facts of religious experience; each stands for the right of private judgment in matters of religion, the freedom of the local church and supreme loyalty to Jesus as Lord and King. In doctrine, they are both Armenian; and in organization, thoroughly American, and they do not differ, in any important particulars, in form, sacraments and ordinances.

Neither of us number our adherents by the million but our crowning glory has been the regenerated heart as the key to the saved life; and we continue to hold, and God grant that it may never be otherwise, that our first duty is to provide for the maintenance of God's invisible Church in the hearts of his children. God's communications with the soul are personal and individual and the cry of the ages is: "O that I knew where I might find Him!"

The more consecrated and enthusiastic our people and the more efficient and developed our organization, the more successfully can we respond to this yearning appeal in helpful Christian service.

The marshalling of our columns under one banner and one leadership and as one host with a single purpose would be an object lesson in the recovery of Christianity towards the unity that alone is the Master's plea and a forerunner of similar movements that may characterize our age.

With our principles affirmed and our prejudices denied in this the day of his power, we stand willing to be led, willing to act, willing to move out, if it may be into a wider fellowship and a more abounding service. Mr. President, "If thy heart be as my heart, give me thy hand."

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## RESPONSE TO FRATERNAL MESSENGERS

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BY LYMAN EDWYN DAVIS, D. D.

President of the General Conference

These addresses have challenged the deepest sentiments of my heart, and my convictions are with my sympathies in making the most favorable response to their every utterance on the subject of church union.

The United Brethren Church and the Methodist Protestant Church are kindred peoples, and so nearly identical in doctrine and in polity that no reason can be urged against their immediate union. Besides all other considerations, let me speak of the fact that each is the geographical complement of the other. It will be a happy thing indeed to add into one great communion the two hundred thousand Methodist Protestants and the three hundred thousand United Brethren in Christ, and to blend in one great and efficient destiny the institutions which now adorn the two denominations with almost equal honor. But greater still, and more to the purpose for the Kingdom of Heaven, is the fact that the united church will really occupy double the territory now possessed by either of the denominations. In some instances, of course, both churches are found in the same neighborhood; and in yet fewer instances the two may be so located and conditioned as to make it wise to absorb them each with the other. But even in this respect the relative circumstances of weakness and strength are so well balanced as to insure the the most perfect harmony in the process of mutual adjustment.

But, as already indicated, the most remarkable and the most providential fact is the way in which the two denominations answer to each other in possessing contiguous territory, rather than dividing between them the same territory. The one occupies this neighborhood, the other occupies yonder neighborhood. And this geographical complement holds good not only in hamlets and villages and country neighborhoods, but in whole great sections of terr-

tory; the one being in possession of whole counties, groups of counties, and even of states, almost to the exclusion of the other; while their relative position of strength and weakness is exactly reversed in the next county, the next group of counties, or in the adjoining state!

This condition is so general that men of either denomination, in any part of our great country, will instantly point to vivid illustrations of the fact. To-day, if a Methodist Protestant on the one hand or a representative of the United Brethren Church on the other hand should journey across the continent, he must pass through long stretches of territory wherein his own communion is not represented by a single meeting-house. But to-morrow, when the two churches are united, the members of that larger communion will find their beloved fellowship linked together in one golden chain of sympathy and power, from sea to sea!

In every plan of union, we must of course require for our own church, and mutually each for the other's church, the following conditions:-

1. Such a union as will preserve the integrity of whatever is sacred and essential in our own denomination; and that not by obscure absorption with any other fixed polity, but as a recognized part of the floor-plan of the new superstructure.

2. Such negotiations as will move rapidly, though carefully, through progressive affiliation toward early union; to the end that no long period of distracting agitation shall interrupt the supreme work of grace in the uniting churches.

3. The practical and sensible understanding that, whatsoever negotiations are in progress, each denomination engaged in these negotiations shall continue to work out its own mission, without anxious regard to these movements toward union, and with unshaken faith in its own destiny as willed of God, whether through ultimate union, or continued separation.

Every denomination whose fraternal messengers have come to this platform has its own sacred principles, inherited from the past, and sanctified by the struggles and the achievements of an honorable history. Whether M. E. North or M. E. South, whether United Brethren or Methodist Protestant, each of us holds fast to certain distinctive principles, believing these principles to be not alone the heritage of the fathers of our own religious family, but, through them, the heritage of the ages. And we honor each other all the more in the fact that not one of us will surrender these principles, or permit them to be surrendered. If the hour of unconditional surrender should ever come, it would be for other hands than mine to bear the tokens! Descended as I am from those who were cradled in the liberty-loving highlands of Scotland and of Wales, and akin to that sculptor who, in the spirit of freedom, wrought the image of the Greek slave, pardon me if I say that I know not how to negotiate the surrender of our banners. And I believe I am saying this as a mutual declaration for every creed and polity here represented. I am confident that, in this high moment, and face to face with the great social and religious problems of a new age, I speak for these other denominations as well as for my own when I proclaim that we will never trail our inherited liberties in the dust before the feet of any tyranny that walks the earth! But Providence indicates the present age as the time of union. In your laboratory, the one prism breaks the white light of the sun into all the colors of the rainbow. The second prism gathers up these various colors and blends them again into the pure white light of the heavens. That is an allegory of God's plan through the ages. In one age, representing the many-colored wisdom of God, the Church is divided into various creeds and communions, each with some great unit of spiritual truth to develop and bring into harmony with the ultimate fulness of the Kingdom. But in another age, lest the essential oneness of the Truth may be forgotten, God brings His many schools into His spiritual laboratory, and passes their fragmentary creeds through the prism of Gospel unity, that all the world may see the white glory of the one Kingdom of Heaven! The Lord's time of gathering together is now at hand!

But whether we think of the immediate and practical union for which the commissioners are now already appointed, or of that greater final union



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## MINUTES

**MAY 19, 1916.**

### **Morning Session.**

The twenty-second quadrennial session of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened in the First Methodist Protestant Church, in the city of Zanesville, Ohio, May 19, 1916, at 10 o'clock. The Conference was called to order by President Lyman Edwin Davis. Invocation by President Davis.

The President appointed the following committee on Credentials: George H. Miller, U. W. Morrison, T. L. Garrison, T. P. Fisher, and A. T. Merriman.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. E. D. Beck, President of the Muskingum Annual Conference, who read the following scripture lesson: Psalm 133 and John 16.20-23. Prayer was offered by J. F. McCulloch, of North Carolina. The Conference sermon was then preached by Hugh Latimer Elderdice, President of Westminster Theological Seminary, from the text Col. 3:15; prayer by George W. Holmes, President of North Carolina Conference.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the President of the General Conference assisted by the following presidents of Annual Conferences: J. S. Bowers, of Maryland; E. D. Beck, of Muskingum; George W. Holmes, of North Carolina; F. W. Varney, of Eastern; J. C. Broomfield, of Pittsburgh; M. R. Stover, of Ohio; W. W. Lineberry, of Indiana; B. A. Brooks, of Kansas; J. A. McCord, of Missouri; J. P. Morgan, of Alabama; J. J. Phillips, of West Virginia, and J. E. Butler, of Texas.

After singing the doxology the benediction was pronounced by H. L. Elderdice, of Maryland.

### **Afternoon Session.**

The afternoon session was opened with devotional services, conducted by J. W. Hawley, of the Pittsburgh Conference; prayer by F. T. Tagg, editor of the "Methodist Protestant."

The roll was called and necessary corrections made.

The Secretary moved that the program as published and distributed be made the official program, subject to such changes as might be found necessary. F. T. Tagg, of Maryland, moved that the program be laid on the table. The motion was carried. D. S. Stephens, of Oklahoma, moved that a committee of three be appointed on program. Carried.

The President appointed the following program committee: Dr. C. H. Beck, Dr. J. F. McCulloch, Dr. F. A. Perry.

On motion of J. Bibb Mills, of Maryland, the following program was adopted for this afternoon: 3:00 o'clock, quadrennial address by Rev. Lyman E. Davis, D. D., President of the General Conference; 3:30, report of the Executive Committee; 3:50, report of the Secretary; 4:00, election of officers of the General Conference; 4:30, incidental business.

Ira Champion, of Alabama, moved the adoption of the rules of the last session of the General Conference, including an additional rule, providing that all elections be by ballot.

On motion of G. W. Haddaway, of Maryland, the motion was amended, the rule requiring all elections to be by ballot was strick-

en out, the question recurring on adoption of original motion. The motion prevailed, and the rules of the last session of the General Conference were made the rules for this session.

On motion of G. H. Miller, of Muskingum, the program for this evening will be as follows: Sermon by J. H. Lucas, D. D., LL.D., of Kansas City, Kansas. Reception to the General Conference by the Zanesville Methodist Protestant Church.

The order of the day having arrived, the President read his quadrennial address.

The Secretary of the Executive Committee read the report of the Committee for the quadrennium.

The Secretary of the General Conference submitted his report for the quadrennium and on motion it was referred to the auditing committee.

The order of the day, the election of officers having arrived, J. C. Broomfield of Pittsburgh nominated Dr. Lyman E. Davis for President of the General Conference to succeed himself. D. C. Coburn of Muskingum, R. E. Games of Ohio, J. E. Butler of Texas, F. A. Perry of Michigan, W. W. Lineberry, D. D. of Indiana, C. J. Nutt of Iowa, A. D. Williams of West Virginia and I. A. Brice of Onondaga seconded the nomination of Dr. Davis. A. G. Dixon of North Carolina and J. H. Straughn of Maryland moved that the Secretary cast the unanimous ballot of the General Conference for the election of Dr. Lyman E. Davis as President of the General Conference. This was objected to by C. M. Towns of Georgia. The following tellers were appointed: M. M. Campbell of Ohio, A. G. Dixon of North Carolina, E. C. Chandler of Muskingum and S. W. Jackson of Georgia. By consent F. T. Little of Maryland spoke briefly explaining the objections raised by the representative from Georgia to the unanimous election of Dr. Lyman E. Davis as President of the General Conference. C. M. Towns of Georgia stated his reasons for objecting to the Secretary casting the ballot of the General Conference for Lyman E. Davis for President of the General Conference, insisting that he had no objection to Dr. Davis as a man or as an official but that he believed all elections should be by individual ballots. On motion of F. C. Klein of Maryland the pews in the main auditorium constitute the bar of the Conference. The ballot for President was ordered and taken. The ballot resulted as follows:

Lyman E. Davis .....	117
F. T. Little .....	9
H. L. Elderdice .....	4

Dr. Davis having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared elected President of the General Conference for the ensuing quadrennium. On motion of H. L. Elderdice seconded by F. T. Little the election of Dr. Davis was made unanimous.

On motion of J. P. Morgan of Alabama, the assistant Secretary of the Conference cast the unanimous ballot for the election of C. H. Beck as Secretary.

George H. Miller of Muskingum nominated Rev. C. S. Johnson of Muskingum for Statistical Secretary. On motion the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the election of C. S. Johnson for Statistical Secretary. The ballot was cast and Brother Johnson was declared elected Statistical Secretary.

On motion of A. G. Dixon of North Carolina the Secretary was allowed to select his own assistants.

On motion of F. C. Klein of Maryland J. H. Straughn of Maryland and R. E. Games of Ohio were made Publicity Agents of this Conference.

The Secretary announced the following as his assistants: George R. Brown of West Virginia and S. W. Taylor of North Carolina.

On motion of F. C. Klein of Maryland, the hours for meeting for the General Conference, be 7:30 this evening and 9 o'clock in the morning.

T. A. Murray of Maryland called the attention of the representatives to Rule 18 and asked that it be rigidly enforced.

The following resolution was offered and adopted: Resolved by this General Conference, That the sermon preached by Dr. H. L. Elderdice this morning be published in the "Methodist Protestant," the "Methodist Recorder," and the "Methodist Protestant Herald."

Signed J. P. MORGAN,  
S. H. LYNCH.

On motion the Conference adjourned to meet at 7:30 o'clock this evening.

Benediction by D. S. Stephens of Oklahoma.

#### Evening Session.

Conference convened at 7:30, President Davis presiding; prayer was offered by J. M. Sheridan, of Maryland. A very inspiring sermon was delivered by John H. Lucas, D. D., LL.D., Chancellor of Kansas City University, from a text found in Acts 26:19. At the close of the sermon George G. Shurtz, pastor of the Conference church, introduced Dr. Herbert Scott, pastor of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, and President of the Ministerial Union of Zanesville, Ohio, who, on behalf of the Evangelical Protestant Churches, accorded a cordial welcome to the members of the General Conference.

Mr. W. A. Wilson, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Zanesville, Ohio, on behalf of the gentlemen whom he represented, delivered an address of welcome. Dr. Davis, President of the Conference, responded to these addresses.

The members of the church extended a cordial welcome, in a unique and original way. Twelve young ladies took part in this delightful service. The exercises were interspersed with instrumental and vocal music by the choir.

Conference adjourned to meet at 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

After adjournment a pleasant social hour was spent.

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### SECOND DAY.

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Saturday, May 20, 1916.

#### Morning Session.

Conference convened at 9:00 o'clock. The devotional services were conducted by John S. Bowers, of Maryland, who read Romans 12: Prayer by C. E. Forlines, of North Carolina.

The roll was called, and the minutes read, corrected, and approved.

On motion the President appointed the following Committee on Pulpit services: G. G. Shurtz, S. W. Rosenberger, and J. W. Hawley.

The Committee on program submitted the following report:

#### SATURDAY, MAY 20.

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship, conducted by Rev. J. S. Bowers, D. D., Baltimore, Md.

**TWENTY-SECOND QUADRENNIAL SESSION**

- 9:15 Roll Call. Reading the Minutes of yesterday's sessions.  
 9:30 Incidental Business.  
 10:00 Reports of General Boards. (1) Home Missions. (2)  
 Foreign Missions. (3) Ministerial Education. (4)  
 Board of Young People's Work.  
 12:00 Recess.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**

- 1:30 p.m. Devotional. Led by Rev. W. W. Lineberry, D. D., Jones-  
 boro, Indiana.  
 1:45 Incidental Business.  
 2:00 Reports of Educational Institutions. (1) Adrian Col-  
 lege. (2) Western Maryland College. (3) Kansas  
 City University. (4) West Lafayette College. (5)  
 Westminster Theological Seminary.  
 4:00 Incidental Business. Announcement.

**SUNDAY, MAY 21.**

- 10:30 a.m. Sermon, President of the General Conference.  
 2:30 Evangelistic Song Service, Rev. E. D. Stone, Baltimore,  
 Md.  
 3:00 Address, "From the Bread Line to the Pulpit," Rev.  
 Frederic J. Baylis.  
 7:30 Sermon, Rev. C. D. Sinkinson, D. D., Atlantic City, N. J.

**MONDAY, MAY 22.**

- 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship, conducted by Rev. J. E. Butler, D.  
 D., Cooper, Texas.  
 9:15 Roll Call. Reading Minutes of Saturday's Sessions.  
 9:30 Incidental Business.  
 10:00 Report of the Board of Publication. (1) The Baltimore  
 Directory. (2) The Pittsburgh Directory.  
 11:00 Report of Children's Home at High Point, North Car-  
 olina.  
 12:00 Recess.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**

- 1:30 Devotional. Led by Rev. J. C. Broomfield, D. D., Fair-  
 mont, W. Va.  
 1:45 Incidental Business.  
 2:00 Report of Committee appointed in 1912, "On Consoli-  
 dating Publishing Interests, Boards, etc."  
 3:00 General Business.

**MONDAY EVENING.**

**TEMPERANCE RALLY.**

Chairman of Committee on Temperance, presiding.

- 7:30 p.m. Song Service. Choir of the Entertaining Church.  
 8:00 Address. Rev. Geo. Henry, D. D., Representing the  
 Anti-Saloon League.

**TUESDAY, MAY 23.**

- 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship, conducted by Rev. U. W. Morrison,  
 D. D., Clarksburg, W. Va.  
 9:15 Roll Call. Reading Minutes of yesterday's sessions.  
 9:30 Incidental Business.



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- 10:00 Reports of Standing Committees. (1) Foreign Missions. (2) Home Missions. (3) Ministerial Education. (4) Young People's Work.  
General Business.  
12:00 Recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 1:30 p.m. Devotional. Led by R. M. Andrews, Greensboro, N. C.  
1:45 Incidental Business.  
2:00 Reports of Standing Committees. (1) Committee on Report of The Executive Committee. (2) Committee on Finance. (3) Fraternal Relations. (4) Temperance. (5) Sabbath. (6) Journals. (7) Publishing Interests. (8) Theological Seminaries.  
4:00 General Business.

TUESDAY EVENING.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY RALLY.

Secretary, F. C. Klein, Presiding.

- 7:30 p.m. Song Service, Zanesville Church Choir.  
8:00 Address, Rev. E. H. Van Dyke, D. D., Nagoya, Japan.  
8:15 Address, Rev. C. S. Heininger, Kalgan, China.  
8:30 Address, Rev. Leigh Layman, D. D., returned missionary, Waynesburg, Pa.  
8:45 Address, Rev. Fred C. Klein, D. D., Baltimore, Md.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24.

- 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship, conducted by Rev. B. A. Brooks, D. D., Kansas City, Kans.  
9:15 Roll Call. Reading Minutes.  
9:30 Incidental Business.  
10:00 Election of Editors, Secretaries, and Publishing Agents.  
11:30 General Business.  
12:00 Recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 1:30 p.m. Devotional. Led by Rev. J. P. Morgan, D. D., Panola, Ala.  
1:45 Incidental Business.  
2:00 Rev. William I. Haven, D. D., New York City, Representative American Bible Society.  
2:30 Fraternal Messengers.  
General Business.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

EDUCATIONAL RALLY.

Chairman of Committee on Education, Presiding.

- 7:30 Song Service, Choir.  
8:30 Address, Rev. Aubrey F. Hess, Ph. D., D. D., Adrian, Mich.

THURSDAY, MAY 25.

- 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship, conducted by Rev. W. C. Harger, D. D., Detroit, Mich.  
9:15 Roll Call. Reading Minutes.  
9:30 Unfinished Business.

**TWENTY-SECOND QUADRENNIAL SESSION**

10:00 Roll Call of Committees for Reports.  
 11:00 General Business.  
 12:00 Recess.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**

The Conference will be the guests of the City of Zanesville during the afternoon, and no business session will be held.

**THURSDAY EVENING.**

7:30 p.m. Song Service, Choir.  
 8:00 Address, Rev. Charles S. MacFarland, D. D., General Secretary, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

**FRIDAY, MAY 26.**

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship, conducted by Rev. M. R. Stover, D. D., of Ohio.  
 9:15 Roll Call. Reading of Minutes.  
 9:30 Unfinished Business.  
 10:00 Roll Call of Committees for Reports.  
 Incidental Business.  
 Committee Announcements.  
 12:00 Recess.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**

1:30 p.m. Devotional. Led by C. J. Nutt, D.D., Des Moines, Iowa.  
 1:45 Unfinished Business.  
 2:00 Roll Call of Committees for Reports.  
 General Business.

**FRIDAY EVENING.**

**YOUNG PEOPLES RALLY.**

Rev. Harlan L. Feeman, D. D., Westminster, Md., presiding.

7:30 p.m. Song Service, Choir.  
 8:00 Young People's Board Rally. Address, Rev. Robert M. Hopkins, Ph. D. Subject, The Modern Program for Religious Education.

F. T. Tagg, J. H. Straughn, T. A. Murray and G. W. Haddaway spoke to the question. S. R. Harris, of North Carolina, moved that the following items be stricken from the program: The address of Rev. George Henry, D. D., representing the Anti-Saloon League; the address of William I. Haven, D. D., representing the American Bible Society; the address of Rev. Aubrey F. Hess, Adrian, Mich., and the address of Rev. Charles S. MacFarland, D. D., representing the Federal Council of Christian Churches of America.

F. T. Little and J. M. Sheridan, of Maryland, and S. G. Rutledge, of Arkansas, spoke to the amendment.

The amendment was lost.

The report of the program committee was then adopted.

C. E. Forlines, of North Carolina, moved that a committee be appointed at this session of conference to prepare a program for the next session of the General Conference, the program not to include a longer time than one week.

Pending the discussion of this question, the order of the day was deferred until this motion was disposed of. After brief discussion the motion offered by Dr. Forlines was adopted.

The order of the day, Reports of General Boards, having arrived, C. H. Beck, Secretary-Treasurer, submitted the report of the Board of Home Missions. On motion, the report was referred to the Committee on Home Missions, with the understanding that such parts of the report as refer to the work of other Committees be turned over to them by said Committee.

F. C. Klein, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, submitted the report of the Board of Foreign Missions. On motion, the report was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

George R. Brown, Secretary-Treasurer, submitted the report of the Board of Ministerial Education. On motion, the report was referred to the Committee on Education.

H. L. Feeman, Secretary-Treasurer, submitted the report of the Board of Young People's Work. On motion, the report was referred to the Committee on Young People's Work.

The following letter was read by the Secretary:

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE:

This is to certify that Mr. N. T. Meginniss, President of the BALTIMORE BOOK DIRECTORY, has been unanimously elected to represent the Board at the coming session of the GENERAL CONFERENCE, to be held at Zanesville, Ohio, May 19, 1916.

By order of the Board,

Baltimore, Md.

Signed J. L. MILLS, Secretary.

May 12, 1916.

The following were made a Committee on Fraternal Relations: J. C. Broomfield of Pittsburgh, and C. D. Sinkinson of Eastern. The Committee on Fraternal Relations introduced the following brethren to the Conference: N. T. Meginniss, President of the Baltimore Book Directory; C. E. Wilbur, Editor of our Sunday School Publications; F. W. Pierpont, Publishing Agent at Pittsburgh; Charles R. Reiner, Jr., Publishing Agent in Baltimore; John H. Lucas, Chancellor of Kansas City University; H. L. Feeman, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Young People's Work; F. J. Baylis, Evangelist, North Illinois; Leigh Layman, Returned Missionary from Japan; A. F. Hess, President of Adrian College and J. C. Williams, President of Westminster College, Texas. On motion, these brethren were invited to seats within the Bar.

On motion, the President was instructed to appoint an Auditing Committee.

On motion of C. W. Bates of North Carolina, the Secretary of the Conference was instructed to send Greetings and Congratulations of this Body to W. M. Strayer, on having reached his eightieth birthday.

On motion the President was instructed to appoint a Committee on Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

The following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That a Forward Movement Committee be created and given instructions to outline a program of development and increase covering a four years' period and to propose a definite plan for installing and promoting the movement throughout the denomination with a view to effecting the designed ends.

Signed C. S. JOHNSON,  
J. H. STRAUGHN,  
C. D. SINKINSON.

On motion of G. W. Haddaway of Maryland, the President was instructed to appoint a Committee of five, three ministers and two

laymen to take under advisement the above resolution and submit a report thereon.

The Committee on Pulpit Supply made the following report which was adopted.

**PARTIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PULPIT SUPPLY  
FOR MAY 21, 1916.**

Central Presbyterian—Morning, Rev. A. G. Dixon, High Point, N. C.; Evening, Rev. H. J. Hescott, Flint, Mich.

Moxahala Ave. M. E.—Morning, Rev. F. J. Baylis, Georgetown, Del.; Evening, Rev. F. W. Perkins, D. D., New Brighton, Pa.

Euclid Ave. M. E.—Morning, Rev. J. Franklin Bryan, Baltimore, Md.

Brighton Presbyterian—Morning, Rev. F. A. Perry, D. D., Adrian, Mich.; Evening, Rev. U. W. Morrison, D. D., Clarksburg, W. Va.

Union Baptist, Colored—Morning, Rev. W. H. Betz, New London, Ia.; Evening, Rev. Josiah Payne, Jane Lew, Va.

Trinity M. E.—Evening, Rev. T. O. Crouse, D. D., Denton, Md.

New Church of Christ—Evening, Rev. C. S. Kidd, Brooklyn, N. Y.

First Congregational—Morning, Rev. M. M. Campbell, D. D., Cincinnati, Ohio; Evening, Rev. A. R. Corn, Indianapolis, Ind.

African M. E.—Morning, Rev. J. O. Ledbetter, D. D., Muncie, Ind.; Evening, Rev. E. S. Hawkins, Bellevue, Pa.

Signed **GEORGE G. SHURTZ**, Chairman.  
**S. W. ROSENBERGER**,  
**J. W. HAWLEY**, Secretary.

The following resolution was offered and adopted: Resolved, That we appreciate the willingness of the press to give more or less full reports of the proceedings of this General Conference, but that we sorely regret and condemn the grossly misleading headlines on "Church Union" which appeared in a local paper of this date.

Signed **G. W. HADDAWAY**,  
**J. C. BROOMFIELD**.

F. T. Tagg of Maryland was given the privilege of making a statement relative to the attitude of the Methodist Protestant Church on the question of Church Union.

The following resolution was offered: Resolved, That a Committee on Ritual be added to the list of Standing Committees, to whom shall be referred all resolutions bearing upon the amendment of the Ritual and who shall be instructed to revise our forms in the interest of brevity, simplicity and grammatical correctness.

Signed **C. D. SINKINSON**,  
**C. S. JOHNSON**,  
**F. W. PERKINS**.

On motion of J. C. Broomfield of Pittsburgh, the resolution was amended, requiring the Committee to turn over its work to the Committee on Revision. When completed the resolution was adopted as amended.

On motion, the Conference took Recess till 1:30 P. M. Benediction by A. Norman Ward of Maryland.

**SECOND DAY, MAY 20, 1916.**

**Afternoon Session.**

Conference convened at 1:30 o'clock. Devotional Services were conducted by W. W. Lineberry of Indiana.

In the absence of the President, W. W. Lineberry of Indiana, was called to the Chair.

The Committee appointed by the last General Conference to edit the Discipline, submitted the following report:

**REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO EDIT THE DISCIPLINE.**

To The General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church  
Greeting:

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Your Committee appointed especially to edit the Discipline begs leave to report that after making a survey of its duties as authorized by the last General Conference, it found that the work as outlined would not accomplish the purpose for which the Committee was created, as the work needed is not editing but revising and harmonizing the phraseology so as to make the Discipline in accord with the Constitution, therefore, it feels that this Committee should be discharged and a new Committee created with authority to re-write and harmonize the entire Discipline.

This Committee could work in conjunction with the regular revision Committee of the Conference and probably should be made a part of that Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed L. E. DAVIS,  
T. A. HUNTER,  
A. D. WILLIAMS.

On motion, the report was adopted.

A memorial was received from the Iowa and North Missouri Conferences and was referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

F. T. Little of Maryland, Commissioner, representing the Methodist Protestant Church on the Methodist Ecumenical Commission, submitted a report. Pending the discussion of the report, the order of the day was called. On motion of H. L. Elderdice of Maryland, the order of the day was postponed until the report of Dr. Little could be disposed of. On motion of D. S. Stephens of Oklahoma, the report was referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations. The Committee on Fraternal Relations introduced the following brethren to the General Conference: Dr. B. W. Anthony of Pittsburgh, R. T. Pickens of North Carolina, Dr. E. B. Crump of Michigan, and Dr. F. N. Foster of Pittsburgh. On motion, these brethren were invited to seats within the Bar of the Conference.

The order of the day having arrived, reports were received from the Educational Institutions, as follows: A. F. Hess, President, submitted a report for Adrian College. On motion the report was referred to the Committee on Education. The Secretary of the Conference read a report from Western Maryland College, which on motion, was referred to the Committee on Colleges.

J. H. Lucas, Chancellor, submitted a report for Kansas City University. After considerable discussion, the report was referred to the Committee on Colleges. A. G. Dixon of North Carolina, moved that T. A. Murray of Maryland, J. E. Swain of North Carolina, A. D. Williams of West Virginia, and Harry Shaw of Pittsburgh be a Committee of lawyers to act on the Committee of Colleges to safeguard our Educational Institutions. The motion was lost.

J. C. Williams, President, submitted a report for Westminster College of Texas. On motion, the report was referred to the Committee on Colleges.

A. G. Steele, President, reported for West Lafayette College. On motion, the report was referred to the Committee on Colleges.

H. L. Elderdice, President, reported for Westminster Theolog-

ical Seminary. On motion, the report was referred to the Committee on Theological Seminaries.

J. C. Broomfield, of Pittsburgh, was given permission to explain that J. H. Lucas, Chancellor of Kansas City University, was not responsible for the acute financial situation in which Kansas City University had been placed. The President announced the following

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

- Theological Seminary**—J. H. Straughn, George H. Miller, R. E. Games, J. C. Broomfield, H. J. Hescott, C. S. Kidd, T. A. Murray, Dr. G. W. Gallagher, A. M. Rankin, A. D. Williams, Geo. W. Burford.
- Forward Movement**—C. S. Johnson, C. D. Sinkinson, J. H. Straughn, F. T. Little, W. W. Lineberry, C. J. Nutt, T. A. Hunter, E. A. Palmer, Dr. G. W. Gallagher.
- Foreign Missions**—George H. Miller, J. M. Gill, Roby F. Day, S. W. Taylor, M. F. Iliff, W. C. Conner, C. R. Green, E. S. Hawkins, Robert Rawsthorne, Jr., M. D. Thrush, S. D. Oldaker, E. R. Vincent, C. J. Yingling, George Dexter.
- Revision**—C. D. Sinkinson, E. D. Beck, J. S. Bowers, A. N. Ward, D. S. Stephens, U. W. Morrison, A. G. Dixon, W. W. Lineberry, C. J. Nutt, T. L. Garrison, A. D. Williams, Harry Shaw, Ely D. Miller, J. F. Cappel, T. A. Hunter, Dr. E. B. Fenby, J. F. Howe, Ira Champion, J. E. Swain, C. A. Cecil.
- Judiciary**—J. M. Sheridan, J. F. McCulloch, F. T. Tagg, G. W. Haddaway, M. R. Stover, D. C. Coburn, W. R. Graham, F. W. Perkins, J. P. Morgan, Daniel Baker, J. E. Cunningham, J. W. Knott, S. R. Harris, Dr. E. C. Chandler, J. E. Peterson.
- Publication**—F. W. Varney, F. H. Lewis, F. C. Klein, F. A. Perry, T. M. Johnson, J. O. Ledbetter, J. H. Elliott, A. N. Fell, H. A. Garrett, C. A. White, Horace Link.
- Education**—C. S. Johnson, F. H. Lewis, L. F. Warner, F. W. Varney, A. L. Reynolds, J. H. Straughn, E. T. Howe, C. E. Forlines, H. A. Sicker, C. A. Braun, T. P. Fisher, M. L. Abbott, A. M. Rankin, B. S. Jennings, A. E. Leary.
- Home Missions**—J. C. Broomfield, C. E. Sheppard, S. W. Rosenberger, H. L. Elderdice, R. M. Andrews, W. C. Harger, B. A. Brooks, S. H. Lynch, J. E. Butler, A. T. Merriman, J. P. Dodge, G. T. Goff, J. H. Watkins, L. L. McKinney, A. M. Kopf, A. W. Stewart, J. E. Curry.
- Ritual**—H. L. Elderdice, C. D. Sinkinson, F. A. Perry, E. S. Hawkins, E. D. Beck.
- Boundaries**—W. W. Lineberry, B. A. Brooks, J. G. Reed, C. M. Lippincott, J. I. Day, W. H. Betz, M. F. Llewellyn, F. S. Phelps, H. A. Rowand, W. E. Shepherd, S. W. Jackson.
- Fraternal Relations**—D. S. Stephens, R. P. Hudnall, J. J. Phillips, C. E. Sheppard, C. D. Sinkinson, W. E. Shepherd, M. L. Abbott, F. A. Lamphier.
- Christianity and Social Service (Applied Christianity)**—A. L. Reynolds, T. O. Crouse, G. W. Haddaway, George R. Brown, C. L. Whittaker, A. J. Green, C. W. Bates, E. L. Mansfield, W. W. Smith, F. M. Wilson, Stanley Whittaker, A. R. Lewis.
- Temperance**—M. M. Campbell, James McCord, R. H. Watson, W. H. Hart, J. Bibb Mills, F. T. Risley.
- Sunday Schools**—G. W. Holmes, W. H. Betz, P. W. Boxell, E. M. Mouser, Josiah Payne, J. N. Warfield, J. M. Hartley, J. T. Norris, Miss Myra Hume.
- Young People's Work**—F. T. Benson, E. D. Stone, J. W. Hawley, R. E. Games, I. A. Brice, N. P. Williams, J. H. Harrison, Jr., V. W. Idol, H. E. Amos.

**Sabbath**—A. G. Dixon, C. I. Kelley, B. A. Thompson, J. M. Reynolds, C. M. Towns, E. W. Swan, C. A. Lawson.  
**Auditing**—J. N. Holt, Charles A. Braun, A. C. Rodgers.  
**Statistics**—R. P. Hudnall, G. H. Snyder, W. N. Anderson, E. A. Palmer, A. C. Ruff, V. W. Idol.  
**Journals**—J. J. Phillips, N. G. Bethea, J. W. Safford.  
**Finance**—J. F. McCulloch, J. P. Turkelson, B. M. Mitchell, J. F. Howe, Harry Shaw, W. E. Sankey.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES ORDERED BY THE CONFERENCE.**

**Program**—C. H. Beck, J. F. McCulloch, F. A. Perry.  
**Pulpit Services**—G. G. Shurtz, S. W. Rosenberger, J. W. Hawley.  
**Courtesies**—J. C. Broomfield, C. D. Sinkinson.  
**Publicity Agents**—F. C. Klein, J. H. Straughn, R. E. Games.  
**Creditals**—Geo. H. Miller, U. W. Morrison, T. L. Garrison, T. P. Fisher, A. T. Merriman.

On motion the President was instructed to appoint a Committee on Applied Christianity and Moral Reform.

Daniel Baker, of Maryland, was granted leave to speak on the Forward Movement, suggesting that we take up work, if possible, in South America, and moved that the Committee on Foreign Missions be asked to consider the advisability of taking up such work in South American countries.

On motion the Conference adjourned until Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

Benediction was pronounced by J. C. Broomfield, of Pittsburgh.

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**THIRD DAY, MAY 22, 1916.**

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**Morning Session.**

Conference convened at 9:00 o'clock. Devotional Services were conducted by J. E. Butler of Texas. The roll was called. Minutes of Saturday's session were read, corrected and approved.

On motion of Daniel Baker, of Maryland, the Committee on Education was instructed to handle all educational matters.

H. L. Elderdice, of Maryland, reported for the joint-commission from the Methodist Episcopal Church, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Methodist Protestant Church, appointed to settle the question of the origin of American Methodism.

On motion the Secretary was authorized to publish the Report of the Commission in the Minutes of the Conference as to the findings of this committee.

F. T. Tagg, F. T. Little, of Maryland, D. S. Stephens, of Oklahoma, A. L. Reynolds, of Ohio, Daniel Baker, of Maryland, spoke to the question.

On motion of J. C. Broomfield, of Pittsburgh, the name of Daniel Baker, of Maryland, was announced as donor of the published reports of this commission.

Committee on Fraternal Relations introduced J. F. Bryan, J. A. Dudley, J. R. Wright, of Maryland, who, on motion were invited to seats within the bar.

F. T. Tagg, of Maryland, moved that this Conference accept the findings of the joint-commission, appointed to determine the origin of American Methodism.

The order of the day, the Report of the Board of Publication, having arrived, C. E. Sheppard, President, reported for the Board.

On motion of Daniel Baker, of Maryland, the bar of the Conference was changed so as to include eight seats from the pulpit.

On motion of F. T. Little, the Report of the Board of Publication was referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

The Secretary of the Conference moved that the President be authorized to appoint a special committee to determine what disposition should be made of the balance in the hands of the Board of Publication for this General Conference.

On motion of J. C. Broomfield, of Pittsburgh, this motion was made the special order for 3:00 o'clock today.

T. O. Crouse, of Maryland, submitted a paper, which was referred to the Committee on Revision.

The following Resolution was submitted by Ira Champion, of Alabama, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Temperance, with instructions to report at an early date:

WHEREAS, upon a memorial from the Legislature of Alabama, there has been introduced by Hon. John H. Bankhead in the United States Senate, and by Hon. J. W. Abercrombie, Congressman-at-large from Alabama, into the House, a bill for the purpose of denying the use of the Federal mails to liquor circulars, pamphlets, and other advertising matter, when addressed into territory where it is contrary to law to advertise or solicit orders for intoxicating liquors. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this General Conference hereby indorse said Abercrombie-Bankhead Bill, and urge upon the Senate and the House of Representatives that it be speedily enacted into law, to the end that a beneficent agent of the Government be not employed as a means to be used by outside liquor dealers in violating valid state laws and in seeking to break down a wholesome state policy.

Signed IRA CHAMPION,  
A. C. ROGERS.

W. W. Lineberry, of Indiana, submitted Resolutions, which were referred to the Committee on Revision.

F. C. Klein, of Maryland, moved that a committee be appointed to take special collection for the sexton of the church. The motion prevailed.

Daniel Baker, of Maryland, offered a Resolution, pending the discussion of which, the order of the day, report from the Children's Home at High Point, North Carolina, was called.

On motion, the order of the day was postponed until the Resolution offered by Mr. Baker, was disposed of.

On motion of J. C. Broomfield, of Pittsburgh, the discussion of the Resolution offered by Mr. Baker was made the order of the day immediately following the order already set for 3:00 o'clock today.

A. M. Rankin, of North Carolina, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Children's Home, submitted a report. H. A. Garrett, of North Carolina, Superintendent of the Children's Home, R. M. Andrews, J. C. Broomfield, H. J. Hescott, A. G. Dixon, spoke to the question.

On motion of W. W. Lineberry, of Indiana, the President was authorized to appoint a special committee of three, who shall take into consideration all the matters relating to the Children's Home at High Point, N. C., and submit a report thereon.

J. J. Phillips, of West Virginia, offered a Resolution, which, on motion of F. T. Tagg, of Maryland, was referred to a committee composed of one representative from each annual conference represented in this General Conference, representative to be selected by each conference delegation.



C. S. Johnson, of Muskingum, offered a Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Revision.

S. W. Taylor, of North Carolina, offered a Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Revision.

On motion Conference took recess until 2:00 o'clock this afternoon.

C. S. Johnson, of Muskingum, pronounced the benediction.

### THIRD DAY, MONDAY, MAY 22.

#### Afternoon Session.

Conference convened at 2 o'clock. Devotional services were conducted by J. C. Broomfield of Pittsburgh. F. A. Perry, of Michigan, led in prayer.

C. L. Whittaker, of North Carolina, offered a memorial from the North Carolina Conference, asking this General Conference to revise certain items of law. The memorial was referred to the Committee on Revision.

A. G. Dixon, of North Carolina, offered a memorial from the Woman's Board of Home Missions, asking this Conference to consolidate the Women's Boards of Missions. On motion, this memorial was referred to the Committee on Revision.

On motion of Robert Rawsthorne, Jr., of Pittsburgh, the Secretary was instructed to post a list of the Committees on the Bulletin Board.

J. W. Hawley, of Pittsburgh, offered a paper suggesting a number of changes in the Discipline. On motion, the paper was referred to the Committee on Revision.

Daniel Baker, of Maryland, offered a resolution requesting the First Church Corporation, of Pittsburgh, to use a part of its income for establishing missionary work in South America. D. S. Stephens, of Oklahoma, F. H. Lewis, J. C. Broomfield, C. A. Braun, all of Pittsburgh, F. C. Klein, of Maryland, J. O. Ledbetter, of Indiana, C. S. Johnson, of Muskingum, spoke to the resolution. On motion of J. M. Sheridan, of Maryland, the resolution was referred back to Mr. Baker for alteration.

The order of the day, the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Consolidation of the General Interests of the Church, having arrived, the report was submitted by the Secretary of the Committee. On motion of D. S. Stephens, of Oklahoma, the report was considered item by item. Item (1) adopted. Item (2) referred to the Committee on Home Missions and to the Committee on Foreign Missions. Item (3) was read. M. R. Stover, of Ohio, moved that the Publishing Interests be consolidated. A motion was made that the whole matter of the consolidation of the Publishing Interests be referred back to the Committee with instructions to report in four years. W. J. Trefz, a member of the Committee, arising to a question of personal privilege, gave some reasons why the Committee reported this item. J. M. Sheridan, of Maryland, offered the following resolution as a substitute for item three (3):

RESOLVED, That item three of this report be referred to a Committee of fifteen persons, the members of the present Committee being members of this Committee, who shall give careful consideration to this question and submit a plan of consolidation to the next session of the General Conference, if in its judgment, such consolidation is deemed to be wise and practicable. (Signed) J. M. Sheridan, J. M. Gill, Fred C. Klein. The resolution was discussed at great length. In the midst of the discussion, J. H. Straughn, of Maryland, arose to point of order, calling attention to the rule per-

mitting a member to speak but once on the question and not longer than ten minutes without special leave of the Conference.

J. Bibb Mills, of Maryland, called for the previous question. The call was sustained and the main question being put, the resolution was adopted.

Item four (4) adopted.

Item five (5) reported to the Committee on Education.

Item six (6) referred to the Committee on Forward Movements.

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Item eight (8) referred to the Committee on Forward Movements.

On motion of F. C. Klein, of Maryland, the Committees on Home Missions and Foreign Missions were instructed to meet together to consider item two (2) of this report, which had been referred to these Committees. The report as amended, was adopted.

J. C. Broomfield, of Pittsburgh, moved that this Conference go on record as favoring the consolidation of the Publishing Interests of the church. J. F. McCulloch, of North Carolina, E. D. Beck, of Muskingum, F. T. Little, of Maryland, H. J. Hescott, of Michigan, C. A. Braun, of Pittsburgh, E. B. Fenby, J. H. Straughn, J. M. Gill, T. P. Fisher, all of Maryland, C. E. Forlines, of North Carolina, E. S. Hawkins, of Pittsburgh, M. F. Iliff, of Indiana, J. P. Morgan, of Alabama, S. R. Harris, of North Carolina, and A. G. Dixon, of North Carolina, spoke to the motion. The motion was carried.

The President announced the special Committee on Children's Home, J. C. Broomfield, A. N. Ward, C. J. Yingling.

J. C. Broomfield, of Pittsburgh, moved that the expenses incurred by the meeting of the Committee on consolidation of the Publishing Interests of the Denomination, be paid by the Board of Publication. Carried.

The order of the day, the consideration of the disposition of the funds from the Board of Publication, having arrived, on motion the special orders not considered were made the special order for 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The following is the Committee appointed to consider the resolution offered, authorizing the President of the General Conference to travel: J. P. Morgan, Alabama, S. G. Rutledge, Arkansas, B. A. Thompson, Fort Smith, S. W. Jackson, Georgia, F. A. Lamphier, Indiana, J. E. Peterson, Iowa, A. E. Leary, Kansas, E. M. Mouser, Louisiana, Daniel Baker, Maryland, W. C. Harger, Michigan, James McCord, Missouri, E. C. Chandler, Muskingum, J. W. Safford, Eastern, G. W. Holmes, North Carolina, Miss Myra Hume, North Missouri, J. G. Reed, North Illinois, M. R. Stover, Ohio, I. A. Brice, Onondaga, D. S. Stephens, Oklahoma, J. C. Broomfield, Pittsburgh, J. I. Day, South Illinois, C. I. Kelley, Tennessee, T. L. Garrison, Texas, W. N. Anderson, Kentucky, A. D. Williams, West Virginia.

On motion, Conference adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9:00 o'clock.

Benediction by J. F. McCulloch, of North Carolina.

### THIRD DAY.

#### Evening Session.

Conference convened at 7:30. M. M. Campbell, of Ohio, presiding. Song Service was conducted by C. M. Elderdice, of Pittsburgh; prayer by A. L. Reynolds, of Ohio.

An address was delivered by Rev. George A. Henry, assistant general superintendent of the National Anti-Saloon League. Before beginning his address Dr. Henry presented greetings from Bishop

Earl Cranston, Senior Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and expressing his regrets at being unable to attend this session of the Conference and deliver fraternal greetings.

Benediction by Dr. Henry.

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FOURTH DAY, TUESDAY, MAY 23, 1916.

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**Morning Session.**

Conference convened at 9:00 o'clock. Devotional exercises were conducted by U. W. Morrison, of West Virginia. Prayer by W. R. Graham, of Maryland.

The roll was called. On motion, A. M. Kopf, of Iowa, was excused from further attendance on the sessions of this Conference, he having been called home on account of sickness.

The Minutes were read, corrected and adopted.

A resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Children's Home, High Point, North Carolina, was offered by J. M. Milliken and A. M. Rankin and was referred to the Committee on Children's Home.

The following telegram was received and read to the Conference:

Baltimore, Md. May 22, 1916.

Rev. Lyman E. Davis, D. D.,  
Methodist Protestant Conference,  
Zanesville, Ohio.

Dear Sir and Brother:—Greetings. At the regular morning session of Emanuel Bible Class of Hamden M. P. Church, at which there were 429 men assembled to study the Word of God, send to the Conference there, most cordial greeting and ask for blessing on the liberation of the Conference.

Your brother in Christ,  
A. C. Ford, President of Emanuel Class.

The Secretary of the Conference was authorized to respond to the telegram of Greetings from the Emanuel Bible Class of Hampden M. P. Church, of Baltimore.

The order of the day having arrived, on motion of G. H. Miller of Muskingum, the order was suspended to hear the report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Mrs. D. S. Stephens, Corresponding Secretary, submitted the report for the Woman's Missionary Society, for the quadrennium. On motion, the report was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations, introduced the following persons to the Conference: A. P. Powellson, D. D., of Tacoma, Wash., Dr. J. B. Watson, of West Virginia, R. C. Dean, of Muskingum, C. A. Isner, of West Virginia, J. Sala Leland, of Pittsburgh, A. R. Corn, and Mrs. A. R. Corn, of Indiana, C. S. Heininger, of China, H. E. Orwick, of Ohio, Mrs. D. S. Stephens, of Oklahoma, Mrs. C. E. Wilbur, of Pittsburgh, Mrs. Martin L. Jennings, of Muskingum, S. T. Allen, of Muskingum, Mrs. Jane A. Gordon, of Pittsburgh, Mrs. W. C. Perkins, of Maryland, Mrs. A. G. Dixon, of North Carolina, O. V. Sharrock, of Muskingum.

The President announced E. D. Miller, as the Committee to solicit contributions for the sexton of this church.

The order of the day, the disposition of the surplus in the hands of the Board of Publication, was called. C. S. Johnson, of Muskingum, moved that the report be referred to the Committee on Forward Movement. Daniel Baker, of Maryland, moved as a substitute,

that this surplus be turned over to Westminster College, of Texas. J. H. Straughn, of Maryland, spoke advocating the investment of this surplus in better Sunday School literature for the Denomination. E. C. Chandler, of Muskingum, T. A. Murray, of Maryland, F. T. Tagg, of Maryland, G. W. Haddaway, of Maryland, E. D. Miller, of Michigan, A. D. Williams, of West Virginia, Harry Shaw, of Pittsburgh, T. L. Garrison, of Texas, and J. C. Williams, President of Westminster College, Texas, advocated using this surplus for establishing a sustentation fund for superannuates. The Secretary of the Conference advocated devoting this fund to Home Missions. The Secretary of the Conference, on a question of personal privilege, insisted that the Board of Home Missions must put more money into Texas and the Southwest to enable the Church to take care of the young men who were being graduated from our Educational Institutions. With the consent of the Conference, Daniel Baker withdrew his motion to devote this fund to Westminster College. C. S. Johnson, with the consent of the Conference, withdrew his motion to refer the matter to the Committee on Forward Movement. On motion, the General Conference consented to the withdrawal of these motions. At this juncture, J. M. Gill, of Maryland, proposed that because of the magnificent spirit manifested by our Brethren of the Southwest, we proceed at once to raise a fund of \$1,000 for Westminster College, Tehuacana, Texas. In a few moments \$2,005.00 were raised in cash and pledges.

The following resolution was offered: Resolved, That a Committee be appointed by this General Conference to take the necessary steps toward the formation of a General Superannuated Fund Society, to be under the care and control of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and that ways and means be suggested by this Committee for an enthusiastic campaign throughout the Methodist Protestant Church, for raising funds for this cause.

(Signed) A. N. WARD.  
G. W. HADDAWAY.

D. S. Stephens, of Oklahoma, C. S. Johnson, of Muskingum, A. G. Dixon, of North Carolina, J. C. Broomfield, of Pittsburgh, J. P. Morgan, of Alabama, J. M. Gill, of Maryland, and G. W. Haddaway, of Maryland, spoke to the resolution.

On motion, the resolution offered by A. N. Ward, of Maryland, was adopted.

J. H. Lucas, President of the Pittsburgh Directory, made a statement explaining the report of the Board of Publication. On motion, the report of the Board of Publication was adopted.

On motion, Conference adjourned till 2 P. M.

Benediction by J. M. Gill, of Maryland.

#### FOURTH DAY, TUESDAY, MAY 23, 1916.

##### Afternoon Session.

Conference convened at 2:00 o'clock. Song Service was conducted by E. D. Stone, of Maryland.

On motion of Daniel Baker, of Maryland, the subscriptions taken this morning for Westminster College are to be sent to J. C. Williams, President of the institution, Tehuacana, Texas.

On the motion of the Secretary of the Conference, Dr. H. C. Tucker, representing The American Bible Society, be heard immediately following the order of the day.

The special order of the day, the consideration of the resolution offered by Daniel Baker, of Maryland, proposing that members of the various Boards be elected in open conference, was called.

On motion of H. J. Hescott, of Michigan, the resolution was tabled indefinitely.

The order of the day having arrived, Dr. H. C. Tucker, spoke at some length concerning the work of The American Bible Society.

G. W. Haddaway, of Maryland, offered a resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations introduced the following persons to the conference: Mrs. E. C. Chandler, President of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society; Mrs. E. H. Van Dyke, of Japan; Miss Anna L. Forest, Traveling Secretary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society; D. G. Jackson, of Muskingum; D. L. Custis and F. W. Obee, of Ohio.

On motion Mrs. E. C. Chandler, of Muskingum, spoke of the work being done by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

A letter from Rev. W. M. Strayer, in response to the telegram of congratulations sent him on yesterday, was received and read to the Conference. The Conference sang

"Together let us sweetly live,  
Together let us die,  
And each a starry crown receive,  
And reign above the sky."

J. H. Straughn submitted the report of the Committee on Theological Seminary. H. L. Elderdice, President of Theological Seminary, delivered a living argument in favor of the work being done, and the following graduates of the institution constituted the argument: F. T. Benson, of Maryland; E. H. Van Dyke, of Japan; G. W. Haddaway, of Maryland; F. H. Lewis, of Pittsburgh; T. M. Johnson, of North Carolina; Roby F. Day, of Eastern; A. G. Dixon, of North Carolina; C. E. Forlines, of North Carolina; C. S. Kidd, of Eastern; J. H. Straughn, of Maryland; S. W. Rosenberger, of Muskingum; A. F. Hess, President of Adrian College; B. M. Mitchell, of West Virginia; S. W. Taylor, of North Carolina; L. E. Oldaker, of West Virginia; C. W. Bates, of North Carolina; J. L. Nichols, of Maryland; W. L. Morton, of Eastern; C. M. Elderdice, of Maryland; C. S. Heinger, of China; F. L. Brown, of Muskingum; W. H. Maier, of Muskingum; J. R. Wright, of Maryland; G. G. Shurtz, of Muskingum; A. R. Corn, of Indiana; J. A. Dudley, of Maryland; C. J. Kerlin, of Indiana; C. J. Morton, of Muskingum; W. E. Grove, of Muskingum; H. E. Orwick, of Ohio; D. L. Custis, of Ohio; F. W. Obee, of Ohio; J. F. Bryan, of Maryland.

All the gentlemen named in this list down to and including C. W. Bates, are members of this General Conference.

On motion of A. E. Leary, of Kansas, the Secretary of the Conference was instructed to send a telegram of sympathy and condolence to T. H. Slater of Eastern Conference on the death of his daughter.

Report of the Committee on Theological Seminary was adopted.

C. S. Johnson, of Muskingum, offered a resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Ritual.

W. H. Betz, of Iowa, offered a paper proposing certain changes in the Discipline, which was referred to the Committee on Revision.

J. F. McCulloch, of North Carolina, offered a resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Forward Movement. A. D. Williams, of West Virginia, offered a resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Revision.

C. M. Lippincott, of Pittsburgh, offered a resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Revision.

The Committee on Children's Home submitted a report.

H. J. Hescott, of Michigan, R. M. Andrews, of North Carolina, G. W. Haddaway, of Maryland, W. C. Harger, of Michigan, J. M. Gill, of Maryland, A. G. Dixon, of North Carolina, W. W. Lineberry, of Indiana, spoke to the report.

C. E. Forlines, of North Carolina, moved that all of that portion of the report referring to a freewill offering from the Sunday Schools be stricken out, and the assessment increased to \$5,000.

J. C. Broomfield, of Pittsburgh, G. W. Haddaway, of Maryland, S. W. Taylor, of North Carolina, A. J. Hescott, of Michigan, S. R. Harris, of North Carolina, Daniel Baker, of Maryland, spoke to the amendment.

By consent of the General Conference the amendment was withdrawn, and the report was adopted as submitted.

The following resolution was adopted: "Whereas, The Devotional Services of this Conference are an important part of our sessions, and not a mere incident in our work, therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That all other matters of whatever nature be suspended during the devotional services, and that all members of the Conference so far as possible, attend these services.

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On motion of F. T. Little, the report was amended by striking out the word "insist" in Section V and inserting the word "urge."

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On motion of J. C. Broomfield, of Pittsburgh, the Secretary of the Conference was ordered to call the roll of committees at the close of each session that announcements may be made.

On motion the Conference adjourned.

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Conference convened at 7:30, F. C. Klein, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, presiding. Prayer by C. M. Lippincott, of Pittsburgh and J. C. Williams, President of Westminster College, Texas.

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Benediction by E. H. Van Dyke.

FIFTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 1916.

Morning Session.

Conference convened at 9:00 o'clock. Devotional services were conducted by B. A. Brooks, of Kansas.

On motion of F. T. Tagg, of Maryland, the Roll Call was dispensed with. The Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

On motion of J. F. McCulloch, of North Carolina, the rules were changed so as to permit the Conference to meet at 8:30 in the morning instead of 9:00 o'clock.

The Committee on Education submitted a partial report, recommending the creation of a Board of Education. D. S. Stephens, of Oklahoma, moved to consider the report, item by item. The motion was lost.

On motion of F. W. Perkins, of Pittsburgh, the order of the day was postponed until the partial report of the Committee on Education could be disposed of.

D. S. Stephens, of Oklahoma, moved to amend the report so that if the Board of Education decided to merge two or more institutions, it would be necessary for it to secure the consent of the Boards of Trustees, and where such Boards of Trustees do not concur in the recommendation of the Board of Education to merge, that the Board of Education report the matter to the succeeding General Conference for final action. On motion of G. H. Miller, of Muskingum, the report was held in abeyance until the motion by the representative from Maryland is disposed of. Daniel Baker, of Maryland, moved that the Board of Ministerial Education be continued with its present functions. J. C. Broomfield, of Pittsburgh, T. L. Garrison, of Texas, J. E. Swain, of North Carolina, C. M. Lippincott, of Pittsburgh, J. E. Cunningham, of West Virginia, George H. Miller, of Muskingum, F. A. Perry, of Michigan, D. S. Stephens, of Oklahoma, H. L. Elderdice, of Maryland, C. R. Green, of North Missouri, E. S. Hawkins, of Pittsburgh, spoke to the motion.

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Pending the adoption of the report, the Conference adjourned till 2 o'clock, with the benediction.

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FIFTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 1916.

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Afternoon Session.

The conference convened on time. Devotional Exercises were conducted by J. P. Morgan, of Alabama.

E. D. Miller, of Michigan, moved that when we adjourn we adjourn at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon and convene again at 6:00 o'clock, and that the address to be delivered this evening at 7:30 o'clock on Education be limited to thirty minutes. The motion carried.

The order of the day, the consideration of the partial report of the Committee on Education, having arrived, Daniel Baker, of Maryland, suggested a compromise as follows: That the Board of Ministerial Education be continued, and that Dr. Tagg be made Secretary-Treasurer, and that a Secretary of Education be elected to travel in the interest of the educational institutions west of the Alleghenies.

The order of the day having arrived for hearing Fraternal Messengers, Rev. James W. Lee, D. D., of St. Louis, Missouri, representing the Episcopal Church, South, was introduced and addressed the Conference. President Davis responded to the address of Dr. Lee in a very happy manner.

The regular order was resumed. The partial report of the Committee on Education was read and adopted.

On motion of G. W. Haddaway, of Maryland, the conference proceeded to the election of general agents, editors, and publishers. The following tellers were appointed: J. Bibb Mills, of Maryland. W. W. Lineberry, of Indiana, and J. E. Butler, of Texas.

C. M. Lippincott, of Pittsburgh, nominated Lyman E. Davis for editor of the Methodist Recorder. This nomination was seconded, and G. W. Haddaway, of Maryland, moved that the Secretary of the Conference cast the ballot for Lyman E. Davis for editor of the Methodist Recorder. The ballot was cast, and Lyman E. Davis was declared unanimously elected editor of the Methodist Recorder for the ensuing quadrennium.

J. S. Bowers, of Maryland, nominated F. T. Benson for editor of the Methodist Protestant. The nomination was seconded by a number of brethren. E. C. Chandler, of Muskingum, moved that the Secretary of the Conference cast the unanimous vote of the Conference for F. T. Benson for editor of the Methodist Protestant. The ballot was cast and F. T. Benson was declared unanimously elected editor of the Methodist Protestant for the ensuing quadrennium.

F. T. Tagg, retiring editor of the Methodist Protestant, addressed the Conference.

E. S. Hawkins, of Pittsburgh, nominated C. E. Wilbur for editor of our Sunday School publications. The nomination was seconded by a number of representatives. J. H. Straughn, of Maryland, moved that the Secretary of the Conference cast the unanimous ballot for the Conference for C. E. Wilbur for editor of our Sunday School publications. The ballot was cast, and C. E. Wilbur

was declared unanimously elected editor of the Sunday School Publications for the ensuing quadrennium.

George H. Miller, of Muskingum, nominated Charles H. Beck for Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions. The nomination was seconded by a number of representatives. On motion of George R. Brown, J. Bibb Mills, of Maryland, was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the Conference for C. H. Beck for Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions. The ballot was cast, and C. H. Beck was declared unanimously elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions, for the ensuing quadrennium.

H. L. Elderdice, of Maryland, nominated Fred C. Klein for Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions. On motion of C. J. Nutt, of Iowa, the Secretary of the Conference was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the Conference for the election of Fred C. Klein as Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions. The ballot was cast, and Fred C. Klein was declared unanimously elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions for the ensuing quadrennium.

A. G. Dixon, of North Carolina, nominated F. T. Tagg for Secretary of the Board of Education. The nomination was seconded by a number of representatives. C. S. Johnson, of Muskingum, nominated George H. Miller for Secretary of the Board of Education. The nomination was seconded by a number of representatives. James McCord, of Missouri nominated J. C. Williams for Secretary of the Board of Education. F. T. Tagg, of Maryland, on a question of personal privilege, stated to the Conference that he was not a candidate for any position; that he was not asking for a position now, and that he had never sought office since he had been a member of the Methodist Protestant Church. On motion of J. Bibb Mills, of Maryland, the time was extended indefinitely. On motion of W. W. Lineberry, of Indiana, the nominations were closed and the Conference proceeded to ballot.

At this juncture, J. C. Williams, President of Westminster College, Texas, asked permission to withdraw his name as a candidate for Secretary of the Board of Education.

The ballot was taken, and on motion the tellers were permitted to retire to count the ballot.

G. W. Haddaway, of Maryland, nominated Harlan L. Feeman, Professor in Westminster Theological Seminary, for Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Young People's Work. The nomination received several seconds. J. H. Straughn, of Maryland, moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot for the election of Harlan L. Feeman as Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Young People's Work. The ballot was cast, and Harlan L. Feeman was declared unanimously elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Young People's Work for the ensuing quadrennium.

J. C. Broomfield, of Pittsburgh, nominated F. W. Pierpont for Publishing Agent of the Pittsburgh Directory. A number of representatives seconded the nomination. C. A. Braun, of Pittsburgh, nominated J. Sala Leland for Publishing Agent of the Pittsburgh Directory. A number of representatives seconded Dr. Leland's nomination.

At this juncture, the tellers reported the result of the ballot for Secretary of Education. The ballot was as follows: Total votes 137; necessary to a choice, 69. F. T. Tagg received 66, Geo. H. Miller received 67; J. C. Williams received one; George H. Williams received, one; F. A. Perry, one; blank, one. The chair announced that there was no election.

The Conference proceeded to ballot for Publishing Agent of the Pittsburgh Directory. On motion the tellers retired to count the ballot.

The Conference took recess for supper.  
 Benediction by G. W. Haddaway, of Maryland.  
 Conference re-assembled at 6:00 o'clock.

Tellers reported the result of the ballot for the election of Publishing Agent of the Pittsburgh Directory. The result was as follows: Total number of votes cast, 138; necessary to a choice, 70; F. W. Pierpont received 108; J. Sala Leland received 29; S. M. Johnson received one. The chair announced that F. W. Pierpont, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected Publishing Agent of the Pittsburgh Directory for the ensuing quadrennium.

A second ballot was taken for Secretary of the Board of Education, and on motion the tellers were permitted to retire to count the ballot.

F. T. Little, of Maryland, nominated Charles Reiner, Jr., for Publishing Agent of the Baltimore Book Concern. U. W. Morrison of West Virginia, moved that the Secretary cast the ballot of the Conference for the election of Charles Reiner, Jr. for Publishing Agent of the Baltimore Book Concern. The ballot was cast, and Charles Reiner, Jr. was declared unanimously elected Publishing Agent of the Baltimore Book Concern for the ensuing quadrennium.

Brother Reiner was introduced to the Conference, and after a brief address sang a solo most effectively.

The tellers reported the result of the second ballot for Secretary of the Board of Education as follows: Total number of votes cast 125; necessary to a choice, 63. F. T. Tagg received 59; Geo. H. Miller received 66. The chair announced that George H. Miller, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected Secretary of the Board of Education for the ensuing quadrennium.

F. T. Tagg congratulated Dr. Miller on his election, and asked that the election be made unanimous. A. G. Dixon, of North Carolina, moved that Dr. Miller's election be made unanimous, which was seconded by T. A. Murray, of Maryland. The motion was put and the election made unanimous.

F. W. Perkins moved to make the election of Mr. Pierpont, Publishing Agent of the Pittsburgh Directory unanimous. The motion prevailed, and the election of F. W. Pierpont for Publishing Agent at Pittsburgh was made unanimous.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 1916.

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Evening Session.

R. E. Games, of Ohio, made a partial report for the Committee on Young People's Work.

G. W. Haddaway, of Maryland, moved to amend item 3 so as to give Conference Presidents an advisory relationship to the Board. C. M. Lippincott, of Pittsburgh, moved as a substitute, that the word ex-officio be stricken from item 3. The substitute was adopted. The report as amended was adopted and referred to the Committee on Revision.

Daniel Baker, of Maryland, submitted the following resolution which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That a Committee of four be appointed to present the request of this General Conference now made to the Trustees of First Church, Pittsburgh, that they will as promptly as possible start in conjunction with our Board of Foreign Missions, a work for

the spread of the Gospel in the lands south of the United States. That on request at this meeting the ministers of Trinity and First Church be invited to be present.

Signed DANIEL BAKER.

Daniel Baker was excused for the remainder of the session.

J. Bibb Mills, of Maryland, made a report for the Committee on Temperance. After a number of representatives had spoken to the report, it was adopted by a rising vote.

E. T. Howe, of Indiana, offered a resolution which was referred to the Committee on Ritual.

C. D. Sinkinson, of Eastern, offered the following resolution:  
RESOLVED, That the salaries of all Editors, Agents, Secretaries, and others in the general work of our church, be left to the judgment of the Boards under whose direction they are employed.

Signed C. D. SINKINSON,  
F. W. VARNEY,  
C. S. KIDD,  
ROBY F. DAY.

J. F. McCulloch, of North Carolina, moved that the salaries of the Agents be not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$1,800. George R. Brown offered as an amendment that the salaries be not less than \$1,200 nor more than \$2,000. By common consent, the resolution offered by C. D. Sinkinson, of Eastern, was withdrawn until tomorrow morning.

J. E. Swain, of North Carolina, was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance submitted its report through A. G. Dixon, Secretary. On motion the report was adopted.

A. D. Williams, of West Virginia was excused for the remainder of the session.

It was the order of the day for 8:00 o'clock to hold an Educational Rally, with an address by Rev. Aubrey F. Hess, Ph. D., D. D. The Rally was in charge of the Committee on Education.

The order of the day having arrived, chairman of the Committee was called to the chair.

An address was delivered by A. F. Hess, President of Adrian College, on the subject of Education.

Following this address conference business was resumed with the President of the Conference in the chair.

On motion of C. S. Johnson, of Muskingum, the Conference adjourned until tomorrow morning at 8:30.

The Benediction was pronounced by F. C. Klein.

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## SIXTH DAY, THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1916.

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### Morning Session.

Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock. Devotional Exercises were conducted by H. J. Hescott, of Michigan.

On motion of S. H. Lynch, of Alabama, roll call was dispensed with. The minutes were read, corrected, and approved.

J. F. McCulloch, of North Carolina, offered a paper and moved its adoption. F. T. Little, of Maryland, moved as substitute that the paper be referred to Committee on Revision. Carried.

Ira Champion, of Alabama, offered a paper, which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

C. E. Forlines, of North Carolina, offered a paper, which was referred to the Committee on Revision.

The Auditing Committee submitted its report, which, on motion, was adopted.

E. T. Howe, of Indiana, offered a paper which was referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

C. M. Lippincott, of Pittsburgh, moved that the Committee on Education be requested to make nominations for the Board of Education. Carried.

T. L. Garrison, of Texas, moved that all matters intended for the Committee on Revision be submitted before noon today. Carried.

The Report of the Committee on Christianity and Social Service was submitted by C. W. Bates, Secretary of the Committee. On motion the report was adopted.

N. G. Bethea, of North Carolina, was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

H. L. Elderdice submitted the report of the Committee on Ritual. After some discussion the report was recommitted with instructions.

The Secretary of the Conference moved that when the Committee on Ritual meet that announcement of the fact be made to the Conference in order that all who have suggestions to offer for change in the Ritual be given an opportunity to appear before the Committee. Carried.

J. C. Broomfield, of Pittsburgh, offered a majority report of the Committee on Travelling Presidency.

J. E. Peterson, of Iowa, submitted a minority report on Travelling Presidency, and moved the adoption of the report.

Pending the discussion of the question the Committee on Fraternal Relations introduced Bishop G. M. Mathews, of the United Brethren Church, and Dr. W. R. Funk, Publishing Agent of the United Brethren Church, to the Conference.

On motion these brethren were invited to address the Conference.

Prof. A. P. Powellson, of Tacoma, Washington, was given time to give a brief sketch of the organization of Methodism in the Muskingum Valley.

The President of the Conference and F. T. Tagg of Maryland responded to the addresses of the fraternal messenger from the United Brethren Church.

At the suggestion of President Davis the members of the Conference arose and sang one stanza of "Blest be the tie that binds."

The discussion of the minority report of the Committee on Travelling Presidency was resumed. After the report had been discussed at length, F. T. Tagg, of Maryland, moved that the majority report be substituted for the minority report. Carried.

On motion, the majority report, as substituted, was adopted.

Ira Champion, of Alabama, submitted a paper, which was referred to the Committee on Revision.

Stanley Whitaker, of North Carolina, was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The resolution which C. D. Sinkinson of Eastern, had withdrawn at the afternoon session on yesterday referring to the salaries of Editors, Agents and Secretaries, was re-submitted, the question recurring on the amendment to the amendment to the report. After a number of representatives had spoken to the question, the amendments were withdrawn, and the original resolution adopted. The paper as adopted was referred to the Committee on Revision.

The joint committee on Home and Foreign Missions submitted a report, which was adopted.

The President announced the following committee to develop plans for Denominational Preachers' Aid Society:

**Ministers.**

J. S. Bowers  
C. S. Johnson  
C. D. Sinkinson  
E. S. Hawkins  
M. R. Stover  
J. J. Phillips  
W. W. Lineberry  
T. L. Garrison  
C. E. Sheppard

**Laymen.**

Harry Shaw  
T. A. Murray  
E. C. Chandler  
S. R. Harris  
Ely D. Miller  
A. C. Ruff  
J. E. Peterson

On motion Conference adjourned to meet at 6:30 o'clock.  
Benediction by M. F. Iliff, of Indiana.

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SIXTH DAY, THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1916.

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**Evening Session.**

Conference convened at 6:30 o'clock. Committee on Fraternal Relations presented Miss Donna Schlegelmilch, returned missionary from Japan, and Dr. C. S. MacFarland, General Secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. On motion they were invited to seats in the bar.

J. J. Phillips, of West Virginia, submitted a report of the Committee on Journals. The report was adopted.

Roby F. Day submitted a report of the Committee on Foreign Missions. After considerable discussion, H. J. Hescott, of Michigan, moved that the report be re-committed, with instructions to refer it to the Executive Committee. The chair ruled the motion out of order.

F. T. Tagg, of Maryland, offered an amendment relative to the life and works of Mrs. Mary A. Miller, which was to be known as Item 8 of the report. The amendment was adopted. The report as amended was adopted.

On motion of F. T. Tagg, of Maryland, it was decided to have a conference session immediately after the distinguished Secretary of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America has spoken this evening.

Conference took recess.

Charles Reiner, Jr., Publishing Agent of our Book Concern at Baltimore, gave a delightful musical recital.

A letter of greetings was read from our conference in Japan. E. H. Van Dyke spoke briefly about the work of the Japan Conference.

The President introduced Dr. Charles S. MacFarland, who spoke at some length of the work being done by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

Dr. W. V. Kelley, of New York, editor of the "Methodist Review," and the fraternal messenger from the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced to the Conference, and it was announced that Dr. Kelley would speak to the Conference at 10:00 o'clock tomorrow.

Benediction by Dr. W. V. Kelley, of New York. Conference re-assembled. On motion, the Conference adjourned till 8:30 tomorrow morning. Benediction by J. M. Sheridan, of Maryland.

SEVENTH DAY, FRIDAY, MAY 26, 1916.

**Morning Session.**

Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock. Devotional services were conducted by W. H. Betz, of Iowa. H. J. Hescott, of Michigan, led in prayer.

On motion of A. L. Reynolds, of Ohio, Roll Call was dispensed with.

Minutes of the previous session were read, corrected and approved.

The following resolution was adopted:

To the General Conference now in session:

At the General Conference held in Baltimore in 1912, there were in attendance at that session, two special representatives of this denomination, namely: Dr. M. L. Jennings, Editor of the "Methodist Recorder" and Dr. C. H. Hubbell, Secretary of the Board of Young People's work, who since that time have passed to their reward. There were also present D. G. Helmick, of West Virginia, one of our commissioners on Church Union, W. W. Tapp, of West Virginia, a member of the Board of Ministerial Education and J. Allen Holt, of North Carolina. Therefore, Be it resolved: That this Conference elect F. T. Tagg to draft proper resolutions to be printed in the Journal of this session as a slight recognition of their excellent service to this church, and also as a matter of record.

(Signed) ELY D. MILLER.  
G. W. HADDAWAY.  
C. A. BRAUN.

A resolution was offered by A. E. Leary, of Kansas, endorsing a generous retirement policy to provide for superannuated employees of the Federal Government, which was adopted.

The Committee on Publication submitted its report. After considerable discussion the report was adopted.

The Committee on Ritual submitted its report which on motion was adopted. The President appointed the following Committee on Ritual: H. L. Elderdice, C. D. Sinkinson, F. A. Perry, E. S. Hawkins, E. D. Beck.

F. T. Little, of Maryland, offered the following resolution which was adopted. Resolved, That it is the clear conviction of this General Conference, that every member of the Methodist Protestant Church ought to be a subscriber to one or both of the official organs of the church. Especially is this true of the ministers and the officials of the church.

(Signed) F. T. LITTLE.  
D. S. STEPHENS.

The Committee to suggest plans for a sustentation Fund for ministers of the denomination submitted its report. On motion the report was adopted. The President appointed the members of this Committee to be the Standing Committee on the Sustentation Fund. The following comprise the Committee: Ministers, J. S. Bowers, C. S. Johnson, C. D. Sinkinson, E. S. Hawkins, M. R. Stover, J. J. Phillips, W. W. Lineberry, T. L. Garrison, C. E. Sheppard; Laymen, Harry Shaw, T. A. Murray, E. C. Chandler, S. R. Harris, E. D. Miller, A. C. Ruff, J. E. Peterson.

The Committee on Forward Movement submitted their report. Pending the discussion of the report, the order of the day having arrived, the hearing of Fraternal Messengers, the following letter was read from the Secretary of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church now in session at Saratoga Springs, N. Y.



The General Conference  
of  
The Methodist Episcopal Church.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y.  
May 20, 1916.

To the President and Members of the General Conference of the  
Methodist Protestant Church.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Pursuant to the action of our General Conference held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 1912, the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church have designated the Rev. William J. Kelley, Doctor of Divinity, and Doctor of Laws, as the Fraternal Messenger to your body.

Dr. Kelley, an honored member of the New York East Conference, has occupied important pulpits in Buffalo, Philadelphia, and Brooklyn, but since 1893 has rendered still more conspicuous service as Editor of "The Methodist Review". From the thousands of our ministers no one could have been chosen more greatly honored and loved. A student of our history already written, and keenly observant of our present day world-wide activities, Dr. Kelley, will speak to you as one who knows the story of Methodism as it has been and is, but likewise as one who has caught the vision of the greater Methodism which is to be.

The world torn and rent brings new problems before us, problems too great for merely human diplomacy. The needs of that world in its disappointment and agony today and the opportunity for the church of Christ which must come with the establishment of peace, together constitute the greatest challenge to faith and love which Christianity in all the centuries has known. The sense of responsibility for the answer to the world's deep need, and in the improvement of the opportunity before the church has been the dominant conviction, of our General Conference throughout the present session. Never before has there seemed so much imperative and insistent demand for that league defensive and offensive of which our great founder dreamed.

It has been our pleasure to welcome during the past week your own distinguished fraternal representative, the Rev. Lyman E. Davis, Doctor of Divinity, the President of your General Conference, and to hear with interest and profit his inspiring utterances.

Still further to strengthen the bonds of unity, we are sending to you one of the Princes of our Israel, this lover of all things lovely.

We beg you to interpret his coming to you as the strongest possible expression of the love we bear you, and of our prayerful wish for your continued and increasing success.

I have the honor to remain,

By order and in behalf of the Bishops of the  
Methodist Episcopal Church,

Cordially,

(Signed) L. B. WILSON, Secretary.

Rev. William V. Kelley, Doctor of Divinity and Doctor of Laws, Fraternal Messenger from the Methodist Episcopal Church, was presented to the Conference and delivered an inspiring fraternal address. The President responded to the address. The congregation joined in singing "My Jesus I Love Thee". In a few well chosen words Dr. Kelley took his leave of the Conference.

The Conference resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Forward Movement. On motion of the Secretary, the report was taken up item by item.

At this juncture the Committee on Fraternal Relations introduced the following persons to the Conference: Rev. K. B. Alexander, pastor of the Central Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. R. C. Stimel, pastor of the Moxahala Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, and Rev. W. T. Blume, pastor of the Euclid Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, all of Zanesville, and on motion they were invited to seats within the Bar.

The consideration of the report on Forward Movements was resumed. Item 1 amended to read 25% instead of 20%. The item as amended was adopted. Item 2 adopted. Item 3 adopted. Item 4 adopted. Item 5 adopted.

On motion the time of adjournment was extended till 12:30 o'clock.

Item 6 of the report was read. J. H. Straughn, of Maryland, moved to refer this item of the report to the Executive Committee with power to act. Pending the discussion of the motion, Conference adjourned till 1:30 o'clock. Benediction by H. L. Elderdice.

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### SEVENTH DAY, MAY 26, 1916.

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#### Afternoon Session.

Conference convened at 1:30 o'clock. Devotional services were conducted by C. J. Nutt, of Iowa. H. L. Elderdice, of Maryland, led in a season of brief prayer.

E. T. Howe, of Indiana, was excused for the remainder of the session.

T. M. Johnson, of North Carolina, moved that when the report of the Committee on Forward Movements is disposed of, the report of the Committee on Revision be taken up. Carried.

The consideration of Item 6 of the Report of the Committee on Forward Movements was resumed.

E. M. Mouser and A. W. Stewart, of Louisiana, were granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The Committee on Forward Movements was permitted to amend its report. George R. Brown, of West Virginia, moved that this item does not apply to our Book Directories. The amendment was lost. The item as amended was adopted. Item 7 was read. D. S. Stephens, of Oklahoma, offered the following amendment: Provided that no machinery shall be established or life action entered upon that does not come within the general principles outlined by the General Conference. The amendment was lost. Item 7 was adopted. The syllabus suggesting a plan of operation was read, discussed and adopted.

T. L. Garrison, of Texas, on a question of personal privilege expressed his personal appreciation and that of the brethren in the Southwest for the kindly spirit manifested by the members of this Conference toward the work of the Church in that section.

The Report of the Committee on Forward Movements as amended, was adopted. J. H. Straughn, of Maryland, nominated C. S. Johnson, of Muskingum, as Executive Secretary of the Commission on Forward Movements. A. L. Reynolds, of Ohio, moved that the Secretary cast the ballot of the Conference for C. S. Johnson as Executive Secretary of the Commission on Forward Movements. The Secretary cast the ballot and C. S. Johnson, of Muskingum, was declared elected Executive Secretary of the Commission on Forward Movements for the ensuing quadrennium.

F. T. Benson, of Maryland, on a question of personal privilege

said that as the new editor of the Methodist Protestant he would do all that he could to advance the interests of the Forward Movements Campaign.

The Committee on Revision submitted a partial report. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 were adopted. Overture # 1 was adopted. Overture # 2 amended by adding "Presidents of the Brotherhoods." The overture was adopted as amended. Overture # 3 adopted.

The partial report of the Committee on Revision was then adopted as amended.

F. T. Little, of Maryland, was elected to edit the Discipline.

F. C. Klein, of Baltimore, offered the following resolution: In grateful appreciation of the self-sacrificing labors of our ministers who have been called to their eternal reward, and in order to perpetuate their memory and their achievements, under God, therefore, be it

RESOLVED—1. That each Annual Conference be directed to have the Quarterly Conferences of its local churches appoint a committee to locate the grave of every Methodist Protestant minister in its locality, and to provide for its proper and perpetual care.

2. That the first Sunday in June be designated Pastors Memorial Day on which occasion suitable exercises, including an address, shall be held, and the Christian flag and flowers be placed on all the graves.

(Signed)

Fred C. Klein, Maryland.

R. M. Andrews, North Carolina.

F. A. Perry, Michigan.

M. R. Stover, Ohio.

B. A. Brooks, Kansas.

F. W. Varney, Eastern.

J. P. Turkelson, West Virginia.

C. J. Nutt, Iowa.

J. P. Morgan, Alabama.

J. E. Butler, Texas.

E. M. Mouser, Louisiana.

S. G. Rutledge, Arkansas.

C. I. Kelley, Tennessee.

J. O. Ledbetter, Indiana.

C. E. Sheppard, Muskingum.

Alden J. Green, N. Illinois.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations submitted a report. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Sunday Schools submitted its report and on motion the report was adopted.

The Committee on Revision made its final report, which on motion, was adopted.

The special Committee to revise the Constitution of the Woman's Home Missionary Society submitted its report. On motion the report was adopted.

The Committee on Education made a report. On motion the report was considered item by item. Item 1 adopted. Item 2 adopted. Item 3 amended so as to give the Executive Committee of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, authority to nominate the members of the Board of Trustees of Kansas City University, annually. Amendment carried. The item as amended was adopted. Item 4 adopted. Item 5 was read. The Secretary of the Conference moved as a substitute that we concur in this request and recommend that this Conference grant the petition of the Board of Trustees of West Lafayette College. By request, A. F. Hess, of Adrian College, spoke to the question. The reading of the resolution was called for.

#### RESOLUTION.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees of The West Lafayette College, at a called meeting held February 18, 1916.

WHEREAS, The West Lafayette College was incorporated by the Board of Trustees elected by the Muskingum Annual Conference for that purpose in the year 1900; and

WHEREAS, The General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in session in the City of Washington, D. C., in the year 1904, did give official recognition to said West Lafayette College, as one of the Official Colleges of the Methodist Protestant denomination, leaving the matter of election of the Board of Trustees and the direct control of the College to the Muskingum Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church; Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, First, That we respectfully petition the said General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church to take full charge of the West Lafayette College, elect a Board of Trustees to have control of the details of operation, outline a policy for the conduct of said College, and perform such other acts as shall be deemed necessary in the premises.

Second, That the following persons, who compose the entire Board of Trustees of West Lafayette College, hereby tender their resignations as such trustees, to be in effect at the option of the said General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, whenever said Conference shall grant the petition noted in our first resolution: C. H. Beck, H. W. Maier, S. A. Stowe, F. L. Brown, J. C. Miskimen, R. D. Sheppard, C. E. Sheppard, Eli Palmer, A. H. Loos, H. M. Peebles, J. B. Watson, E. J. Larrick, M. L. Shields, H. E. Amos, J. C. Fisher, H. A. Sicker, J. F. Cappel, A. N. Fell, D. C. Coburn.

This Board should be composed of twenty-one members, but there are two vacancies. The resignation of the nineteen members of the Board are submitted herewith.

Signed by order of the Board of Trustees of the West Lafayette College, this 18th day of February, 1916.

(Signed) JOHN F. CAPPEL, President.

CHARLES H. BECK, Secretary.

Conference adjourned to meet at 6:30.

#### SEVENTH DAY, MAY 26, 1916.

##### Evening Session.

Conference re-assembled at 6:30 o'clock. R. P. Hudnall, of Muskingum, conducted the devotional service.

The consideration of item 5 of the report of the Committee on Education was resumed. The substitute offered by Secretary Beck was withdrawn, with the consent of the Conference. C. S. Johnson, of Muskingum, offered the following as a substitute for item 5: Resolved, That we accept the proposition of the Board of Trustees of West Lafayette College, and agree to assume control of the affairs of the institution, and that the interests of West Lafayette College be transferred to Adrian College.

(Signed) C. S. JOHNSON.

W. W. LINEBERRY.

W. W. Lineberry, of Indiana, moved as an amendment to refer West Lafayette College to the Board of Education with instructions to close up its affairs and transfer its assets to Adrian College. The motion was lost. The resolution offered by C. S. Johnson, of Muskingum, was adopted.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations introduced J. T. Bair, of Cambridge, Ohio, to the Conference.

On motion of C. S. Johnson, of Muskingum, the details of the merger of West Lafayette and Adrian Colleges were referred to the Trustees of the two institutions and the Board of Education; and

the property and debts at West Lafayette College to the Board of Education.

Item 6 of the report on Education was adopted. On motion, the report as amended, was adopted.

The Committee on Young People's Work submitted its report, which on motion was adopted.

The President appointed the following Committees: Commission on Christianity and Social Progress: A. L. Reynolds, T. O. Crouse, Geo. R. Brown, C. R. Green and W. E. Grove. Committee on Constitution of Woman's Home Missionary Society: C. E. Forlines, A. L. Reynolds.

The Committee on Home Missions submitted a report, which on motion was adopted.

The Committee on Theological Seminary reported the substitution of the name of C. E. Sheppard, of Muskingum, on the Board of Governors in place of G. H. Miller, of Muskingum, who had been elected Secretary of the Board of Education.

The Committee on Boundaries submitted a report, which on motion was adopted.

A. L. Reynolds, of Ohio, offered the following resolution, which was adopted: Resolved, That all expenses incurred by the President of the General Conference, in discharge of his official duties shall be paid by the Treasurer of the General Conference upon the approval of the same by the Executive Committee.

(Signed) A. L. REYNOLDS.  
A. G. DIXON.

The Judiciary Committee submitted a report, which on motion was adopted.

On motion of C. E. Forlines, of North Carolina, the Secretary-Treasurer of the General Conference was authorized to pay Charles H. Beck \$50.00 for his services as Secretary of the Conference.

The Committee on Statistics submitted a report, which on motion was adopted.

On motion of F. A. Perry, of Michigan, the Conference proceeded to the election of the Executive Committee. By common consent, the President appointed D. S. Stephens, S. W. Rosenberger, J. W. Hawley, Dr. E. B. Fenby and E. A. Palmer, a Committee to nominate members of the Executive Committee.

On motion of C. S. Johnson, of Muskingum, the election of a General Treasurer for all the Boards, was left to the Executive Committee.

E. D. Miller, of Michigan, moved that this Conference recommend that representatives of West Lafayette College meet with the Trustees of Adrian College, at its next meeting.

The following resolution was adopted:

In view of the fact that the year 1917 marks the Ter-Centenary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation under Martin Luther, be it

RESOLVED, That the President of the General Conference be authorized to appoint a Committee of five to plan for the celebration of that event.

(signed) C. W. BATES.  
J. F. McCULLOCH.

The Committee on nomination of members for the Executive Committee submitted a report, which on motion was recommitted.

W. C. Harger, of Michigan, offered the following resolution, which on motion was adopted:

Be it resolved, That the Secretary of this Conference be requested to notify every Annual Conference of the denomination

that every representative elected to the General Conference shall promise to stay until the adjournment, unless excused for some good reason.

(Signed) W. C. HARGER.  
A. G. DIXON.

The Committee on nominations of members for the Executive Committee submitted the following report: L. E. Davis, T. H. Lewis, T. M. Johnson, Roby F. Day, T. E. Hodges, Ely D. Miller, F. C. Chambers. The report was received. The Secretary of the Conference was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for the election of the parties named as members of the Executive Committee, for the ensuing four years. The Secretary cast the ballot, and they were declared elected.

The Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

On motion the Conference adjourned, with prayer by President Davis.

LYMAN E. DAVIS, President.  
CHARLES H. BECK, Secretary.

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#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

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- Theological Seminary**—J. H. Straughn, George H. Miller, R. E. Games, J. C. Broomfield, H. J. Hescott, C. S. Kidd, T. A. Murray, Dr. G. W. Gallagher, A. M. Rankin, A. D. Williams, Geo. W. Burford.
- Forward Movements**—C.S. Johnson, C.D. Sinkinson, J.H. Straughn, F. T. Little, W. W. Lineberry, C. J. Nutt, T. A. Hunter, E. A. Palmer, Dr. G. W. Gallagher.
- Foreign Missions**—George H. Miller, J. M. Gill, Roby F. Day, S. W. Taylor, M. F. Iliff, W. C. Conner, C. R. Green, E. S. Hawkins, Robert Rawsthorne, Jr., M. D. Thrush, S. D. Oldaker, E. R. Vincent, C. J. Yingling, George Dexter.
- Revision**—C. D. Sinkinson, E. D. Beck, J. S. Bowers, A. N. Ward, D. S. Stephens, U. W. Morrison, A. G. Dixon, W. W. Lineberry, C. J. Nutt, T. L. Garrison, A. D. Williams, Harry Shaw, Ely D. Miller, J. F. Cappel, T. A. Hunter, Dr. E. B. Fenby, J. F. Howe, Ira Champion, J. E. Swain, C. A. Cecil.
- Judiciary**—J. M. Sheridan, J. F. McCulloch, F. T. Tagg, G. W. Hadaway, M. R. Stover, D. C. Coburn, W. R. Graham, F. W. Perkins, J. P. Morgan, Daniel Baker, J. E. Cunningham, J. W. Knott, S. R. Harris, Dr. E. C. Chandler, J. E. Peterson.
- Publication**—F. W. Varney, F. H. Lewis, F. C. Klein, F. A. Perry, T. M. Garrison, J. O. Ledbetter, J. H. Elliott, A. N. Fell, H. A. Garrett, C. A. White, Horace Link.
- Education**—C. S. Johnson, F. H. Lewis, L. F. Warner, F. W. Varney, A. L. Reynolds, J. H. Straughn, E. T. Howe, C. E. Forlines, H. A. Sicker, C. A. Braun, T. P. Fisher, M. L. Abbott, A. M. Rankin, B. S. Jennings, A. E. Leary.
- Home Missions**—J. C. Broomfield, C. E. Sheppard, S. W. Rosenberg, H. L. Elderdice, R. M. Andrews, W. C. Harger, B. A. Brooks, S. H. Lynch, J. E. Butler, A. T. Merriman, J. P. Dodge, G. T. Goff, J. H. Watkins, L. L. McKinney, A. M. Kopf, A. W. Stewart.
- Ritual**—H. L. Elderdice, C. D. Sinkinson, F. A. Perry, E. S. Hawkins, E. D. Beck.

- Boundaries**—W. W. Lineberry, B. A. Brooks, J. G. Reed, C. M. Lipincott, J. I. Day, W. H. Betz, M. F. Llewellyn, F. S. Phelps, H. A. Rowand, W. E. Sheppard, S. W. Jackson.
- Fraternal Relations**—D. S. Stephens, R. P. Hudnall, J. J. Phillips, C. E. Sheppard, C. D. Sinkinson, W. E. Sheppard, M. L. Abbott, F. A. Lamphier.
- Christianity and Social Service (Applied Christianity)**—A. L. Reynolds, T. O. Crouse, G. W. Haddaway, George R. Brown, C. L. Whittaker, A. J. Green, C. W. Bates, E. L. Mansfield, W. W. Smith, F. M. Wilson, Stanley Whittaker, A. R. Lewis.
- Temperance**—M. M. Campbell, James McCord, R. H. M. Watson, W. H. Hart, J. Bibb Mills, F. T. Risley.
- Sunday Schools**—G. W. Holmes, W. H. Betz, P. W. Boxell, E. M. Mouser, Josiah Payne, J. N. Warfield, J. M. Hartley, J. T. Norris, Miss Myra Hume.
- Young People's Work**—F. T. Benson, E. D. Stone, J. W. Hawley, R. E. Games, I. A. Brice, N. P. Williams, J. H. Harrison, Jr., V. W. Idol, H. E. Amos.
- Sabbath**—A. G. Dixon, C. I. Kelley, B. A. Thompson, J. M. Reynolds, C. M. Towns, E. W. Swan, C. A. Lawson.
- Auditing**—J. N. Holt, Charles A. Braun, A. C. Rodgers.
- Statistics**—R. P. Hudnall, G. H. Snyder, W. N. Anderson, E. A. Palmer, A. C. Ruff, V. W. Idol.
- Journals**—J. J. Phillips, N. G. Bethea, J. W. Safford.
- Finance**—J. F. McCulloch, J. P. Turkelson, B. M. Mitchell, J. F. Howe, Harry Shaw, W. E. Sankey.

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

- Program**—C. H. Beck, J. F. McCulloch, F. A. Perry.
- Pulpit Services**—G. G. Shurtz, S. W. Rosenberger, J. W. Hawley.
- Courtesies**—J. C. Broomfield, C. D. Sinkinson.
- Publicity Agents**—F. C. Klein, J. H. Straughn, R. E. Games.
- Travelling Presidency**—J. P. Morgan, S. G. Rutledge, B. A. Thompson, S. W. Jackson, F. A. Lamphier, J. E. Peterson, A. E. Leary, E. M. Mouser, Daniel Baker, W. C. Harger, James McCord, E. C. Chandler, J. W. Safford, G. W. Holmes, Myra Hume, J. G. Reed, M. R. Stover, I. A. Brice, D. S. Stephens, J. C. Broomfield, J. I. Day, C. I. Kelley, T. L. Garrison, W. N. Anderson, A. D. Williams.
- Denominational Superannuated Preacher's Aid Society**—J. S. Bowers, C. S. Johnson, C. D. Sinkinson, E. S. Hawkins, M. R. Stover, J. J. Phillips, W. W. Lineberry, T. L. Garrison, C. E. Sheppard, Harry Shaw, T. A. Murray, E. C. Chandler, S. R. Harris, Ely D. Miller, A. C. Ruff, J. E. Peterson.
- Constitution W. B. H. M.**—C. E. Forlines, A. L. Reynolds.
- Commission on Forward Movements**—J. C. Broomfield, C. D. Sinkinson, J. M. Gill, W. W. Lineberry, J. Norman Wills, Levi Custis, J. F. Cappel.
- Commission on Consolidation of Publishing Interests**—J. M. Sheridan, F. A. Perry, G. W. Haddaway, J. H. Lucas, C. S. Johnson, C. A. Cecil, M. R. Stover, F. W. Varney, T. A. Hunter, M. L. Abbott, C. A. Braun, J. F. Howe, E. A. Palmer, A. L. Poundstone, W. J. Trefz.
- Commission on Christianity and Social Service**—A. L. Reynolds, T. O. Crouse, Geo. R. Brown, C. R. Green, W. E. Grove.

## RULES OF ORDER

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1. The Conference shall be opened at the appointed hour with religious services, under the direction of the President, or in his absence, under that of the Secretary.

2. After the religious exercises of each session, the roll shall be called by the Secretary, and the minutes of the previous session read and approved.

3. When a member desires to present any business, or to speak to any question, he shall arise and address the Chair as "Mr. President," and then pause until he is recognized by the Chair, as follows: "The representative from \_\_\_\_\_." The President in putting a question shall do it standing.

4. Any motion made and seconded, except a motion to adjourn, to lay on the table, a call for the previous question, for the yeas and nays, and for a division of the house, shall be handed to the Chair when required by the Secretary, signed by the mover and second, and be read by the Secretary before any debate is had thereon.

5. No interruption shall be suffered while a member is on the floor, but by a call to order by the Chair or some other member of the Conference. In such cases, the member making the call shall state the ground on which he makes it, and the member supposed to be out of order shall have an opportunity to explain. All questions of order shall be decided by the President, agreeably to the rules of the Conference; provided, however, that any member may, by obtaining a second, appeal to the Conference from the decision of the Chair: but the question thereon shall be taken without debate, after the member has stated his ground of appeal and after the President has stated his reason for the decision.

6. No member shall speak more than once on the same question, nor longer than ten minutes, without special leave from the Conference, and he shall confine himself strictly to the subject under discussion, provided, however, that the chairman of a committee and the member presenting an original paper shall be entitled to make a second speech.

7. All motions or resolutions shall, at the request of any member, be divided when the sense will admit of such division.

8. If two or more members rise to speak at the same time, it shall be determined by the President which of them is entitled to the floor.

9. The appointment of all committees shall be by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.

10. The number of which any committee shall be composed shall be determined by the Conference, the question being taken on the highest number first, and so on until the conference shall determine the number.

11. Upon a call for the previous question, if made by five members and sustained by two-thirds of those voting, the question shall be put without debate. But it shall not be in order for a speaker to move the previous question at the close of his own speech.

12. When a question is under debate no motion shall be entertained but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to commit, amend or postpone which several motions have precedence in the order they stand



arranged, and the first two shall be taken without debate, and a motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

13. Every member within the bar shall vote on all questions submitted to the action of the Conference, unless excused for sufficient reason.

14. No personalities shall be allowed in debate, nor improper reflection upon any religious denomination.

15. All reports of committees, when read by their respective chairmen, shall be regarded as the property of the Conference, and subject to its action.

16. Any motion to reconsider shall be made by some member who voted with the majority, and shall require a majority of the members present to sustain it; nor shall a motion to reconsider be entertained, if made later than the second day after the original action is had, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

17. Any member shall have the right to call for the reading of any subject under consideration. No member shall be allowed to explain remarks made in a previous speech, except in regular debate, unless a member requests it; but any member so called upon to explain shall have the right to decline any explanation.

18. The President shall administer the rules rigidly and impartially. He shall promptly suppress unseemly demonstrations, such as stamping, clapping of hands and conversation, or other behavior which obstructs the business of the Conference.

19. Persons not members having business with the Conference shall present their business to the appropriate committees, who may, in their discretion, recommend that the persons applying be heard by the Conference, or the committee itself may bring the business, if deemed of sufficient importance, to the notice of the Conference.

20. No one shall be constituted an honorary member; but persons duly presented to the President by the Committee on Fraternal Relations shall be presented to the Conference at the convenience of the President, and may be invited to a seat within the bar, and, by vote, may be permitted to address the Conference on any specified subject.

#### Order of Business.

1. Call to order.
2. Devotional service.
3. Roll call.
4. Reading minutes.
5. Presentation and reference of papers.
6. Unfinished business.
7. Roll call of Committees for reports.
8. Incidental business.
9. Committee announcements.

**QUADRENNIAL ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
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Dear Fathers and Brethren:—

Four years have passed away, and we are still living together, contented, prosperous and happy, in the good old homestead inherited from the fathers, while over the portals of our every sanctuary, written by the hand of liberty in the heroic long ago, still shines that honorable name, the Methodist Protestant Church! And although we have entered into certain negotiations for church union, and in explicit obedience to the command of the General Conference, and even into certain agreements, we have constantly made plain to all the Christian world, and must forever continue to make plain, that we will never surrender any of the larger units of value in our ecclesiastical manor; that we will never part with the seed-principles of our polity; that we will especially guard and cherish those family jewels which are known in the sacred archives of our history as the mutual rights of the ministry and the laity! And if any procession-  
al is formed at any time, moving in any direction, which does not make room for the rights and liberties bequeathed to us by the fathers, then we will do this:—we will stay at home with our rights and our liberties, transmitting them unto our children and our children's children, even a thousand years and more!

Our own duty at this important moment is therefore very plain. Having recorded our covenant-mutual, having completed the circuit of our own procedure, having driven our stakes at the corners, and fixed the bounds of our agreements to the line and to the plummet, there is nothing more in the field of church union to engage our immediate attention or to worry our hearts. I have all confidence in the sincerity of those who have negotiated with us, and I appreciate, with comprehending sympathy, the obstacles that lie in the converging paths of the church union: paths which are for the most part still unopened, and the course of which leads through uncharted regions.

But I thank God with a glad heart today that our denominational record on this subject is such that we stand before the Christian world in an attitude of equal independence and honor; and whether the union is finally consummated or finally unrealized, our present duty, here and now, is that of devoting ourselves, a living sacrifice, to the progressive future of the Methodist Protestant Church.

The Progressive Future of the Methodist Protestant Church calls first of all for the preservation of our great Legacy. What is our legacy? It is first of all the legacy of the ages! Too many of our people seem to imagine that, because we have been given the precious vineyard of mutual rights, we are therefore shut out, in some mysterious manner, from the universal heritage of Israel? On the other hand, let us remember that our peculiar blessings are gates of privilege to the largest things of the Kingdom of God. If you acquire a farm on the public highway, you do not thereby relinquish your right to the highway itself. Your acreage of ownership, however small or great, gives you a firmer hold upon all the roads that run upon all the highways that traverse the earth! This cumulative result of special blessings applies to the religious realm. Jacob had his ladder of angels, and all the millions of earth were deprived of this peculiar blessing. But think you that Jacob was

shut out from the world-wide blessings of Nature or the world-wide truths of God, because of this personal revelation? On the contrary let us believe the stars of the heavens shone all the brighter to the old patriarch because of his vision, and the eternal verities of the Kingdom of God were all the larger to him.

And this comforting logic applies with peculiar force to the true Methodist Protestant of the world. Being lovers of liberty, and having caught a clearer vision of the Kingdom of God because of their love of liberty, they enter into the largest possible heritage of the Gospel of the Son of God. Yes, to Methodist Protestant eyes, because of this very principle or mutual rights the summit of Mount Calvary should rise a little higher in the landscape of our theology and the Holy Bible should stand out a little clearer above the books, and we should behold with clearer vision "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

Our fathers also bequeathed to us, as a perpetual legacy, the inheritance of liberty. And while we must so combine freedom and efficiency as to realize the progressive development of the Methodist Protestant Church, we must hold fast forever the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free.

The mission of our church is not circumscribed or limited by the territory we occupy, nor by the numbers enrolled in the membership of our churches. Our greatest mission has been fulfilled, and must continue to be fulfilled through the pervading influence of the liberty we enjoy.

Our position among the churches of the world, in this respect, corresponds with that of Switzerland among the nations of Europe. The little republic, from its mountain heights, looks forth with triumphant independence upon the greatest monarchies of the world. So sacred to all the world, indeed, has become the very memories of the heroic struggle of Switzerland, that even the people of the neighboring kingdoms and empires would not have the sturdy little republic absorbed in their own arbitrary system.

All the world recognizes the reflex influence of Switzerland upon the surrounding governments of Europe; and all the world would have her remain in her mountain seat a perpetual example to other peoples, and a perpetual warning against every possible tyranny.

So let the Methodist Protestant Church, ecclesiastical Switzerland of the Kingdom of God, perpetuate religious liberty just as Switzerland has perpetuated civil liberty; and let us, above all, rejoice that our Founders, and their succeeding generations, have without doubt, greatly modified monarchical form of church government in the United States, and have determined in this respect the destiny of millions of fellow believers.

The present crisis in the history of the world is such as to appeal to our loyalty in behalf of this great principal of religious liberty.

The world-wide war, by which the nations are being desolated, is especially destroying the democratic multitudes of the nations. At the beginning of the war there were many who predicted that revolution would result, and that Kings and Rulers would be overthrown, and popular government established in their place. But the awful truth is that the democratic millions of Europe are being slain on the battle-field. The lovers of liberty are being swept away. And every day the peoples of Europe are becoming weaker and weaker and their Kings and Rulers are becoming stronger; and at the end of this war such will be the pride of kings and such will be the power of the sword that the liberties of the world will be in the gravest danger.

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movement among the churches of Christendom, and the tendency of our times is once again toward the upbuilding of a hierarchy, both in church and state.

It is, therefore, supremely important that every republic in the political world, and every republic in the religious world, should hold its banners high and march with firm feet and heroic hearts to the work of preserving this glorious legacy of liberty, which has come to us through the sacrificial devotion of the greatest of the sons of men in all ages.

There is a three-fold way by which the Methodist Protestants of America can realize and fulfill their splendid opportunities. First of all they can do this by the progressive development of the administrative machinery of the church. The book of Discipline is simply an agency in the work of the church, and yet a very important one. And while we have the best polity in the world, yet there are many points of revision in the Discipline which will greatly simplify, strengthen this manual and make it an authoritative deliverance to the church. It is important to remove the ambiguities of the Discipline. Too often the proviso kills the enactment; as if it were to say: "Be it enacted, that we shall do this and that; provided, however, that if anybody objects, we shall do neither this nor that!"

In a word, we should so adjust our machinery to the spirit of the times and to the fundamental demands of the Kingdom as to realize the highest efficiency. Freedom and stability are the two essentials of government, whether in church or state. And stability flows from established authority. But the sources of authority in a monarchy are totally different from the sources of authority in a republic. The ecclesiastical monarchy, like the political monarchy, gets authority by the artificial elevation of one man above another. The ecclesiastical republic gets authority by exalting the majesty of the law. The Methodist Protestant Church is a spiritual republic, and refuses to elevate one man above another. I am forever committed to this great principle of equality in the fellowship of the Kingdom. I declare to you, God being my witness, that I will not lord it over any fellow-believer in all the earth. And I say it with all humility, yet I do say, as expressing the independent manhood of the Methodist Protestant Church, no man shall lord it over me!

Again, the legislative provisions of the book should correspond exactly to the constitutional provisions, and every subject should be rounded out and concluded in one single place, to which reference should be clearly made.

It is important also that the functions of the quarterly conference should be more clearly defined in its relation to the station as distinguished from the circuit. Everybody agrees also that there should be an elaboration of our polity to such a degree as to make it more efficient. There should be a General Educational Board, a commission for the direction of the evangelistic forces of our church. And our smaller conferences should be more firmly consolidated and given the advantage of the travelling presidency, and every other aid and encouragement necessary to their proper development.

All these things are before the General Conference for its consideration and for its action, but on the other hand we ought to remember that multiplying the wheels will not grind the grist! We need above everything else, the living creature in the wheels. Not the sails themselves, but the winds of the heavens that fill the sails; not the connecting wire but the electrical current that traverses the wire; not the aqueduct that leads from the mountain to the great city, but the waters that flow therein.—these are essential elements of life and power. Even so it is not the machinery of the church,

but the vital energy of the Spirit of God that determines final results for the Kingdom. Therefore the future of the Methodist Protestant Church does not turn so much upon what we do here in Zanesville today, but what you shall do, you and your people, when you have returned to your own conference, to your own charge, and to your own altars. And this leads me to speak of the second important way by which we can fulfill our opportunity as a denomination.

We can increase, if we will, the number of the various units of influence and power; and the one supreme unit of our denomination is that of the congregation, led and directed by the pastor himself. The Methodist Protestant Church has increased during the last four years to a most encouraging degree; and we have grown not only in numbers, but in the progress of our institutions. If 500 of our churches would only put forth the energy which has been displayed by at least 50 of them, during the past few years, then our membership would be increased greatly in the next quadrennium.

Let me say that we need, above all else, a sympathetic union of the stronger and weaker conferences. We need to remember Paul's injunction: "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." They that are strong must bear the infirmities of the weak and not please themselves. This should apply especially to the various individual churches of our denomination in America. If the stronger churches of the East, and the North, could be led to adopt as their own foster-children, the weaker mission churches of the West and the South, we should then exhibit to the world the most beautiful example of denominational zeal, and we should also hasten the conquest of the whole empire of opportunity which God has given to us.

But I must not weary you. Four years have passed away, and they have been years of toil and anxiety; yet the joy of service has greatly enriched them to my heart. In the midst of our many problems, whatever the experience of the passing moment, I have never committed the personal equation to shadow the broad issues of the hour, save only that I have sincerely loved and cherished every one of my co-laborers in the work of the Church. And I assure you that I have been impartial, not alone in my judgment but in my very heart. And as for "Mason's and Dixon's Line", if there is any such lingering imagination anywhere, I tell you that I have lived so far above it that I have never even thought of it. There has been for me neither North nor South, but one great high fellowship of the equal heritage of the Kingdom of God.

In the City of Paris years ago there was a mid-night banquet. Three men of different nations were there, all of whom were heroes of great and successful achievement. And each one of these was asked: "What is the key of your success in life?" One was a Rothschild from London and he answered: "Rothschild Brothers is always Rothschild Brothers; we have no separate interests." One was from Holland, and he replied: "We have a saying in Holland that if one arm of the dyke gives way our whole country is submerged; but as long as every arm of the dyke is linked with every other arm, we can defy old ocean itself." The third man was an American, and he said nothing in reply to the question; but opening his watch and holding it up in the light of the banquet hall he displayed the one simple word engraved thereon, the motto of his firm, the word "Together."

Let us as Methodist Protestants forever walk together and work together and we shall then realize our ideals and fulfill our mission in the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God.

LYMAN E. DAVIS.

## REPORTS

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of the Methodist Protestant Church has met regularly every year, and has also held two special sessions, and we believe has done much to strengthen and further the general interests of the church and its efforts have been far-reaching in counseling and harmonizing and stimulating action of local importance in various sections, under the limited authority and jurisdiction vested in this Committee by the General Conference to be exercised during the interim of the Conference. The work of the Committee has been materially helped and rendered much more efficient by the sustained co-operation, sympathy and wise counsels, united efforts and assistance of the Secretaries of the several Boards, and that of the officers of the institutions of the church. We are glad to report that notwithstanding many circumstances, which in some degree militated against the progress of the church in certain quarters, there has been on the whole a progressive development of our denominational work in almost every field. The increase in the membership of the church, as a whole, has been fully eight per cent. during the four years, and we believe this to be a fair measure of the progress made in the general institutions of the church.

The budget system had its first real test with the beginning of this quadrennium; and the fact that the Executive Committee was authorized to apportion the sums to be raised for missions and educational purposes to the various conferences, has, of course, introduced a new feature in the administrative provinces of the church. But there has been a marked increase in the aggregate sums raised for these various interests, especially for the work of Home and Foreign Missions. And while of course this increase has been very largely due to the aggressive efficiency of our Secretaries, and of those who represented the other interests; yet we are convinced that a sufficient test has been given to the Budget System through the experiences of the last four years. The Budget System has justified itself both in our own denomination and in many others, and especially when the Budget System in itself is supplemented by the duplex envelope or some equivalent practical method of bringing in funds. And we believe this to be the best solution of the financial problems of the denomination, yet devised.

Our educational institutions have been and are passing through the same great problems which have confronted Christian colleges of every denomination in America. But we believe that all problems will ultimately be solved, and that our various educational units will be made not only to fulfill their missions, but to become a richer heritage, year by year, to the Methodist Protestant Church.

In a special meeting of the Executive Committee the affairs of West Lafayette and Adrian Colleges were brought to our attention, and in connection therewith, as a matter of sympathetic advice and counsel to all our colleges, the relations sustained by each institution to the denomination, as a whole, was carefully surveyed. It was found that our several colleges are correlated to the church in various ways. In some instances the laws of the state determine, in a large degree, their constitutional position. We believe that the election of a General Educational Board, as discussed in various forms, will prove a great benefit to our educational institutions and to the church at large. The Committee has received a communica-



tion from the Trustees of the West Lafayette College, which we are submitting to the General Conference for its action, either directly or through the medium of appropriate committees.

We are in sympathy with whatever progressive movements are calculated to enhance the efficiency of our denominational forces in every field, and trust that a still greater future will follow the many good results already attained through the devoted activities of our various conferences and institutions and the faithful pastors of our entire denomination.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. PICKENS, Secretary.

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**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER OF THE  
GENERAL CONFERENCE.**

Zanesville, Ohio, May 19, 1916.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—

I desire to submit my report as Secretary and Treasurer of this General Conference for the period beginning May 17, 1912, and ending this day, May 19, 1916.

The first duty of your Secretary was to keep and publish the Minutes, showing the transactions of the Conference of 1912. This was done, and as ordered by that body, were published and sold by the Book Concern at Pittsburgh.

The Minutes have been duly recorded in the manuscript Journal, as required by this body, and are here for your inspection. This involved an expense of \$20.00, which has been paid by the Treasurer, on warrant signed by the President. For information, I might add that this has been custom, and is not an innovation, and the amount charged does not pay for the time of the stenographer employed in doing the work. To your Secretary this seems to be a useless expenditure of time and labor, and I recommend that the new Secretary be instructed to have the printed Journal well bound, and that the printed Journal constitute the Official Record of this General Conference.

The attention of the several Conference Secretaries have been called to the requirement of the General Conference that copies of the Annual Conference Journals for the quadrennium shall be presented bound to the General Conference. The large majority of them requested your Secretary to have the work done, and send them bill for the work. A cheap binding was selected, as being all that was necessary, and the Journals are nearly all here ready for your Committee.

I have here a number of very important communications from the General Secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and suggest the appointment of a special committee to receive them, and recommend proper action by this body. Among the duties of this committee would be the nomination of eight delegates and eight alternates to the quadrennial session of the Council, to be held in St. Louis, Wednesday, December 6, 1916: The nomination of a Committee to represent this General Conference in an advisory way in consultation with the Executive Committee of the General Council. This might be the General Conference Executive Committee, or a special committee elected for that purpose; to name the members of the several Commissions of the Council, to which the Methodist Protestant Church is entitled. These men

should be well chosen, as this is an important work, and the real effectiveness of the Council depends in a very large degree upon the men who compose these Commissions; to consider our relation to this National Body; to decide to our continuance as an integral part of the Council; and to consider any other matters which may properly come before such a committee.

In this connection, I wish to note an item which might properly be made as a part of the Treasurer's Report, but which concerns our relation to this body. The Assessments made by the Council for its expenses have been paid as per the order of the General Conference of 1912.

The assessment of \$175 for the Ecumenical Methodist Commission has been paid as per the order of the last General Conference. In addition to this payment there have been assessments for 1913, '14 and '15 amounting to \$48.60, which were also paid.

You will please note that certain forms prepared by Rev. J. McD. Radford, D. D., for the use of the Committee on Statistics, are here. Dr. Radford is not a member of this body. He presents the forms with his compliments. This conference should select his successor as Statistical Secretary.

Our apportionment for the expenses of the Federal Council for 1916 is \$202.00. This should be referred either to your Committee on Finance, or to the Special Committee recommended, if such a committee is created.

We have here also a request from the American Branch of the World Alliance of the Churches for the Promotion of Internal Friendship, requesting the appointment of a Peace Makers Commission. This matter might be referred to the special committee suggested.

Efforts have been made to secure concessions from the Railways controlling the transportation facilities leading to this city. The Baltimore & Ohio were courteous in extending the Clerical Fare permit over its lines East of the Ohio River, so as to allow those who enjoyed that privilege to purchase their tickets at the half fare rate, both coming and returning. No concessions could be secured for the laymen. The Pennsylvania Company sent a special agent to see me concerning the matter, and I gave him all information at my hands, including a list of the names of those expected, as far as they had been reported to me at that time. He said the matter would be taken up with the individuals who were making the trip, and he would report to me later as to the concessions made. Since that time, nothing has been received. Communications were addressed to the Central, Southeastern, and Southwestern Passenger Associations, but no concessions could be secured beyond those in regular service. The Norfolk & Western Railway proffered courtesies as to accommodations, and those using their lines from Lynchburg, Va., who held Clerical courtesies were permitted to purchase their tickets at the regular clerical rate to Circleville, Ohio. I regret that we did not have greater success in the effort to serve you in this capacity. But all was done that was possible to do.

#### REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Now as to the financial part of the work. Your Treasurer was greatly embarrassed by the accumulation of bills presented at the close of the last Quadrennial session, with very little money in the treasury to pay with. However, the plans put into operation in 1912 have worked a change in that situation. The report submitted will show a neat sum in the treasury to assist in meeting the expenses of this session.

The assessment ordered has not been paid as well as it should have been. Several of the conferences do not have a credit for this purpose. But others have done well, and really deserve special mention.

The Baltimore Book Directory has turned over an increasing sum each year as per direction of the General Conference in 1912, from the profits of its business. The percentage had been exceeded by Mr. Pierpont in the bills which he had paid direct. It is the thought of your Treasurer, that it would systematize his business if the percentage could be paid into his hands, and all bills paid by that officer. As it is, my report will be fragmentary, showing receipts from Baltimore, and nothing from Pittsburgh after we adjusted matters nearly four years ago. On the other hand Mr. Pierpont has paid bills for the General Conference without the direction of the Treasurer of this body.

I shall not analyze the report further. My books, and vouchers are here subject to the inspection of your Auditors. A small bill for supplies and shipping charges is attached hereto. Kindly authorize the payment of this bill.

GENERAL CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

May 13, 1912 to June 1, 1913.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand .....		\$400.34
F. W. Pierpont, Pittsburgh, Pa. ....	\$206.71	
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Total Receipts .....		\$954.85

DISBURSEMENTS.

T. H. Lewis, Westminster, Md. ....	\$231.10
C. E. Wilbur, Pittsburgh, Pa. ....	17.75
A. M. Lyons, Stubenville, O. ....	44.00
W. N. Swift, Adrian, Mich. ....	70.90
J. J. Barge, Atlanta, Ga. ....	52.35
Geo. Shaffer, Pittsburgh, Pa. ....	14.30
M. L. Jennings, Pittsburgh, Pa. ....	60.72
S. R. Harris, Henderson, N. C. ....	70.00
J. E. Peterson, New London, Ia. ....	95.00
C. D. Sinkinson, Atlantic City, N. J. ....	55.50
C. D. Sinkinson, Atlantic City, N. J. ....	5.00
A. L. Reynolds, Lewistown, O. ....	70.00
W. E. Sankey, Pittsburgh, Pa. ....	14.00
J. J. Barge, Atlanta, Ga. ....	49.50
J. McD. Radford, Monroe, Ga. ....	25.00
T. R. Woodford, Baltimore, Md. ....	40.65
Remington Typewriter Co. ....	3.15
C. H. Beck, Sec. Expense .....	35.93
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Total Disbursements .....	\$954.85

June 1, 1913 to May 31, 1914.

RECEIPTS.

From Conferences:

Onondaga .....	\$ 2.91
Muskingum .....	70.56
Ohio .....	47.00

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METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.

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C. H. Beck, Cash advanced .....	10.23	
Broome & Herbig Co. ....	4.00	
A. R. Kimball, Federal Council of Churches.....	181.00	
C. D. Sinkinson .....	36.25	
H. L. Elderdice .....	33.00	
D. S. Stephens .....	25.00	
F. T. Little .....	10.00	
D. S. Stephens .....	31.06	
C. D. Sinkinson .....	48.25	
U. W. Morrison .....	26.00	
E. D. Miller .....	16.32	\$520.81
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Balance .....		\$306.46

June 1, 1915 to May 18, 1916.

RECEIPTS.

From Conferences:

North Carolina .....	\$ 1.00	
Muskingum .....	77.71	
Kansas .....	6.98	
Ohio .....	51.21	
Iowa .....	20.35	
West Virginia .....	52.01	
Onondaga .....	19.26	
Pittsburgh .....	59.95	
Colorado-Texas .....	.25	
Georgia .....	19.29	
Eastern .....	12.18	
Kentucky .....	1.00	
Indiana .....	1.00	
South Illinois .....	5.00	
Arkansas .....	1.25	\$328.44

From Other Sources:

Cash on hand .....	\$306.46	
C. H. Beck, Cash returned .....	50.00	
Chas. Reiner, Jr., Balt. Book Con. Div....	481.67	\$838.13
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Total Receipts .....		\$1166.57

DISBURSEMENTS.

C. H. Beck .....	\$ 50.00	
L. E. Davis .....	21.50	
C. H. Beck .....	17.23	
R. T. Pickens .....	44.50	
W. O. Fries .....	2.00	
L. E. Davis .....	30.00	
A. R. Kimball, Fed. Council of Churches	181.00	
H. K. Carroll, As. Ecumenical Conf. ...	48.60	
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Total Disbursements .....		\$394.83
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Balance on hand May 19, 1916 .....		\$771.44

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. BECK, Treasurer.

### THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

#### Historical Note.

The whole missionary work of the church was conducted by one Board for a number of years. At the General Conference of 1888 it was deemed wise to create a new Board to have charge of the work in the United States, and the Board of Home Missions was elected. This Board was formally organized at Grafton, W. Va., July 24, 1888, and is just completing twenty-eight years of history.

Governor Pierpont, of West Virginia, was the first President of the Board, and Rev. Benjamin Stout, D. D., of the West Virginia Conference, was the first Corresponding Secretary. On May 20, 1897, Dr. Stout resigned, and was succeeded by Hon. F. C. Chambers, a layman of the Steubenville, Ohio, church, in the Muskingum Conference. The General Conference elected Rev. G. E. McManiman, D. D. of the Muskingum Conference, to succeed Mr. Chambers, in 1900. Dr. McManiman resigned June 1, 1905, and was succeeded by Rev. J. H. Lucas, D. D. of the Pittsburgh Conference. Dr. Lucas resigned Sept. 1, 1908, and was succeeded by Rev. C. L. Queen, D. D. of the West Virginia Conference. Dr. Queen resigned Dec. 1, 1910, and the Board elected Rev. Charles H. Beck, D. D. of the Muskingum Conference, to fill the vacancy. Dr. Beck was re-elected by the General Conference of 1912, and has served the full term, making five and one-half years of service.

The Board of Home Missions has consisted of the following persons, during the last quadrennium:

Hon. F. C. Chambers, Steubenville, Ohio, President.  
 Mr. Harry W. Reeves, Beaver Falls, Pa.  
 Mr. T. A. Hunter, Greensboro, N. C.  
 Rev. J. M. Sheridan, D. D., Baltimore, Md.  
 Rev. A. O. Horney, Deer Park, Ohio.  
 Rev. T. L. Garrison, D. D., Paris, Texas. (Resigned Nov. 1, 1914, pastor mission church.)  
 Rev. U. W. Morrison, D. D., Clarksburg, W. Va.  
 Rev. Lyman E. Davis, D. D., Pittsburgh, Pa., President General Conference.  
 Mrs. A. G. Dixon, High Point, N. C., President Woman's Board of Home Missions.  
 Rev. Charles H. Beck, D. D., West Lafayette, Ohio, Corresponding Secretary.

The brief recital of our work which follows should be an inspiration to the Methodist Protestant Church, and should move her people to contribute more largely for the extension of the Church and the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, in America.

It has been the policy of the Board to organize churches in the frontier sections of the United States, and in towns and cities contiguous to our organized work. The General Conference outlines the program, and the details are worked out by the Board. New plans may be made by this General Conference for the direction of the Board in its work for the next Quadrennium.

Following out this general plan, churches have been organized, or assisted to come to self-support in Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Columbus, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Frankfort, Chicago, Keokuk, Kansas City, and Seattle; at White Plains, New York; North Tarrytown, New York; Stamford, Connecticut; Newark, Kearney, Moorestown, Millville, New Jersey; Federalsburg, and Snow Hill, Maryland; Buckhannon, Morgantown, Parkersburg, Grafton, and Clarksburg, W. Va.; Zanesville, and Mt. Vernon, Ohio; Adrian, Lansing, Flint, and Hancock, Mich.; Canton, Ill.; Kahoka,

Mo.; Greensboro, and Asheville, North Carolina; Wingate, Miss.; Winnfield, Louisiana; Birmingham, Ala.; Magnolia, Ark.; Corsicana, Coolidge, Roxton, Paris, Stephenville, Carbon, Buffalo Gap, San Angelo, Mansfield, and Clebourne, Texas; Hugo, Comanche, and Idabel, Oklahoma; and many other places not noted in this list.

There has never been a time when the Board of Home Missions could do more for the Methodist Protestant Church than it can do in the next quadrennium, if wise plans are made and adequate support is given by the whole church. This support will require more of the missionary spirit both on the part of the ministers and members of the church. The Board must have the men it needs to carry on its work, and it must find them where they are. The men who are of no value in their own conferences are not the men that the Board of Home Missions needs for the development of the new work of the church. It takes the men to make the money effective. And when earnest men consecrate themselves to the Home Mission work of the church, they must have a support, so that they shall not be embarrassed in their own financial affairs, and they must have money to assist in securing suitable property for the development of the work of the church in the new field. Some of our best men are being handicapped just now because they do not have an adequate equipment, and we cannot secure it for them with the funds which the church has been willing to contribute for this part of the work of the denomination. Very often the success of the entire enterprise depends upon our securing the right man for the field, and providing him with an equipment which will commend itself to the people. More men, more money, and more prayers for the success of our Home Missionary work, are the great crying needs of your Board of Home Missions.

So long as more than 60 per cent. of the entire population of these United States have no affiliation with any branch of the Christian Church, and so long as more than 75 per cent. have not even a nominal connection with any Protestant Church, just so long the Boards of Home Missions of the various denominations will have only begun their work.

Our slogan should continue to be "America for Christ," but we should also remember to add to it, "Not America for America's Sake, but America for the World's Sake." The issues of the world in this generation are with America.

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.**

Zanesville, Ohio, May 19th, 1916.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

I take pleasure in submitting this, the seventh quadrennial report of the Board of Home Missions, covering the period from May 1, 1912, to April 30, 1916.

**The Work.**

Has been of an intensive rather than of an extensive character, as suggested by the General Conference of 1912. The Board has been carrying more work than the contributions from the church would support, and we have been compelled to reduce the work to an income basis, since we were unable to inspire the church to support the work as already planned. In the report for 1915, we were able to show a credit balance, the first time that such a report had been possible for a number of years. We refer you to the financial part of this report for the figures for 1916.

### **New Missions.**

Only one new mission has been established during the closing quadrennium, Idabel, Oklahoma. Idabel is the county-seat of McCurtain County, Oklahoma, and now has a population of 2500 people, with promise of growth. Our church is well located in the newer part of the town, and in what promises to be the best part of the town in the coming years. The best work we have in the state of Oklahoma is in this section of the state, and the nucleus of our church is composed of the people who have moved in from the rural districts. We think it a wise plan to develop our work in the towns contiguous to our organized rural work.

### **New Churches.**

A new church was built by the Taylor Memorial congregation during the quadrennium with parsonage, the whole property being worth \$35,000; the Squirrel Hill Pittsburgh church, has been completed, with parsonage, and is worth \$35,000; the church at Frankfort, Indiana, has been completed at a cost of \$22,000, and a parsonage property worth \$3,000 has been secured; at Asheville, North Carolina, a new church has been built, worth \$12,500; at Birmingham, Alabama, a church has been built worth \$12,500, and a parsonage property secured which is worth \$3,000; at Avalon Park, Chicago, a new \$10,000 church has been built; and at Wakeford, Chicago, a chapel worth \$5,000, has been erected; the new church at Idabel, Oklahoma, is a very neat frame chapel, costing \$1,200. None of these churches could have been built without the assistance of the Board of Home Missions. Through this agency property has been secured to the denomination worth \$139,200. We doubt if any other agency of the church can show a greater accomplishment.

### **New Loans.**

This Board has made but one new loan during the quadrennium, though there were a number of applications which in our judgment should have been granted. We were pledged to the Asheville building proposition, and we loaned them \$2,000 on the usual ten payment plan, for building purposes.

### **Old Loans Outstanding.**

The loans outstanding at the time of the last Quadrennial Report were \$30,377.34. This amount has been reduced to the amount shown by the report of the Auditor. That report will also show a list of Notes and Mortgages Receivable, hence they will not be included here.

### **Donations.**

Donations have been made to Clarksburg, W. Va.; Millville, N. J.; Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Ravenna, Seattle, Washington; Lawton, Oklahoma; Winnfield, La.; Calvary Church, Baltimore, Maryland; Friendly Hill, Georgia, (colored); Moorestown, New Jersey; and Flint, Michigan. The amounts of these donations will appear in the financial statement, and need not be repeated here.

### **Church Property Secured.**

We were compelled to take over the church property in Lawton, Oklahoma, or allow it to be sold by its creditors; the church at Berwick, Pa., and the parsonage at People's Church, Kansas City, were also under mortgage, and your Board found it necessary to purchase the mortgages and take title to the properties. It has been the purpose of your Board to sell these properties, but the



real estate market has not been good, and sales have not been forced. We expect to be able to reimburse ourselves for the money invested in the churches, and the Kansas City parsonage will be an additional investment, if it is decided to re-locate in that city. Of course we cannot expect to re-imburse ourselves for the missionary work done.

**Church Property Sold.**

The property at Elkins, W. Va., which was owned by this Board, was sold Dec. 1, 1912 for \$4,000, and half the proceeds of the sale were paid to the Board of Church Extension of the West Virginia Conference. That Board had been co-operating with the Board of Home Missions in the effort to establish our work in Elkins, and had invested about as much money as we had done, hence we felt that justice required that we share with them in the proceeds of the sale of that property.

**Churches Assisted in the Payment of Salaries.**

Assistance has been given at the following places in payment of salaries: White Plains, New York, Eastern Conference; Taylor Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa., Maryland Conference; Keokuk, Iowa Conference; Frankfort, Indiana Conference; Hugo, Idabel, Comanche, and Lawton, Oklahoma Conference; Berwick, Pa., Eastern Conference; First Church, Grace Church, and West Lane Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, Muskingum Conference; Ravenna Church, Seattle, Washington; Paris, Texas Conference; San Angelo Buffalo Gap, and Carbon, Colorado-Texas Conference; People's Church, and London Heights, Kansas City, Kansas Conference; Birmingham, Alabama Conference; Hyde Park, Cincinnati, Ohio Conference; Avalon Park, and Wakeford, Chicago, North Illinois Conference; Kahoka, North Missouri Conference and Asheville, North Carolina Conference.

**Overdue Loans.**

The following loans are overdue as indicated:

Hoyt Avenue, Indianapolis, due Sept. 15, 1909 .....	\$ 500.00
Board of Church Extension, Kentucky Conference, due Sept. 13, 1906 .....	75.00
Buckhannon, W. Va., (being paid \$100 per year) due since March 31, 1912 .....	100.00
London Heights, Kansas City, Kansas, due June 1, 1913..	500.00
Comanche, Oklahoma, series beginning Dec. 27, 1908, \$50 each, cr. 1st note \$16 .....	384.00
Stamford, Conn., due March 2, 1912 .....	475.00
Wingate, Miss., due August 11, 1914 .....	500.00
Taylor Memorial, Philadelphia (becomes donation when deed delivered) .....	1,000.00
Kearney, N. J., due April 28, 1912 .....	400.00
Cumberland, Maryland, due October 11, 1912 .....	250.00
Federalburg, Maryland, due Jan. 25, 1914 .....	100.00
Berwick, Pa., due Sept. 15, 1914, about .....	1,400.00
West Lane Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, due \$100, Nov. 1, 1914, \$100, Nov. 1, 1915 .....	200.00
First Church, Columbus, Ohio, a series, due Dec. 1, 1913-14-15 .....	1,859.07
Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh, Pa., a series, due April 15, 1915-16 .....	700.00
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real estate market has not been good, and sales have not been forced. We expect to be able to reimburse ourselves for the money invested in the churches, and the Kansas City parsonage will be an additional investment, if it is decided to re-locate in that city. Of course we cannot expect to re-imburse ourselves for the missionary work done.

**Church Property Sold.**

The property at Elkins, W. Va., which was owned by this Board, was sold Dec. 1, 1912 for \$4,000, and half the proceeds of the sale were paid to the Board of Church Extension of the West Virginia Conference. That Board had been co-operating with the Board of Home Missions in the effort to establish our work in Elkins, and had invested about as much money as we had done, hence we felt that justice required that we share with them in the proceeds of the sale of that property.

**Churches Assisted in the Payment of Salaries.**

Assistance has been given at the following places in payment of salaries: White Plains, New York, Eastern Conference; Taylor Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa., Maryland Conference; Keokuk, Iowa Conference; Frankfort, Indiana Conference; Hugo, Idabel, Comanche, and Lawton, Oklahoma Conference; Berwick, Pa., Eastern Conference; First Church, Grace Church, and West Lane Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, Muskingum Conference; Ravenna Church, Seattle, Washington; Paris, Texas Conference; San Angelo Buffalo Gap, and Carbon, Colorado-Texas Conference; People's Church, and London Heights, Kansas City, Kansas Conference; Birmingham, Alabama Conference; Hyde Park, Cincinnati, Ohio Conference; Avalon Park, and Wakeford, Chicago, North Illinois Conference; Kahoka, North Missouri Conference and Asheville, North Carolina Conference.

**Overdue Loans.**

The following loans are overdue as indicated:

Hoyt Avenue, Indianapolis, due Sept. 15, 1909 .....	\$ 500.00
Board of Church Extension, Kentucky Conference, due Sept. 13, 1906 .....	75.00
Buckhannon, W. Va., (being paid \$100 per year) due since March 31, 1912 .....	100.00
London Heights, Kansas City, Kansas, due June 1, 1913..	500.00
Comanche, Oklahoma, series beginning Dec. 27, 1908, \$50 each, cr. 1st note \$16 .....	384.00
Stamford, Conn., due March 2, 1912 .....	475.00
Wingate, Miss., due August 11, 1914 .....	500.00
Taylor Memorial, Philadelphia (becomes donation when deed delivered) .....	1,000.00
Kearney, N. J., due April 28, 1912 .....	400.00
Cumberland, Maryland, due October 11, 1912 .....	250.00
Federalsburg, Maryland, due Jan. 25, 1914 .....	100.00
Berwick, Pa., due Sept. 15, 1914, about .....	1,400.00
West Lane Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, due \$100, Nov. 1, 1914, \$100, Nov. 1, 1915 .....	200.00
First Church, Columbus, Ohio, a series, due Dec. 1, 1913-14-15 .....	1,859.07
Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh, Pa., a series, due April 15, 1915-16 .....	700.00
Asheville, North Carolina, a series, due Sept. 30, 1915....	200.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$8,643.07</b>

This is the list as it appears April 27, 1916. It may be changed by payments at any time.

#### **The Easter Service.**

This service continues to supply a very important part of the income of the Board. In 1915 we exceeded all previous records both in the number of schools reached, and the total offering secured. In 1916 Easter came so late that many schools did not order, more than 125 fewer orders being received than in 1916, and we have had only the receipts of one week after Easter to report. We have spared no effort in our endeavor to make this program superior to anything else of its grade on the market, and we have been very highly complimented upon the results of our efforts. We regret however that we must again call your attention to the fact that many schools, or pastors, insist upon crediting the offering on the assessment. If this should be done everywhere, the Board would be compelled to discontinue the publication of the service.

#### **Records.**

We have here a bound volume, typewritten, which contains the full proceedings of the Board of Home Missions for the last quadrennium. The books containing current accounts have been audited at annual intervals, as required by the conditions of the bond of the Secretary-Treasurer, and the certificates of the Public Accountant are also included in this bound volume.

### **A DESCRIPTIVE REPORT OF THE MISSION FIELDS.**

#### **Seattle, Washington, First Church.**

This church has not received an appropriation for the support of the pastor during the last quadrennium, and has met all of its local expenses. But since we do not have a conference in that section to afford it the association which our other churches have, the Board of Home Missions continues its oversight of the work. This is one of the best properties in the denomination, and was made possible by a fortunate sale of the old down town property. It is large, and well adapted to all lines of church work. The walls are of blue sand stone, and the architectural design is magnificent and well proportioned. There are not more than five or six more beautiful churches in Seattle, and its pastor and congregation are making themselves felt in the Capitol Hill district, one of the most aristocratic sections of the city. We have about 260 members on the roll; 437 in Sunday-school; a prayer meeting running from 50 to 90 in attendance; a live Christian Endeavor, and Junior Society; a special class in Bible Study; and all of the auxiliaries of a well organized church. The missionary contributions last year to the Home and Foreign Boards was about \$900; and the salary of \$2,000 and furnished parsonage was paid in full by the church. We are proud of the work of the Board in connection with our First Church, Seattle. The property is worth \$100,000.

#### **Ravenna Church.**

This is the outlying mission church. It now has about 100 members; a Sunday-school of 180; a Christian Endeavor Society of 29; with an average attendance of 33; a splendid men's Bible Class; and all the other societies that the church and neighborhood seem to demand. This church is in a new community, and has been set apart to the Methodist Protestant Church by the Federation of Churches of Seattle. A better opportunity for community church

work is seldom found than this field presents. The church pays \$600 to the support of the pastor, and will probably increase the amount for the next year. The property is worth \$5,000.

#### White Plains, New York.

This growing mission has been supporting its own pastor for the last two years. The Board has made a proposition to assist in the reduction of the indebtedness, but the proposition has not yet been accepted, nor the donation claimed. This church now has a membership of 114; 121 members in Sunday-school; 40 active members in the Christian Endeavor Society; 15 in the Junior Endeavor; and raised for all purposes last year, \$1771.48. The church is worth \$20,000, and the parsonage \$6,000. The only problem here now is the debt, and we expect to see that reduced in the near future.

#### Columbus, Ohio, First Church.

This church now reports 183 members; 273 enrolled in Sunday-school; 67 in the Christian Endeavor Society; and raised \$2,177.46 for all purposes last year. This church is in a very fine district just east of the Ohio State University, and we believe in the years to come, if proper methods of administration are pursued, we shall have a fine congregation, and be able to do a good work for Christ and the church.

#### Grace Church.

This church now reports 421 members; 550 enrolled in Sunday-school; 64 in the Christian Endeavor Society; 55 in the Junior and money raised for all purposes during the last Conference year was \$3,340.22. This church would be in the self-supporting class if it were not for the heavy building debt. However they are increasing the amount paid to the pastor each year, and will soon come to self-support. The property here is worth \$20,000.

#### West Lane Avenue.

This church is suburban, and will not grow rapidly until the transportation facilities are better, but we expect it to become a good church. It now reports 86 members; a Sunday-school enrollment of 103; and has 30 in the Christian Endeavor Society. This church raised for all purposes last Conference year \$883.82. The property is worth \$8,000, and the debts will soon all be paid.

#### Zanesville, Ohio.

The Board of Home Missions gave substantial encouragement to this work when it was in its infancy, and is very glad to have had something to do with so successful an enterprise. The present membership of the church is considerably over 700; the Sabbath school has an enrollment of 1100; the Christian Endeavor Society numbers about 100; and the church raised for all purposes during the last Conference year \$6,443.45.

#### Frankfort, Indiana.

This splendid church was under construction when we met in Baltimore four years ago. It has been completed at a cost of \$22,000 and a good parsonage property, worth \$3,000 has been secured. While there is some debt, we think the church will be able to carry it without its becoming too heavy a burden, and that it will soon be able to pay it in full. We have a membership of 153, 300 enrolled in Sunday-school; 60 in the Christian Endeavor Society; and the church raised for all purposes last year, \$2,316.36.

**Asheville, North Carolina.**

This beautiful church was built within the last quadrennium. The membership is growing slowly, and the prospects for success are good. We are well located in the city, and have an aggressive membership of 129; a Sunday-school of 105; a Christian Endeavor Society of 20; a Junior of 22; and raised for all purposes last year \$1900. A prominent official of another denomination said to your Secretary that in his judgment we had the best location in Asheville. We shall expect great things from Asheville in the years to come. The property is worth \$12,500.

**Cincinnati, Ohio, Hyde Park.**

This church is making steady progress. The membership is not increasing rapidly, but is composed of a fine class of people. Our location is strategic, and the community is now building quite rapidly. We expect to increase the membership from the new people of the community. The church has not received support from the Board for two years, and is rapidly assuming the stride of a well established church. We have a membership of 203; a Sunday-school enrollment of 250; a Christian Endeavor Society of 29; a splendid men's Brotherhood, and other organizations of a successful church. The property is worth \$20,000. The church raised last year \$2063.93.

**Chicago, Illinois, Avalon Park.**

About three years ago, we saw that a building development was almost due in a community several squares away from the location of our church on Chauncey Ave., and after consultation with local people advised the purchase of lots in a new location. The wisdom of our action has been justified in the results achieved. This beautiful new church worth \$10,000 has been completed within the past year, and all the indications point to the development of a successful church. We now have 85 members; a Sunday-school of 140; and 16 in the Christian Endeavor Society. We shall look for fine reports from this work in the near future. The city of Chicago is building a school house nearby at a cost of \$150,000. This will suggest to you the wisdom of our location.

**Wakeford.**

This is a new mission and is full of promise. The North Illinois Conference has undertaken the development of this work alone, but until this year it has had the services of the pastor of the Avalon Park Church. It is located a little more than a mile from that church, but the communities are entirely separate, and will not be in competition with each other. We now have a membership of 33; a Sabbath-school membership of 165; and a property worth \$5,000.

**Kansas City, Kansas, People's Church.**

This church has had its own struggles. A mistake was made in the location, which will probably never be overcome until the church is re-located. It is now one of the down town churches, and lacks the equipment necessary to compete with large, strong, and well organized churches nearby. We have here some of as loyal people as the denomination affords, but there are not enough of them to make the church succeed in its present location. We have deferred action in this case until the question of union with the Church of the United Brethren in Christ had been decided. Since that seems to be delayed, it may be wise to wait no longer, but begin to plan for a change at an early date. We will await your suggestion in this connection.

**London Heights.**

This church seems to have taken on new life under the pastorate of Rev. Eugenie St. John. Your present Secretary has insisted that this church had a field, and under proper leadership should succeed. But we need better equipment, and a minister who can compare favorably with those with whom he must come in contact in his work. We believe that some money could be invested here with profit to the church and community.

**Keokuk, Iowa.**

Some reference has already been made to this church in our report. This is a beautiful church property strategically located, and should develop into one of the strongest organizations that we have west of the Mississippi River. We now number 232 members; a Sunday-school membership of 191; 44 in the Christian Endeavor Society; and the church raised last year \$1777.00. The property is worth \$25,000.

**Hugo, Oklahoma.**

This church has not developed rapidly, but is making some growth. In speaking of and thinking about the work in this part of the southwest, we must remember that this is real missionary work on the Frontier, and we cannot measure success by the same standards applied in the old well established communities. This new country is filled up with people who are of a roving, adventurous disposition. Many of them will remain here permanently, but many others are constantly moving. You may win them to the church and think you have secured valuable additions, and just about the time they are really worth something to you they decide to go west. And it is folly to complain. It is in the air, and the pastor or missionary is not to blame, and cannot be held responsible. It is much easier to make a record in the development of a church in one of the older cities of the east, than it is in this new country. But the church must hold this territory for Christ, and if one set of members moves away another set must be secured from those who come after them. Business conditions have been very bad in southeastern Oklahoma for the past two years, and this has had its effect upon the work of the church. But we have a good location in the southwest part of the city, there is a large population of unchurched people all around us, and we must minister to them. We now have 60 members enrolled; 110 in Sunday-school; and 28 in the Christian Endeavor Society. The property is worth about \$2,000, and is owned by the Board.

**Comanche.**

This is a good town in southwestern Oklahoma, and it seems as if our church should succeed, but it has had a very slow growth. This also is real mission work, and the conditions under which ministers must labor cannot be described so as to make them understood. They must be seen and felt to be known. We have the best church house in the town, and with proper administration, the church should grow and become strong. We have 36 members in the church in Comanche and 26 at Madden Grove, a country appointment supplied from Comanche.

**Idabel, Oklahoma.**

Idabel is the county seat of McCurtain County, in southeastern Oklahoma, and this is a new church. The present membership is 60; a Sunday school membership of 96; and 25 in the Christian Endeavor Society. This neat chapel has been built recently, and is worth \$1,200. We have a fine opportunity in Idabel.

**Paris, Texas.**

The church and parsonage at Paris were both destroyed by fire in the great conflagration which recently swept over that city. We must rebuild in Paris. We cannot afford to lose our hold in that city. But the congregation cannot build without help. Your Board of Home Missions is anxious to rise to the emergency here, but the funds in hand are so small that it will be impossible to appropriate as much as the situation demands. Unless we build according to the need in this city we shall spoil a good opportunity for serving the denomination, and extending the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. We have 82 members enrolled in Paris, 136 enrolled in Sunday-school, and all the other organization which the conditions demand. This is the best town in Texas where the Methodist Protestant Church is organized, and we must succeed.

**Coolidge.**

Our Board of Home Missions made a loan to help build this church, and it would be a good investment to assist them to sustain a resident minister, with services every Sabbath. This field needs more thorough cultivation.

**San Angelo.**

San Angelo is becoming a better church every year. There has not been a phenomenal growth at any time, but the church is steadily becoming stronger in membership, in prestige, and in real stability. We now have 131 members on roll, 70 in the Sabbath school; 27 in the Christian Endeavor Society; and 12 in the Junior. The Board reduced its appropriation \$100 here at the beginning of the Conference year, and they have been improving the property largely and the pastor reports "We pay as we go."

**Clarksburg, West Virginia.**

The congregation has outgrown the chapel, and a new building seems to be imperative. The only question about building here is one of finance, and that problem must be solved. Your Board of Home Missions made a donation of \$2,000 in the beginning of this work and is greatly interested in its ultimate success. This Board is not making appropriations here at the present time, the salary of the pastor being supplemented by the Board of Church Extension of the West Virginia Conference. This church now has 134 members; 191 in the Sunday-school; and 28 active members in the Christian Endeavor Society.

**Taylor Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.**

This congregation had just decided to move to a new location when the last quadrennial report was made to the General Confer-



ence. This was a small band of heroic people who had rallied around a city mission, and had decided to become a church. The old mission location was unfavorable to the development of a church because of the crowding in of the Roman and Greek Catholics, and lower class Jews. The old property at Germantown Avenue and Sixth street was sold, and the debts paid, leaving the congregation about \$1,000 to begin work in the new location. This splendid church and parsonage property is worth \$35,000, and has an indebtedness of about \$9,000. We now have 250 members on roll; 690 in Sabbath school membership; 60 in the Christian Endeavor Society; and 60 in the Junior. The Taylor Memorial Church goes into the self-supporting class this year. This good work can be repeated in Philadelphia.

#### **Birmingham, Alabama.**

This church is the youngest church in the Alabama Conference, but in many respects it is the best. It was organized a little more than five years ago, but it has had a steady development, and will soon go into the self-supporting class. It now numbers 225 members; has a Sunday-school of 190; and a Christian Endeavor Society of 32 members. The church and parsonage properties are worth \$15,500. There are other opportunities in Birmingham that should be embraced by the Methodist Protestant Church.

#### **Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.**

This church was in process of erection when the General Conference met four years ago. It is now one of the most promising of all of our Pittsburgh churches. The property represents an investment of \$35,000. The Board made a loan to assist in the purchase of the lots and a donation to the building fund. The salary of the pastor is being paid in full by the congregation. We now have 386 members, a net gain of 108 in eighteen months; and a Sunday-school of 300. This can be repeated in Pittsburgh. The opportunity is there and only needs men of vision and courage, and money, to secure further results for the denomination, and the Kingdom.

#### **Flint, Michigan.**

The Board of Home Missions made a donation of \$500 to assist in building this church. The congregation is not large, but is very aggressive, and is taking a large place among the religious forces of the city. There are other opportunities of organizing and building churches in Flint.

#### **New Work.**

The Board of Home Missions has scores of places in mind where just as good work can be done, as is reported here, but it must allow them to be unimproved or pass into the hands of other denominations, unless the church shall make larger contributions to this work. It is our hope and desire that the new Board shall have sufficient support to enable it to enter many of these needy and waiting fields of opportunity and service.

#### **Westminster College, Tehuacana, Texas.**

This College has two dormitory buildings, both of which are well adapted to the purpose for which they have been erected. The dormitory for men is new, having been built within the last quad-

rennium. A denomination that would grow must establish itself in the newer sections of the country. No agency is of more importance in the general work of extending the church into new places, than the denominational college. An educational institution becomes a center from which radiates influences that are essential to building up a church in a new country. Such an institution is of especial value to a non-Episcopal church. It serves in a very great degree as a connecting link between the churches.

It is this fact which should make the whole denomination vitally interested in the success of the college at Tehuacana. Its success means the success of the whole church, in Texas. Its failure would mean a great disappointment and loss to the whole denomination in that section. It is essentially a church extension enterprise. It appeals to the aggressive and patriotic spirit of the church. It is the most potent agency by which to establish ourselves in a part of the country where we have not yet secured a strong foothold.

Only those in close touch with the work of the Board of Home Missions know how much money is needed for the proper development of our work in the southwest. But more even than money, we need men—men who have the traditions of the country in their blood, and who have been trained in Methodist Protestant schools. The college at Tehuacana proposes to do for the denomination what no other institution of the church can do in supplying these men. The success of Westminster College means a greater success for the work of the Board of Home Missions in the Southwest.

#### A Closing Word.

The Board of Home Missions takes pleasure in presenting this report of its work for the last four years. The financial tables which follow will show the receipts of the Board by years and by conferences, as well as all sums received from other sources. The income from the churches will show a handsome increase over anything that has ever been received from that source, but even this splendid increase is so small compared to what the church is well able to give. The Methodist Protestant Church could lay \$500,000 per year on the altars of the Lord for use in her Missionary work if she would do it, and she ought to do this very thing. Two dollars and a half per member, and the sum is secured. We have the money. The Methodist Protestant Church has the money. Oh what it would mean to the Missionary work of the church if we would contribute "as the Lord has prospered" us. Scores of new fields could be opened up, and every department of the work of the church would go forward with a great bound of new life. Missions—the gospel of Jesus Christ for all the world—shame upon us that so many have not heard it.

It is absolutely impossible to meet the demands of the church in her Home Mission work with the contributions at the present standard. Let us take this work upon our hearts, carry it to our secret altars of prayer, and then follow the leadings of the Holy Spirit. We do not complain. We thank you for your co-operation, your confidence, and your support, and we devoutly pray that those who come after us may enjoy the same favor with the church, and be able to do a greater work for the church. Let us not forget that the prosperity of the church is the test of our fidelity as Christians.

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS,

Charles H. Beck, Secretary-Treasurer.

**QUADRENNIAL FINANCIAL SUMMARY.**  
**RECEIPTS FROM THE CONFERENCES**  
**For the Year Ending April 30**

	1913	1914	1915	1916	Total
Alabama	\$ 156.57	\$ 278.98	\$ 197.07	\$ 186.27	\$ 818.89
Arkansas	75.48	76.29	66.17	67.39	285.33
Charleston Mission	26.50	10.00	75	5.75	16.50
Colorado-Texas		57.67	41.62	17.70	143.49
Colorado-Texas, Colored			75	38.63	39.88
Eastern	1282.12	935.54	1217.56	983.78	4419.00
Florida Mission		6.88	4.95	9.15	20.98
Ft. Smith		4.42	4.50	4.22	13.14
Georgia	162.27	188.85	111.38	65.81	528.31
Georgia, Colored	3.65	11.55	3.07	2.60	20.87
Indiana	891.38	1202.81	1399.62	1157.65	4651.46
Iowa	250.64	231.48	452.12	470.16	1404.40
Kansas	241.43	325.98	211.84	278.93	1068.18
Kentucky	1.50	6.03	4.85	9.92	22.30
Louisiana	65.11	85.05	84.10	46.02	280.28
Maryland	3030.14	3011.39	3112.10	2993.09	12146.72
Michigan	513.34	696.19	501.33	991.43	2702.29
Missouri	74.45	63.10	89.14	32.44	259.13
Muskingum	1634.57	2004.01	2186.87	2021.82	7847.27
Mississippi	51.00	43.28	82.15	21.30	147.73
North Carolina	1313.50	1438.22	1299.65	1426.52	5477.89
North Illinois	708.18	799.11	973.58	669.58	3150.45
North Mississippi	109.60				109.60
Northwest Texas	47.65	85.21	59.20	97.90	242.31
Ohio	863.75	42.25	11.40	6.90	108.20
Ontonaga	480.69	1019.33	1392.17	1027.34	4302.59
Oklahoma	49.29	644.40	742.85	685.56	2553.50
Pittsburgh	1297.41	98.75	45.46	31.10	224.60
South Carolina	46.88	1711.11	1950.38	1765.72	6724.62
South Illinois	13.82	9.08	9.59	.68	66.23
Tennessee	39.25	57.92	56.95	43.56	172.25
Texas	265.66	38.70	36.39	32.90	147.24
West Virginia	523.74	239.32	200.23	192.95	898.16
Washington Mission	270.19	1117.83	819.59	762.98	3224.14
Denominational C. E. Union	42.69	336.00	309.79	6.15	922.13
Junior C. E.			33.30	307.37	383.86
Ohio Conf. Y. P. U.	59.00	27.50	23.00	35.00	85.50
		61.00	26.34	57.11	203.45
<b>Total from Churches</b>	<b>\$14591.45</b>	<b>\$16965.13</b>	<b>\$17711.81</b>	<b>\$16553.38</b>	<b>\$65821.87</b>

**RECEIPTS FROM OTHER SOURCES**

Cash on hand May 1	\$ 245.31	\$ 252.89	\$ 378.65	\$ 83.60	\$ 960.45
Muskingum Conf. Ch. Ex. Bd.	800.00	1100.00	1400.00	1250.00	4550.00
Clerical	20.00			5.00	25.00
Cincinnati Building	37.50			15.00	52.50
Traveling Expense	39.63	26.60		15.50	81.73
Accounts Receivable	12.00				12.00
Bills Payable	8150.00	6800.00	6700.00	5600.00	27250.00
Bonds sold	13880.23				13880.23
Interest on Bonds	52.50				52.50
Board Expense Refund	35.00				35.00
Bequest (Lewis)	215.00				215.00
Mortgages Receivable	581.00	1315.00	365.00	2639.35	4900.35
Notes Receivable			400.00	100.00	500.00
General Expense	4.25			2.50	6.75
Lawton Church	46.50	24.45	40.00		110.95
Birmingham, Alabama	5.00				5.00
Easter Supplies Credit	12.00	24.00			36.00
Elkins, W. Va. Church	500.00				500.00
Supplies, Credit	15.36	51.32		18.44	85.12
Interest		1.45	28.93	22.97	53.35
Taxes Refunded		1.60			1.60
Rebate		5.00			5.00
Real Estate		25.00			25.00
Curry Moving Expense Refund				65.05	65.05
General Conference Error				1.00	1.00
Salary Refund	25.00				25.00
<b>Total from other sources</b>	<b>\$24676.28</b>	<b>\$ 9627.31</b>	<b>\$ 9312.58</b>	<b>\$ 9818.41</b>	<b>\$53434.58</b>
<b>Total Receipts, all sources</b>	<b>\$49267.73</b>	<b>\$26592.44</b>	<b>\$27024.39</b>	<b>\$26371.79</b>	<b>\$119256.45</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS

For the Year Ending April 30

Salaries.	1913	1914	1915	1916	Total
C. H. Beck .....	\$ 1100.00	\$ 1650.00	\$ 1650.00	\$ 1800.00	\$ 6200.00
Keokuk .....	550.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	2350.00
Frankfort .....	400.00	600.00	520.00	440.00	1960.00
Hugo .....	479.75	762.00	725.75	831.95	2799.45
Berwick .....	160.00	.....	.....	.....	160.00
Columbus, Grace Church .....	600.00	720.00	773.33	704.17	2797.50
Columbus, First Church .....	650.00	866.69	800.00	799.97	3116.66
Columbus, West Lane Ave. ....	187.50	500.00	500.00	499.99	1687.49
Comanche, Oklahoma .....	210.00	275.00	500.00	399.99	1384.99
Seattle, Ravenna .....	653.60	900.00	780.00	600.00	2933.60
Paris, Texas .....	266.67	249.99	450.00	600.00	1566.66
London Heights, Kansas City ..	80.00	120.00	40.00	.....	240.00
Peoples Church, Kansas City ..	225.00	300.00	100.00	.....	625.00
Birmingham, Ala. ....	500.00	650.00	275.00	208.32	1633.32
Hyde Park, Cincinnati .....	400.00	300.00	.....	.....	700.00
Chicago, Avalon Park .....	577.57	805.00	700.00	700.00	2782.57
Kahoka .....	133.34	66.68	.....	.....	200.02
Asheville, N. C. ....	308.33	400.00	379.17	399.99	1487.49
White Plains, N. Y. ....	96.00	48.00	.....	.....	144.00
Taylor Memorial, Philadelphia ..	400.00	583.33	391.66	275.00	1649.99
San Angelo, Texas .....	200.00	300.00	300.00	258.33	1058.33
Lawton, Oklahoma .....	600.00	1200.00	500.00	.....	2300.00
Carbon, Texas .....	75.00	40.00	60.00	.....	175.00
Idabel, Okla. ....	.....	.....	175.00	300.00	475.00
<b>Total Salaries .....</b>	<b>\$ 8852.76</b>	<b>\$ 11936.69</b>	<b>\$ 10219.91</b>	<b>\$ 9417.71</b>	<b>\$ 40427.07</b>
<b>Other Purposes.</b>					
Interest .....	\$ 2245.49	\$ 2162.07	\$ 2663.43	\$ 2175.63	\$ 9246.62
Notes Payable .....	21978.69	6656.46	5250.00	8800.00	42685.15
Stationery and supplies .....	435.73	516.46	304.20	283.31	1539.70
Clarksburg, W. Va. Church .....	750.00	.....	.....	.....	750.00
Board Expense .....	304.25	147.13	135.80	.....	587.18
Mortgages Payable .....	1416.40	1886.52	1162.83	1244.19	5739.94
Stenographic Expense .....	135.40	144.00	362.75	396.05	1038.20
General Expense .....	166.79	104.96	99.60	420.64	791.99
First Church, Seattle, Expense ..	44.50	.....	.....	.....	44.50
Birmingham, Alabama .....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	5.00
Zanesville Church .....	84.00	72.00	60.00	48.00	264.00
Lawton, Okla. Church .....	120.44	264.35	80.00	83.20	847.99
Squirrel Hill Ch., Pittsburgh ..	300.00	300.00	300.00	150.00	1050.00
Peoples Church, Kansas City .....	.....	26.25	.....	.....	26.25
Refunded .....	.....	6.40	.....	.....	6.40
Moving Expense .....	212.50	.....	.....	200.00	412.40
Ravenna Church Expense .....	128.76	40.00	50.00	.....	218.76
Millville, N. J. Church .....	165.00	500.00	.....	.....	665.00
Assessment Refund .....	75.00	.....	.....	.....	75.00
Easter Service Expense .....	673.47	573.45	948.02	915.51	3110.45
Traveling Expense .....	515.65	555.47	595.80	657.42	2324.34
Elkins Expense .....	5.01	.....	.....	.....	5.01
Home Missions Council .....	100.00	106.00	45.00	.....	251.00
1st Ch. Col'bus, O. C. Y. P. U. ....	.....	36.00	26.34	57.11	119.45
Berwick Church .....	.....	121.18	1.96	.....	123.14
Yealer Lots, Seattle, Wash. ....	.....	58.40	9.38	9.97	77.75
Real Est. Purchase, Kas. City ..	.....	.....	2017.88	.....	2017.88
Loan on Mortgage .....	.....	.....	2000.00	.....	2000.00
Winfield, La., Donation .....	.....	.....	419.21	.....	419.21
Old Ravenna Lots .....	.....	.....	39.22	41.83	81.05
Special Donation .....	.....	.....	119.50	10.00	129.50
Berwick Church Mortgage .....	.....	.....	.....	614.59	614.59
1st Ch., Flint, Mich. donation ..	.....	.....	.....	500.00	500.00
8valon Pk., Chicago, Pars. Rep. ..	.....	.....	.....	163.78	163.78
General Conference Error .....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	1.00
<b>Total Disb'm'ts Spec. Purposes ..</b>	<b>\$ 30162.08</b>	<b>\$ 14277.10</b>	<b>\$ 16720.88</b>	<b>\$ 16772.23</b>	<b>\$ 77932.29</b>
<b>    "    "    for all Purposes .....</b>	<b>\$ 39014.84</b>	<b>\$ 26213.79</b>	<b>\$ 26940.79</b>	<b>\$ 26189.94</b>	<b>\$ 118395.36</b>
<b>Balance May 1st .....</b>	<b>\$ 252.89</b>	<b>\$ 378.65</b>	<b>\$ 83.60</b>	<b>\$ 181.85</b>	<b>.....</b>
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 39267.73</b>	<b>\$ 26592.44</b>	<b>\$ 27024.39</b>	<b>\$ 26371.79</b>	<b>.....</b>

**COMPARATIVE SUMMARY.**

Receipts from the Conferences, 1904-8.....	\$ 43,030.76
Receipts from the Conferences, 1908-12.....	\$ 48,948.35
Receipts from the Conferences 1912-1916.....	\$ 65,821.77
Gain in receipts from the Conferences in last quadrennium.....	\$ 16,873.42
Receipts from other sources, 1904-1908.....	\$ 82,826.47
Receipts from other sources, 1908-1912.....	\$ 97,249.52
Receipts from other sources, 1912-1916.....	\$ 53,409.58
Decrease in receipts from other sources in last quadrennium.....	\$ 43,839.94
* This decree will be accounted for by the fact that the receipts from the sale of the down town property in Seattle, and Cincinnati, were included in the two preceding quadrenniums.	

**ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.**

Assets, April 30, 1908.....	\$171,947.45
Assets, April 30, 1912.....	\$224,483.81
Assets, April 30, 1916:	
Cash .....	\$ 181.85
Mortgages .....	12,365.39
Notes Receivable .....	16,561.45
Equipment and Supplies.....	200.00
Property .....	245,800.00
Gross Assets .....	\$275,108.69
Liabilities, April 30, 1916:	
Notes Payable .....	\$ 23,528.32
Mortgages Payable .....	10,028.01
	\$ 33,556.33
Net Assets, April 30, 1916.....	\$241,552.69
Increase in Net Assets during quadrennium.....	\$ 17,068.88
Liabilities April 30, 1912.....	\$ 51,630.59
Decrease in Liabilities during quadrennium.....	\$ 18,074.26
Outstanding obligations, April 30, 1916 .....	\$ 33,556.33

CHARLES H. BECK, Treasurer.

**QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF  
FOREIGN MISSIONS.**

To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church,  
in session in Zanesville, Ohio, May 19th, 1916.

Dear Brethren:—

The Board of Foreign Missions respectfully submits the following report of its administration at home, and of the condition and progress of our foreign missionary enterprise in Japan for the quadrennium—May 1, 1912 to April 30, 1916.

With singleness of purpose, to the limit of their ability, and unto the extent of the resources supplied by the church, the great trust committed to this Board has been administered by its members.

The principles and facts, the achievements and assured triumphs of the Kingdom have been persistently presented to the church in the effort to broaden the missionary vision, and to incite the interest and liberality of our people.

With great insistence we have pleaded for the adoption of definite plans of missionary education in all departments of the local church and have placed renewed emphasis upon Christian stewardship, and the need of more efficient financial methods, including the every-member canvass, to make easier the giving and larger the gifts of the churches.

Then, too, we have appealed for definite missionary intercession at the home altars and in the churches and Sunday schools throughout the denomination.

A hopeful sign are volunteers and applicants who have offered talents and life for service in the foreign field, and the numerous inquiries concerning the work.

It is readily seen that oversight and management of so great an enterprise is becoming more extensive and complex.

Grave problems are created by the increasing demands of the diversified work of building up all departments of a denomination by one Board located nearly nine thousand miles from the sphere of operations.

The conditions involve government regulations and law, "Conference and Mission interests, including a Japanese ministry; the purchase, sale, rent, removal, and rebuilding of properties in many localities of a large area; six schools and Nagoya College with its enrollment of 461 male students; training theological students; organizing Sunday schools and C. E. Societies, and other features.

On the other hand, the administration of affairs here at home brings its full share of perplexities and burdens, centering largely in the insufficient and delayed receipts from the churches, which has necessitated securing loans at regular interest rates.

Furthermore, it is the most varied and extensive work of any Board in the Church, and it has more office duties, bookkeeping, clerical labors, etc., and its field work, upon which the development of interest and the increase of receipts so largely depend, ought to have had the undivided attention of the secretary.

**Movement of Missionaries.**

It is a matter of great concern that no new missionaries could be sent to the foreign field during the quadrennium, largely because funds were lacking.

Rev. E. I. Obee, who represented the Japan Mission Conference at the last General Conference, returned to Japan April, 1913.

Rev. L. Layman requested permission to return to America near

the end of July, 1915, a little in advance of the close of his term of service. At the Board meeting, March 2, 1916, he was reemployed to return to Japan as near September 1st, 1916, as possible.

Rev. E. H. Van Dyke generously volunteered to remain at his post more than a year beyond the time his contract required, and he started for the homeland April 14th, and is to represent the Japan Mission Conference in this body, preliminary to his well earned furlough.

#### Financial Matters.

The assessment laid by the Executive Committee for Foreign Missions was \$30,000 annually.

The highest amount therefrom was received in 1915-1916, \$12,613.77, less than one-half, and for the quadrennium the total from this source was \$46,941.08 instead of the \$120,000.00 assessed.

Whatever may be said thereon, surely some way ought to be found to improve so lamentable a condition which greatly burdens the Board, and hampers our activities abroad.

**THE CHILDREN'S DAY OFFERING.** The Board has published a Children's Day Service for thirty-one years, and supplied them free to the Sunday schools. This year a large illustrated poster, in two collors, is also being sent out. In 1915-1916 the Services were ordered by 919 schools, less than one-half the number of schools reported to the last General Conference.

That represented a distinct loss in the Board's income which helped to cripple the work, and a loss to the schools and church of the near future, for if the young are denied missionary education they will not be properly trained for the larger responsibilities and service in the Kingdom.

An authoritative deliverance ought to be made by this General Conference thereon, so as to prevent this loss being continuous through the years.

The extreme lateness of Easter this year emphasizes anew the great disadvantage of having two Mission services held in the Sunday school so near together.

**THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING.** This was endorsed by the General Conference as a part of the Board's regular financial plan to meet the increasing demands of the work. The annual appeal to the schools has had an educational value, apart from the financial help secured. Last year a large illustrated poster accompanied the letter to the Superintendents.

**SPECIAL GIFTS.** These gifts have evidenced awakening interest and larger liberality, and have rendered timely aid in emergencies. They represent the personal gifts of friends of the enterprise, and the support of pastors, theological students, rent of chapels, etc. by individuals, Sunday Schools, and C. E. Societies.

**THE ANNUITY FUND.** This is now permanently established. During the quadrennium \$6,000.00 was added thereto. The entire fund of \$6,200.00 has been invested in 5% bonds and a gold note, under the advice of one of the most reputable and successful banking institutions of Baltimore, Md., Messrs. Baker, Watts and Co., to whom the Board is under many obligations for specially marked favors and accommodations.

It is understood that at the death of the donors their gifts will be used directly in the foreign work.

**THE CRAWFORD FARM.** An aged Presbyterian, Mr. Matthew Crawford, of Allegheny County, Pa., bequeathed to our Board, without any conditions whatever, one-half interest in his farm, the other half was given to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Pres-

byterian Church. It has oil and coal, and a low estimated value is \$17,000.00. The property has been placed in the hands of a real estate firm for sale, the tenant's lease requires him to vacate on six month's notice.

**BEQUESTS.** The Board was informed last year that, by the will of the late Mrs. Dexter Horton of Seattle, Washington, it is to receive \$5,000 at the end of ten years.

Word has just reached us that the late Mrs. Clora Bailey, of Frankfort, Indiana, has bequeathed to the Board the sum of \$500.

It is indeed gratifying that friends are thus remembering the foreign missionary enterprise, and it is hoped that these examples will stimulate others to do likewise.

**SOME CAUSES.** The return of a Missionary family to Japan, and the coming of two families to America increased the expenditures considerably in excess of the granted budget, and for them there was no provision.

The conditions created by the great war have affected our receipts, because our churches, largely rural, and located in twenty-eight states, have been subjected to influences which other denominations, operating in the great industrial and commercial centers of the country, have not felt to the same extent.

**THE RESULT.** We closed the quadrennium with a debt, but if the assessment, for the part of the Conference year already passed, had been paid, there would have been no debt, and if the Crawford Farm had been sold the same result would have followed.

"A debt is no more a disgrace to a Board of Foreign Missions than to a business house, or to a hospital, or to a nation."

"A deficit does not necessarily indicate poor business management in fact it may show the far-seeing and sober wisdom and Christian devotion, and wise statesmanship of those who bore the responsibility at the time." The responsibility for the debt does not rest upon those who administer the funds, but upon those who duty it is to collect and to contribute them for the development of the work.

In the absence of any special reserve or working capital, the Board had "to depend upon the faith and zeal, the conscience and the spiritual gratitude of those who, themselves forgiven much, love much the redeeming King and His Kingdom."

The Board had endeavored to adhere to the debt restriction in the Discipline laid upon us, but which is not upon any other Board, Society or local church. It would have been disastrous, if the Board had not negotiated temporary loans while waiting for the assessment and other contributions from the churches. Furthermore, almost without exception all the Boards of Foreign Missions are compelled to likewise borrow money annually for the same reason.

We challenge any Board of any denomination in America to show more economy in administration, more numerous and more arduous labors performed, or greater results secured, with the capital available, and the policy of the last General Conference which denied the Board an assistant to do office work, and also required the corresponding secretary to be the treasurer—the only case of the kind among forty boards of foreign missions.

**A WORTHY AIM.** For months we have set before the church "An objective Worthy of Us—\$100,000 Annually for Foreign Missions," coincident with the publication of efficient plans of missionary education and giving, and it is earnestly hoped that this General Conference will add the weight of its authority to have at least the principal parts of those plans adopted by our churches, and have a determined effort made to reach that goal.



**The Board's Educational Department.**

This department ought to be more extensively utilized in disseminating information throughout the church by leaflets, etc., and in organizing Mission Study Classes, and in projecting various agencies designed to enlist our people.

A leaflet "Are You An Executor of Christ's Last Will and Testament," by Rev. John M. Holmes, D. D., a circular giving the names of Missionary books and helps, two large posters to awaken interest in the Sunday schools were published, but much more would have been done to cultivate the field, if it had been possible to do so.

We have been confronted with the difficulty of reaching nearly 200,000 members through the official papers with limited subscription lists, although weekly articles were written for the special column generously provided by the editors.

**The Laymen's Missionary Movement.**

The Board endorsed this great Movement, and commended it, and the numerous conventions held in cities throughout the land, to our pastors and laymen. Its excellent plans have proved the best yet devised for creating missionary interest, and increasing contributions for the cause, and find, in part, a place in the general missionary policy to be presented at this session by the Board.

**Office Equipment.**

Through the special gifts of numerous friends in different Conferences, substantial additions were made to our office equipment—an addressograph, L. C. Smith Typewriter, a multigraph, a fire-proof safe, a large roll-top desk and verticle files.

**Property Interests.**

The church owns properties in Japan valued at \$80,000.00. They are held by an association composed of our missionaries, and the titles are registered under government sanction. "This absolutely guarantees them."

A large number of our Japanese pastors, however, hold services in rented Japanese houses, even in Tokyo, the capital.

The small groups of faithful Christians are unable to provide their own church buildings, although they could—in most cases—meet the current expenses after the buildings are erected, as self-support is being constantly emphasized, and they seek to attain to it.

Lots and neat inexpensive chapels ought to be provided, and that would insure the permanency and progress of our work at important points.

The properties, the sale of which the Board approved, have not been disposed of, and the removal and reconstruction of the Yokohama Churches, and the erection of the Nagoya College Church have not been completed.

It is hoped, however, that the transactions will be put through this year, and great improvement result in location, facilities, operations, and—we trust—in success.

**Evangelistic Department.**

The expansion of the work in Japan, the increase of pastors, churches and Sunday schools, the spiritual results, and the movement towards self-support are the outstanding evidences of progress.

The very prosperity of the work abroad, however, increases the claims for aid upon us in order to maintain and further extend all our activities.

Two years of the National Evangelistic Campaign have closed with gratifying results. All classes, in meetings held in churches, tents, public halls, have been reached. Audiences were large, the attention—for hours at a time—was rapt, newspaper's reports full and sympathetic, and the Gospel was presented to the Empire as never before.

Great numbers expressed their purpose to follow Christ, and a much larger number stated their willingness to study the Gospel.

Count Okuma, the Prime Minister, "frankly stated his own convictions that no practical solution of many pressing problems was in sight apart from Christianity."

Even Abbot Kosui, the recent head of the Hongwanji sect of Buddhism has said "Buddhism in Japan, as well as in India and China, is doomed to ultimate destruction, for it is out of touch with life."

Great, therefore, is our obligation to undertake, with renewed energy and self-sacrifice, to the limit of our ability, the development of our foreign missionary enterprise, for in these portentous times the greatest of all needs is the love of God in human hearts, and the principles of the Gospel applied to human life and affairs.

#### Our Japanese Ministry.

A most worthy achievement, under God, is the number and character of the Japanese ministers and preachers we have obtained for our work, most of them our own sons in the faith.

They rank as the peers of the pastors of other denominations operating in Japan, a number being graduates of the best theological seminaries there, and one or two in U. S. A.

Added responsibility was placed upon them by entrusting the organized churches, and the missions the Conference would support, to their care, and after years of tutelage under the missionaries, they were allowed, four years ago, to elect annually two nominees for President, from whom the Board was to appoint one.

This year, for the first time in our history, a Japanese, Rev. I. Inanuma, was appointed President, and presided over the Conference session held March 14, 1916, and has, of course, entered upon his official duties.

He is one of our own boys, reached through a school the writer started at Fujisawa, trained by the late Rev. T. H. Colhouer, was Field Secretary of the C. E. Movement in Japan for several years, has made his impress upon the student body of our Yokohama Night School, and is esteemed as a gifted preacher.

#### Theological Students.

The Board and the Missionaries, fully recognizing the absolute need of a native ministry, have continued to provide our candidates for that sacred work with the best possible training under our splendid corps of teachers at our Nagoya College, and at the established seminaries.

Needless to say, the Japan Mission Conference has been greatly strengthened thereby, and several of the younger men are already coming into prominence through their talents and earnest efforts.

Four of them, specially gifted in song, have formed the "Gospel Quartet", and are said to be without superiors in Japan, and are helping very materially in evangelistic efforts.

**The Educational Department.**

Fifteen years ago the Board placed the following on record: "Its—the Board's—conviction remains unaltered that God has called us as a church to do the work of Christian education in Japan."

While not unduly exalting the work of this department, the Board has consistently adhered to that announced conviction, and the opening of new schools, the upbuilding of the established ones have been natural, and to meet the needs of the several communities.

Rev. M. Ohgimi, of Tokyo, is entitled to great praise for, deeply sympathizing with the blind people, of whom there are thousands of all ages in Japan, he started—single-handed—a school for them.

It truly evidences the spirit of Christ.

It has passed to the control of the Mission, and, in a rented two-story house, enters upon a larger service to those unfortunates, of whom already enough have become Christians to organize themselves into a church.

Four Night Schools have been organized this quadrennium.

**YOKOHAMA NIGHT SCHOOL.** Several thousands of male students have attended this school since its opening, been in its Bible Classes, under religious influences and teachings and a goodly number, while in school or afterwards, have become Christians. Its educational standards have been maintained, and its influence has widened. During the absence of its Principal, Rev. L. Layman, in America, a foreign teacher has been employed.

**HIRATSUKA NIGHT SCHOOL.** This school was started by a former pastor to reach young men, and several were baptized. The possibilities of this work call for better provisions for its development.

**ATSUTA NIGHT SCHOOL.** The congregation of the Atsuta Chapel inaugurated it, and have had the aid of the missionaries. It has been blessed from the start with revival results, and the prospects are very favorable.

**KUWANA NIGHT SCHOOL.** Pastor Banno, a converted Buddhist priest, sought to aid the young who labored in the day, and opened in the chapel a school in which he quickly gathered from twenty to thirty, and has extended his regular work thereby. It was here that a very successful revival followed great opposition.

**YOKKAICHI NIGHT SCHOOL.** It is in a new port-of-entry for foreign trade, in a growing population, where we have a vigorous church, and it ought to be built up as a feeder to our Nagoya College, about 20 miles across the bay.

**NAGOYA COLLEGE.** The beginnings of this institution were in faith and much labor. In recent years, under government recognition, its student body has increased steadily and rapidly. The enrollment for the year which ended in March was 461, and strikingly significant is the fact that 180 were turned away, because there was no room for them.

With a dormitory and better equipment, 700 male students could be secured, is the statement of President Van Dyke.

Its faculty of twenty-four has four university graduates, ten college men, and most of the others have government license.

Nearly 1000 male students are under the care of our Board in the schools.

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.****Japan Statistics.**

We have had only three married missionaries in Japan this quadrennium, but, as already intimated, the corps of Japanese pastors has increased, and that is a most hopeful sign, as the native ministry is the surest promise of a nation's evangelization.

This quadrennium the number of Japanese ministers, probationers and evangelists has increased from 34 to 37, besides one died and two withdrew.

The increase in organized churches was three, and in chapel organizations and mission appointments, six, total nine.

The gain in full members on the roll was 377, besides 258 probationers, and 368 enquirers.

The number of Sunday schools rose from 46 in 1912 to 64 in 1916, total increase, 18.

The increase in the number of S. S. Scholars was from 2770 to 4175, a total of 1405.

The total contributions of 1915-1916 as compared with 1911-1912, show some increase. It should always be remembered that the great majority of our people are poor, the daily wage is low, and the standard of comfort correspondingly so, and there is financial depression caused by the great war, but more especially by the previous wars with China and with Russia which raised the taxes and the prices of everything.

**Receipts by Quadrenniums.**

1888-1892 .....	\$52,028.94
1892-1896 .....	52,280.79
1896-1900 .....	52,688.72
1900-1904 .....	65,604.33
1908-1912 .....	93,391.79
1912-1916 .....	107,604.87

The total increase of this quadrennium over that of 1908-1912 was \$14,213.08. In addition thereto the Board owns one-half interest in the Crawford Farm near Pittsburgh, Pa.,—a low valuation thereof is \$8,500.—and the Annuity Fund, now \$6,200., are both usable assets later on, as the farm is to be sold, and the Board owns the bonds of the Annuity Fund.

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.

RECEIPTS FROM CONFERENCES.

May 1, 1912 to April 30, 1916.

	1912-1913	1913-1914	1914-1915	1915-1916	Total
.....	\$ 97.25	\$ 255.53	\$ 152.26	\$ 179.56	\$ 684.60
.....	71.50	71.12	53.52	58.27	254.41
.....	21.85	25.60	17.75	23.85	89.05
.....	8.45	15.80	15.80	7.50	47.55
.....	661.46	1265.20	1381.98	1499.90	4808.54
.....	1.00	13.54	12.35	9.15	36.04
.....	154.27	218.43	121.53	99.29	593.52
.....	7.46	4.45	4.75	3.25	19.91
.....	1112.17	1394.45	1439.66	1449.29	5395.57
.....	357.75	423.68	392.59	486.74	1660.76
.....	375.81	345.56	250.18	277.92	1249.47
.....	2.00	3.00	3.10	3.77	11.87
.....	67.57	45.62	70.35	55.28	238.82
.....	8997.32	9514.77	8798.31	8180.59	35490.99
.....	1021.68	860.63	630.29	1183.32	3695.92
.....	58.25	36.82	26.80	20.81	142.68
.....	104.37	156.42	136.12	103.56	500.47
.....	1707.75	2217.97	2125.61	2521.64	8572.97
.....	519.20	.....	.....	.....	519.20
.....	1983.83	2260.74	1789.00	1916.94	7950.51
.....	882.00	687.60	819.90	731.20	3120.70
.....	110.25	49.90	50.28	53.00	263.43
.....	17.90	27.52	5.50	5.00	55.92
.....	1477.31	1109.14	1306.08	1169.64	5062.17
.....	6.65	27.61	21.40	34.28	89.94
.....	712.48	930.47	1092.00	925.98	3660.93
.....	1753.61	2337.85	2858.81	3449.10	10399.37
.....	3.80	23.60	1.12	9.95	38.47
.....	100.98	79.67	69.53	33.43	283.61
.....	23.00	26.00	.....	.....	49.00
.....	54.65	34.95	59.49	44.09	193.08
.....	200.37	143.35	99.83	156.91	600.46
.....	11.59	8.00	5.30	1.47	26.36
.....	548.87	6204.62	863.13	756.24	8372.86
.....	203.44	466.50	334.21	417.21	1431.86
.....	\$23437.84	\$31286.11	\$25008.53	\$25868.13	\$105600.61
.....	330.98	261.60	195.00	304.38	1091.86
.....	\$23768.82	\$31547.61	\$25203.53	\$26172.51	\$106692.47
.....	151.23	83.50	331.57	346.00	912.40
.....	\$23920.05	\$31631.11	\$25535.10	\$26518.61	\$107604.87

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BY CONFERENCES, 1908-1912 AND 1912-1916.

	1908-1912	1912-1916	Increase	Decrease
.....	\$ 607.66	\$ 684.60	\$ 76.94	\$
.....	433.96	254.41	.....	179.55
.....	148.42	89.05	.....	59.37
.....	156.19	.....	.....	156.19
.....	25.40	47.55	22.15	.....
Pa.)	134.01	4808.54	4674.53	.....
.....	2.00	36.04	34.04	.....
.....	846.18	593.52	.....	252.66
.....	13.47	19.91	6.44	.....
.....	5057.43	5395.57	338.14	.....
.....	1338.44	1660.76	322.32	.....
.....	2023.44	1249.47	.....	773.85
.....	20.42	11.87	.....	8.55
.....	195.15	238.82	43.67	.....
.....	34044.36	35490.99	1446.63	.....
.....	3732.99	3695.92	.....	37.07
.....	219.75	142.68	.....	77.07
.....	382.09	500.47	118.38	.....
.....	7271.05	8572.97	1301.92	.....
.....	1936.62	519.20	.....	1417.42
.....	1939.64	.....	.....	1939.64
.....	8876.09	7950.51	.....	925.58

North Illinois .....	3428.13	3120.70	.....	307.43
North Missouri .....	345.18	263.43	.....	81.75
Northwest Texas .....	62.73	55.92	.....	6.81
Ohio .....	5135.38	5062.17	.....	73.21
Oklahoma .....	76.02	89.94	.....	13.92
Onondaga .....	2447.32	3660.93	1213.61	.....
*Pennsylvania .....	257.41	.....	.....	257.41
Pittsburgh .....	6560.29	10399.37	3839.08	.....
South Carolina .....	40.57	38.47	.....	2.10
South Illinois .....	268.01	283.61	15.60	.....
†Southwest Texas (S.W.Tex.& Col.Tex.) .....	56.55	49.00	.....	7.55
Tennessee .....	154.56	193.18	.....	38.62
Texas (Tex. & Cen. Tex.) .....	457.03	600.46	143.43	.....
Virginia .....	83.16	26.86	.....	56.30
West Virginia .....	2427.45	8372.86	5945.41	.....
Washington (Seattle) .....	601.47	1421.36	819.89	.....
Denom. C. E. Union .....	1504.15	1091.86	.....	412.29
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$93310.05</b>	<b>\$106692.47</b>	<b>\$20414.72</b>	<b>\$ 7032.30</b>
<b>Special Contributions .....</b>	<b>81.74</b>	<b>912.40</b>	<b>830.66</b>	<b>.....</b>
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$93391.79</b>	<b>\$107604.87</b>	<b>\$21245.38</b>	<b>\$ 7032.30</b>
Increase in Receipts 1912-1916 over 1908-1912 .....				\$14213.03

† United with Texas Conference.

\* United to form Eastern Conference.

‡ United with Colorado-Texas Conference.

#### TREASURER'S QUADRENNIAL REPORT.

May 1, 1912 to April 30, 1916.

##### RECEIPTS.

	1912-13	1913-14	1914-15	1915-16	Total
To Assessment .....	\$10414.01	\$12375.74	\$11537.56	\$12613.77	\$46941.08
To Children's Day Offerings .....	8824.88	9168.94	8657.96	8591.08	35242.86
To Special Contributions .....	4630.33	5086.43	5339.58	4313.76	19370.10
To Error by Bank .....	50.83	.....	.....	.....	50.83
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$23920.05</b>	<b>\$26631.11</b>	<b>\$25535.10</b>	<b>\$26518.61</b>	<b>\$101604.87</b>
To Annuity Fund .....	.....	5000.00	.....	1000.00	6000.00
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$23920.05</b>	<b>\$31631.11</b>	<b>\$25535.10</b>	<b>\$26518.61</b>	<b>\$107604.87</b>
To Balance May 1, 1912 .....	1340.30	.....	.....	.....	1340.30
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$25260.35</b>	<b>\$31631.11</b>	<b>\$25535.10</b>	<b>\$26518.61</b>	<b>\$108945.17</b>
To Loans .....	3000.00	5600.00	5000.00	4900.00	18500.00
<b>Total from all sources .....</b>	<b>\$28260.35</b>	<b>\$37231.11</b>	<b>\$30535.10</b>	<b>\$31418.61</b>	<b>\$127445.17</b>

##### EXPENDITURES.

###### Abroad.

	1912-13	1913-14	1914-15	1915-16	Total
By Missionaries' Salaries .....	\$ 3241.82	\$ 3626.50	\$ 3565.00	\$ 2805.00	\$13238.33
By Mission Expenses .....	16897.06	18199.62	18156.00	19324.92	72577.60
By Special Expenses .....	1387.13	276.99	775.00	1088.59	3527.71
<b>Total Abroad .....</b>	<b>\$21526.01</b>	<b>\$22103.11</b>	<b>\$22496.00</b>	<b>\$23218.51</b>	<b>\$89343.63</b>

###### At Home.

By Office Expenses .....	\$ 2075.77	\$ 2457.84	\$ 2227.45	\$ 2315.94	\$ 9077.80
By Children's Day Expenses .....	773.24	748.79	763.03	905.94	3191.00
By Office Equipment .....	96.39	35.53	320.10	68.99	518.12
By Special Expenses .....	941.41	905.25	868.49	1141.69	3856.84
<b>Total At Home .....</b>	<b>\$ 3886.81</b>	<b>\$ 4147.41</b>	<b>\$ 4179.07</b>	<b>\$ 4430.56</b>	<b>\$16643.85</b>
By Purchase of Annuity Bonds .....	.....	5103.50	.....	1000.69	6104.19
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 3886.81</b>	<b>\$ 9250.91</b>	<b>\$ 4179.07</b>	<b>\$ 5431.25</b>	<b>\$22748.04</b>
By Payment on Loans .....	2500.00	6100.00	4000.00	2700.00	15300.00
<b>Total at Home and Abroad .....</b>	<b>\$27912.82</b>	<b>\$37454.02</b>	<b>\$30675.07</b>	<b>\$31349.76</b>	<b>\$127391.67</b>
Balance on hand May 1, 1916 .....					\$ 152.50

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SUMMARY.

Total Receipts from all sources .....		\$127445.17
Total Expenses Abroad .....	\$ 89343.63	
Total Office Expenses .....	9077.89	
Total Children's Day Expenses .....	3191.00	
Total Office Equipment .....	518.12	
Total Special Expenses .....	3856.84	
Total Annuity Bonds .....	6104.19	
Total Paid on Loans .....	15300.00	
<b>Total Expenditures .....</b>		<b>\$127391.67</b>
Balance on hand May 1, 1916 .....		\$ 153.50

STATEMENT OF LOANS.

	1912-13	1913-14	1914-15	1915-16	Total
Notes in Bank May 1, 1912 .....	\$ 4000.00				\$ 4000.00
Loans Secured .....	3000.00	5600.00	5000.00	4900.00	18500.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 7000.00</b>	<b>\$ 5600.00</b>	<b>\$ 5000.00</b>	<b>\$ 4900.00</b>	<b>\$22500.00</b>
Loans Paid .....	\$ 2500.00	\$ 6100.00	\$ 4000.00	\$ 2700.00	\$15300.00
Notes Due Bank May 1, 1916 .....					\$ 7200.00

SUMMARY FOR YEAR

May 1, 1915 to April 30, 1916.

Receipts.		Disbursements.	
Balance May 1, 1915	\$84.65	Special	\$1141.69
Assessment	12613.77	Home (Office & C.Day)	3258.89
Children's Day	8591.08	Abroad	23218.56
Special	4313.76		
Annuity Fund	1000.00		
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$26603.26</b>	Total Disbursements	<b>\$28649.76</b>
Loans	4900.00	Loans Paid	2700.00
<b>Total from all sources</b>	<b>\$31503.26</b>	Total	<b>\$31349.76</b>
		Balance on hand May 1, 1916	153.50
			<b>\$31503.26</b>

QUADRENNIAL STATEMENT.

May 1, 1915 to April 30, 1916.

Receipts.		Disbursements.	
Balance May 1, 1912	\$1340.30	Special	\$3856.84
Assessment	46941.08	Home (Off. & C.Day)	12787.91
Children's Day	35242.86	Abroad	89243.63
Annuity Fund	6000.00	Annuity Bonds	6104.19
Special	19420.93		
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$108945.17</b>	Total Disbursements	<b>\$111991.69</b>
Loans Secured	18500.00	Loans Paid	15300.00
<b>Total from all sources</b>	<b>\$127445.17</b>	Balance on hand May 1, 1916	153.50
			<b>\$127445.17</b>

Baltimore, Md.,

May 2nd, 1916.

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of Rev. F. C. Klein as per the above statements, and found them correct in every way.

H. C. STALEY.

**REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**

To the President and Members of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in its Twenty-Second Quadrennial session, Greeting.

By Article Five of the rules governing our Women's Foreign Missionary Society, as found in the by-laws of the Church Discipline, we are amenable to the General Conference for the report of our work for the quadrennial session.

We have continued to carry on our work to conform as close as possible to our constitution, which calls for efforts in Christianizing women and children in lands which have not the full measure of the Gospel of Christ.

We have established Schools for giving a Christian education to the children in some of these darkened lands. Kindergartens have been opened that we may have the training of the child in early life. Sunday schools have been organized and Bible women employed to further the work we are trying to accomplish.

Our report to you will not differ very much from those preceding it. Our object and aim is the same and the localities wherein we labor are the same.

The beginning of our mission work was in Yokohama, Japan, in 1880. Through what was known many years ago as the Brick Fund we were enabled to purchase land and erect a building at 244 B Bluff at a cost of about \$7,000.00. This land was located in that part of the open port City of Yokohama set apart for foreigners. For thirty-five years this place has been a home for our Missionaries, also the building in which our Yokohama school has been operated. Buildings have been added from time to time and general repairs kept up, but the time came when this property was no longer adequate to our needs.

When Mr. John Mott visited Japan in 1913 with other commissioners, he made the official statement that if Missionary societies would properly adjust themselves as to location it would increase their efficiency. This was the needed word to turn our missionaries into the proper path and cause them to seek a re-adjustment of our properties and work.

Just at this time a fine piece of land in the most desirable part of the city became available to us. After much deliberation it was decided to purchase this land for the sum of \$16,000.00. The property at 244 B Bluff was sold for \$12,100.00, cash, and we have the free rental for one year and the privilege of removing our McCaslin Chapel, which is our best building. We regard this as a most fortunate offer.

Other moneys accruing from legacies and other sources have materially helped us to carry on our work. Another year of activity and a strong pull and we can go forward to build up a splendid school in this city.

When we entered Kalgan, China, a station in the North China mission, owned by The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, it was understood that the expenses of the station would be borne jointly by the two boards. We paying the salary of the missionary and The American Board to meet the other expenses. As soon as the W. F. M. S. was satisfied that the great field of Kalgan was all that was claimed for it, negotiations began with the American Board for the purchase of this station. The transfer of the property from the American Board to the W. F. M. S. was arranged. We were to pay the sum of \$9,000.00 for all the land, buildings and good will of the former Board. The money was to be paid in three installments of \$3,000.00 each. One payment was



made in full and a part payment on the second installment, leaving a balance of \$4,000.00. These two investments, one in Japan, and the other in China, coming just at the outbreak of the terrible European war, has been a knotty problem for us to meet.

The income of the society from the church at large has decreased in the past two years, making it necessary that we exert ourselves to even greater effort to meet demands made upon us. We received a very generous gift from the Church at Fairmont, West Virginia, for new work in China.

This gift made it possible for us to purchase a very fine station at Hsuan Huafu. Mr. J. C. G. Bair, of Cambridge, Ohio, has been a strong supporter of our work in the past few years. In connection with the Pittsburgh Branch he assists in the salary of Rev. G. S. Soderbom, who is connected with the China work; and with the Muskingum Branch he is giving very generous aid in establishing a "Center" in Kalgan, where church, school and social work is carried on. This community idea is a new feature in our mission work, but bids fair to attract the people.

#### Our Schools.

We have established schools in three of the larger cities of Japan, Yokohama, Nagoya, and Hamamatsu. We have several out-lying stations where we carry on Bible work.

In Yokohama, where our largest school is located, we have the High School, the primary, and Kindergarten. The High School has had an attendance during the past four years of 325, our Primary school 327, and the Kindergarten, 393. The three schools have a corps of thirty-six native teachers under the supervision of three resident missionaries. Heretofore these schools have been separated. Some occupying leased ground. In our new location these schools will be brought together in one compound which will be very advantageous to our work.

We have a Kindergarten at Nagoya that has received many words of praise for its efficiency. At Hamamatsu we have another Kindergarten. At this station we are using leased ground and a rented building for Kindergarten purposes. We have the land, but not the money with which to build.

All of our schools maintain a high standard of excellence throughout these cities.

#### Evangelistic Work.

Two of our missionaries are giving their entire time to evangelistic work. The Bible women are under their supervision. The district given to our mission to work in, covered an area of two hundred miles. In the Southern Peninsulas, a section assigned to the Methodist Protestant missions, there are about one hundred and fifty towns with a total population of 168,000. Our workers must take the gospel to these places. So far we have opened work in fourteen of these towns. To the west of Nagoya we have another large field where seventeen stations have been visited.

The work among women must necessarily be house to house visitation. The workers average two hundred visits in families every month. In these house to house visits an older class of women are reached, and we have many testimonials of their faith and belief. With this work, cooking classes, mother's meetings, and other work of general interest to women is given attention by our missionaries and their assistants.

Sunday school work is given full attention by our evangelists and their helpers. It is one of the agencies through which much good is accomplished. The annual enrollment is about 450 pupils in the different schools.

### Kalgan, China.

It is nearly seven years since we re-entered China and stationed a missionary in the important city of Kalgan. This city has a population of two hundred thousand and is situated in the northern part of China, and is the gateway by which you enter Mongolia.

We have six schools in China, four for boys and two for girls, and a dispensary. Evangelistic work is carried on through an extended territory. In this territory we have four organized churches and four other places of worship, with a membership of 297 persons. We have also three Sunday Schools, with good attendance. Rev. C. G. Soderbom entered into our service in 1914, and he, with his family, has been a veritable blessing to the work at Kalgan. With full command of the language, and a good acquaintance with the native people, he was soon ready for work, after the contract for his employment was agreed upon.

In the dispensary we have treated 1323 persons during the past year. About one hundred dollars in gold has been received from these patients, the remainder being charity.

Our school and evangelistic work in China, as in Japan, is maintained at a high standard.

One of our missionaries from Japan, Miss Schlegelmilch, is now in this country on a furlough, and if it lies in the power of any minister to aid Miss Schlegelmilch in her work in this country, such aid will be greatly appreciated by the society. We have with us also our indomitable missionary, Rev. Charles S. Heininger, of Kalgan, China, who prefers his chosen work in far off China to the best pulpit America can offer. He will be with you in this Conference, and we ask for him your warmest sympathies and all the aid you can give him, so that when he returns to his duties in China, he will feel that he has mingled with Christian men truly imbued with the Holy Spirit.

### Our Paper.

The Missionary Record, our official organ, has been successfully published for thirty-one years. It is under the care of Mrs. J. F. McCulloch, of Greensboro, N. C. This is the only missionary publication in the church, and we ask your support for this paper. It needs more subscribers.

### Gifts.

We have been generously remembered by friends who knew well our work and such gifts we acknowledge as promptings of the Lord. One particular gift might have special mention. It comes from a gentleman who does things other people do not think of doing. This gentleman has seen, and much admired, our new school site in Yokohama. Knowing that artistic environment is one of the strong characteristics of the Japanese people, and that this new school site of ours can be made a place renowned throughout the Empire, as a place of beauty as well as a famous school, Mr. Henry J. Heinz has contributed One Thousand Dollars for the purpose of planting trees and shrubbery, building walks, gateways and roads about our new property.

### Our Needs.

Our needs are many, but the paramount need for which ye ask aid from this great body of Christian men is your prayers, your co-operation, and your aid in bringing the great body of our women into a larger activity in the life of the Church.

**Our Home Work.**

We are organized in nearly all the conferences which comprise the church, but in no conference are we organized in more than half the churches. There are at present only 198 auxiliaries although over 2400 churches were reported at the last General Conference. The total membership reported at our annual meeting was 4,325.

We most earnestly plead for a continuance of the existing relations between the Board of Foreign Missions and our Society. We are, as before reported, assisting the Board of Foreign Missions very materially in Japan, in Sunday School work, and the employment of Bible Women at a cost of more than \$1,200.00 per year.

We have seven missionaries in active service, and two home at this time on furlough. One travelling Secretary is employed in this country. Twenty-nine native teachers are employed in our schools in Japan.

Our receipts for the quadrennium are as follows:

1913 .....	\$22,780.15
1914 .....	27,108.17
1915 .....	19,055.52
1916 .....	18,264.69

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\$87,208.53

May it be as in the days of old when Boaz commanded that his young men "Let Ruth glean even among the sheaves" and "let fall also some of the handfuls on purpose for her that she may glean them." We have given our best efforts and trust that the results may meet with your favor.

We close the quadrennial report with a plea for more sympathy in our efforts to carry this gospel of salvation to those who live in darkness. We shall pray that a great awakening in the cause of missions may come to our beloved church and that a clear call to duty may be impressed upon each and all of us.

MRS. D. S. STEPHENS,  
Corresponding Secretary.

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**QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF YOUNG  
PEOPLE'S WORK.**

**The Beginning.**

Eight years ago, the Board of Young People's Work was created by the General Conference. Some had confidence in the usefulness of such an agency in the denomination, while others were doubtful and fearful that it was a case of simply adding more machinery.

This General Conference did not provide for the financial maintenance of the Board, but those most interested had faith in their cause and were ready for the adventure. Four years after, at the succeeding General Conference at Baltimore, 1912, the Board had so justified its usefulness that its cause was placed among the general interests of the church for which annual assessments on the churches of the several conferences are made. Recognition of the usefulness of the Board and of the denominational needs which it is intended to meet has steadily increased throughout the church.

**Dr. Hubbell.**

If to any person more than another of those closely associated with this enterprise in its beginning credit is due for faith in it—a faith shown by works—and for a church-wide interest awakened in

its work, that person was Charles Henry Hubbell, who took the leadership without official provision for support and who popularized the Board through the denomination. It is not the purpose to pay a formal tribute to his memory here. That has been done in part, on other appropriate occasions and will be made more complete when the bronze tablet to his honor is placed in the church of his youth and manhood at Adrian, Michigan. But a few words of record and appreciation should be written in this report, for the name of Hubbell has become interwoven with the cause of our young people and is a sign for certain Christian qualities of life and service among them.

Dr. Hubbell was born at Adrian, Michigan, November 20, 1872 and died of pneumonia in the old home on Dennis Street, in the early morning after Christmas, December 26, 1915. His last entry in the cash journal of the Board, in his characteristic angular and running handwriting was December 19; seven days after, the hand that wrote was cold and still. He was a graduate of Adrian High School, and of Adrian College, taking the Ph.B., degree in 1893, and A.B. the following year. He united with the Adrian Methodist Protestant Church in 1892, under the ministry of that masterly pastor, Dr. O. V. W. Chandler. He was ordained by the Ohio Conference and appointed to the Cincinnati charge in 1896; being married the same year to Alma Wilcox of Adrian.

He was an enthusiastic Christian Endeavorer in his home church, and it was not long before the Cincinnati Endeavor Union became favorably impressed with the gifted young minister and when the Ohio State Union, in 1901, voted to employ a permanent field-secretary, Dr. Hubbell was the choice. It has been said by those outside his own denomination that in this capacity he built up the strongest State organization in the country which became the model for others. In 1908, as has been indicated, his own denomination called him to the newly created secretaryship in which he served loyally and effectively until he was taken. There was an imperishable enthusiasm about the man which might have made him irritating at times when he sought to surmount difficulties where others were concerned, but his wholesome good will to everyone overcame any serious friction. A commingling of a certain original independence of spirit and method, with a keen perception and appreciation of another's rights and feelings, characterized him from his school-days on, which, together with his zest for everything he did and good cheer to all he met, gave him the grip he had upon human affection everywhere. His life was one of noble and abundant activity and his labors were not in vain in the Lord.

#### Field and Function.

What is the field of the Board of Young People's Work and what does it plan to do in this field?

Broadly stated, its field is that of religious education. Technically defined, it comprises the interests of the Sunday School and Young People's Society, which aim at both religious instruction and religious training.

Its function is to encourage the increase and building up of Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies by instruction, by raising standards, and by devising plans; and to give to these denominational agencies that unity of program and effort which is essential to the growth and development of an organized body.

More specifically, the Board assists in promoting a more thorough organization of our Sunday Schools by encouraging the adoption of the Cradle Roll; more careful attention to the Beginner's and Teen Age; the installing of Organized Classes; the introduction

of the Home Department; the formation of Teacher Training classes. It likewise encourages the organization of young people's societies,—Junior, Intermediate and Senior—where they are needed and labors to build up those already existing. It aims to help relate all these agencies to one another in the best working order, to keep them informed as to best plans and methods, and to stimulate their activities.

Its function, in brief, is to aid in influencing, especially the childhood and youth of our homes and communities, and also those of maturer years and whosoever can be reached, to know Jesus Christ, and to personally claim and confess Him as Savior and Lord, and to qualify for Christian service in some capacity. Its ultimate achievement is the building up of the Kingdom of God.

#### Methods.

The methods used in seeking to attain these ends are:

1.—Correspondence. Inquiries on matters pertaining to the work are constantly coming into the office, whose answers, with the letters sent out by the office to help the cause somewhere, constitute one of the most useful methods of the Board's activities.

2.—Literature. The preparation and judicious distribution of literature containing information needed in carrying on the Sunday School and Christian Endeavor work is a useful and necessary means today for successful effort. This method the Board has used largely from its beginning and could be much more widely and effectively employed, if more funds were provided.

3.—Visitation. The attendance of the Secretary or other representative of the Board at conventions, institutes, annual conferences, rallies, with addresses, lectures and open discussion of ways and means has been frequently called for.

4.—Discussion in Church Papers. The several church papers have been regularly supplied with articles treating the various phases of the work and with news items from the field.

5.—Rally Day. Rally Day has recently grown into prominence among the church's special days. One of the important services of the Board has been to supply Methodist Protestant Sunday Schools applying, with a suitable program for this day, without charge.

6.—Christian Endeavor Day. The Board has been supplying a program for this day, for several years, which has been used by a number of our societies.

7.—Teacher Training. One of the serious needs from which the church has been suffering has been an inadequate supply of qualified Sunday School teachers and of capable lay workers. Teacher training looks to the overcoming of the deficiency and wherever it has been tried has brought excellent results. Four hundred Methodist Protestant laymen and laywomen have been enrolled by the Board in Teacher Training Classes since May 1, 1915. The enrolling of these classes, conducting of regular examinations with recording of grades and the issue of diplomas to those completing the course, is a productive part of the Board's duties.

8.—The Board encourages the organization of new schools and societies where they are needed.

9.—It seeks to cooperate with the several Annual Conference Unions of Young People's Work and to keep these in touch with Christian progress in the Sunday School and Christian Endeavor World.

#### Urgency of the Cause.

Religious education is one of the live issues of our age, more especially among the evangelical bodies which have not always used this method of Christian propagation as was their privilege.

Nowhere is it recorded, within our knowledge, that an organization which gave careful attention to the religious instruction of its members from earliest contact, has failed to grow in strength and usefulness. This was one of the effective methods our Roman Catholic friends began to use, and have continued to use, to counteract the influence of Protestantism, and had the Protestant Church adhered to the example set by the early reformers in the matter, it would not suffer from some of the handicaps which now impede its progress.

It is stated by such thorough and authoritative investigators of early church history as Harnack, that at the end of the third century, Christianity had conquered the Greek and Roman World; that is, this world had been evangelized and the bulk of the people were Christian. The result is amazing and could never have been accomplished by any mere human method. Men full of faith and the Holy Ghost went everywhere preaching the Gospel with the courage and vision of Pentecost. But it should be observed that with this evangel of proclamation there went a most thorough religious instruction of all converts, especially those from the Gentile world. It is safe to assert that this process of instructing those entering the Kingdom of God, which the Apostles learned from the Master Himself was a part of the secret of Christianity's early phenomenal success, and that if this had been faithfully continued so that the church would have been saved from the incorporation of pagan elements, as a part of itself, Christianity today would have a stronger hold upon the world than it has. Religious education must always be a live issue with the Church of Jesus Christ, whose "pillar and ground" is "truth" but never for American Protestantism has it been of more concern than now. Conditions seem ripening for a great harvest, if the evangelical churches rise to the opportunity. The Sunday School, from its beginning, has been one of our most important spiritual forces, but today, without any indulgence in fervid prophecy but simply clinging to the facts before us, the Protestant Sunday School of the United States faces an opportunity of boundless possibility for the Kingdom of God. When we stop to consider that more than eighty per cent. of our church membership comes through the Sunday School, we understand that it is in our power to decide what the future church shall be; what shall be its ideals; its visions; its motives; its objects. Thinking people everywhere are realizing that no system of education is complete without religion, and many parents are asking today for the instruction of their children in religious truth and are manifesting a willingness to make the home a spiritual factor in cooperation with the Sunday School. The Bible, which has been held at arm's length by many of our educators and legislators, is gaining in favor. There is seen a readiness in the higher places of our land to make this a more familiar book.

#### General Outlook.

One of the significant developments among the evangelical churches within the past ten years has been the organization of the Sunday School Council of Evangelical Churches of United States and Canada. This is purely a voluntary organization of the thirty or more denominations, and each denomination is free to cooperate as far as it sees fit. This concert of action by the denominations, which really have been both the field and the source of support for all Sunday School enterprise, is bringing about some needed changes. It has given opportunity to these bodies to have a voice in the setting of standards, the selection of lessons, and the methods of organization. The International Association has recognized the need

of this new organization and the justice of its claims, and has entered into agreement to cooperate in Sunday School work. This means that in the course of several years we will have more unity of plan and effort in the Sunday School world, by getting rid of the denomination, the International Association, and the State organization, each making different demands for the same thing; and it means of course that each denomination will have an increase of responsibility in caring for its Sunday Schools. In this connection, it may be noted that this Council is arranging for a four years' course in teacher training, which shall take the place of all existing courses.

The Young People's Society movement is taking on new life and more new Christian Endeavor Societies are reported being organized now, than at any time in its history. Quite a number of new societies have been organized in the past six months in our own denomination. One of the encouraging developments of the last few years has been an increasing recognition of the problem of correlating the Sunday School and Young People's Society so as to prevent overlapping of work. An important conference consisting of prominent leaders in the Sunday School and Young People's Societies was held in Philadelphia this last March, to consider this problem. A standing committee was appointed to study the question and also steps were taken to provide common topics for all young people's meetings, whatever denominational name the society bears, which will greatly increase the fellowship of the Christian youth in this country.

#### Denominational Outlook.

Our own denominational outlook is encouraging. The number of our schools and young people's societies is increasing. Our schools are growing in size and efficiency. We have at least one school that has gone beyond the thousand mark in membership during this quadrennium. We have one of the noted Bible classes of this country, which has started on its second thousand, another development of this four-year period. While the growth of these particular organizations is larger than the majority, it is indicative of a prevailing spirit and condition in our schools generally. A Harvard professor being asked concerning the university, replied,—“There is a healthy state of pessimism in every department.” By substituting the word “progress,” in the Harvard professor's gloomy description, we can aptly describe our schools, for there is a healthy state of progress in every department. Several of our annual conference unions are thoroughly organized and at work on a definite program of activity. It is to be regretted that some of our most prominent conferences have taken little interest in organizing unions for promoting the interests of the Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies within their bounds. They are annually losing magnificent and irrevocable opportunity for training and inspiring the young people of their districts.

#### Statistics.

The following statistics are given to furnish an approximate showing of our strength. These statistics are not complete. Not all our schools and societies have been reported. We are open to criticism for not having more accurate and fuller statistical information. It is not the habit of many Methodist Protestants to furnish reliable records of the work being done, a habit that should be cultivated.

## Sunday School.

	1908	1912	1916	Increase four years
Sunday Schools reported	2123	2209	2268	59
Scholars	141909	151202	168858	17656
Officers and Teachers	17812		18023 (Eight years)	211
Total Enrollment including Cradle Roll and Home Departments reporting			191280	

\*S. S. Expenses \$232,494 \$244,852.91 \$102,367.27 (one year)

\*The amount for four years in 1908 Journal is designated for all purposes which would include missionary offerings. Journal 1912 calls it Sunday School Expenses. For the one year, 1916, missionary offerings are not included where it was possible to exclude.

## Christian Endeavor.

	1908	1912	1916	Increase four years
Societies reported	736	648	693	45
*Members	24052	18285	18022	263 decrease

\*The decrease in number of members indicate that there is a tendency for societies to be smaller than formerly.

## Financial Statement.

1912-13

Receipts:		Expenditures:	
Assessment	\$2268.06	Salary	\$1600.00
Field Work	541.36	Stenographer	155.50
Personal Gifts	556.50	Office (postage, express, supplies)	427.72
Literature	176.42	Field	580.80
	<u>\$3541.34</u>	Printing	437.25
Loan	485.00	Literature	105.15
	<u>485.00</u>	Sundry	109.50
Total	\$4026.34	Loan and Interest	314.00
		Total	<u>\$3729.92</u>

1913-14

Receipts:		Expenditures:	
Assessment	\$3341.02	Salary	\$1600.00
Field Work	163.82	Stenographer	166.50
Personal Gifts	486.00	Office	441.97
Teacher Training	141.56	Field	613.20
Literature	19.62	Printing	830.97
	<u>\$4152.02</u>	Literature	43.08
Total	\$4152.02	Slides	36.45
Balance April 30, 1913	223.14	Sundry	134.65
	<u>223.14</u>	Loan and Interest	303.99
Total	\$4375.16	Total	<u>\$4170.81</u>



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1914-15

Receipts:		Expenditures:	
Assessment	\$2278.11	Salary	\$1141.03
Field	180.92	Stenographer	133.16
Personal Gifts	139.80	Office	183.58
Literature	154.24	Field	466.79
Baker-Watts Loan	293.80	Printing	319.35
Adrian Collection	124.35	Literature (Teacher Training Books)	201.48
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3171.22</b>	Sundry	80.00
		Loan	162.50
		Freight	14.00
		Loan	150.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2851.89</b>

1915-16

Receipts:		Expenditures:	
Assessment	\$2527.87	Salary	\$ 550.00
Field	117.71	Stenographer	7.86
Personal Gifts	137.25	Office	244.40
Literature	52.24	Field	129.84
Special	46.30	Printing	308.64
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2881.37</b>	Printing	*178.28
		Literature	8.12
		Literature	*134.54
		Special	†175.43
		Baker-Watts Note	309.25
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2046.36</b>

ASSETS

LIABILITIES

Office Fixtures and supplies	\$125.00
Balance in Bank	231.33
Balance in Bank, Interest Bearing	500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$856.33</b>

\*Back Bills. †Convention, Auditing, Missionary offering.

Recommendations.

The following recommendations are offered for consideration:

1.—That the name of this Board be changed, as the present name does not express the full scope of its activities and is not in harmony with the use of the term "Young People" in Sunday School nomenclature.

2.—That if it is in harmony with the desire of the denominational young people's union, the Board and all our denominational young people's organization be so reorganized as to bring the annual conference unions into a closer articulation with this Board, and so discontinue the existence of offices of scant usefulness.

3.—That some provision be made for a more adequate financial support of this Board, looking forward to giving each annual conference union, or group of conference unions, the opportunity to employ field workers within their own bounds.

4.—That the Sunday School teacher training course be made a part of the annual conference course of study pursued by candidates for the ministry.

5.—That we adopt the recommendations of the Sunday School Council of Evangelical Churches as far as is consistent with the best interests of our own work.

6.—That our schools and societies be urged to take advantage of all improved means for increasing their efficiency, being careful to nurture a spiritual vitality and the evangelistic motive in all organizations and to give the Word of God the supreme place in all our plans and courses for religious instruction and training.

#### Appreciation.

The Board is mindful of the consideration shown it by the general officers of the denomination and the various annual conference officers, and deeply appreciates their courtesy and kindness, also the spirit of cooperation on the part of pastors and other local workers, and of a number of our laymen, who, by personal gifts, have shown their interest in this Christian cause; and now "To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever."

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#### ECUMENICAL METHODIST CONFERENCE.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church,

Dear Brethren:

The plan adopted by the Fourth Ecumenical Methodist Conference, at Toronto, Canada, for the organization of an Ecumenical Methodist Commission, to serve in the interim of the decennial conferences, has been submitted to and approved and adopted by most of the branches of Methodism in the Eastern and Western sections. The purpose of the Commission, as described in the action of the Conference at Toronto, is "to gather and exchange information concerning the condition, progress and problems of the various Methodist Churches, to promote closer fellowship and cooperation between them, to further great moral causes affecting the peace and welfare of our respective countries and to make arrangements for the next Conference."

The following Churches, in the Western Section, through their General Conferences or otherwise have appointed members to serve on the Commission and made appropriations for the maintenance of its work.

The Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Protestant, Methodist Episcopal, South, African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, and Colored Methodist Episcopal.

It has not been possible to convene the entire commission, embracing forty members, since its appointment; but the Executive Committee representing it has held several meetings.

In the year 1914 Bishop Hamilton, Chairman of the Executive Committee, was in London, and assisted in the organization, according to the original plan, of an International Methodist Commission.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held in New York City, in August, 1914, a communication was received from the Eastern section setting forth four matters upon which cooperative action was suggested, (1) To provide Methodist visitors to the European Continent with information concerning Methodist churches in the various countries; (2) Equal treatment on transatlantic steamships for all denominations in the matter of religious services; (3) Concerning proper credentials for ministers passing from one country to another and seeking positions therein; (4) Celebration of the centenary of peace between England and the United States.

The outbreak of the European war in 1914 prevented final action in the first three matters and further activity on the part of the Eastern Section, but the Centenary of Peace observed in 1914.

The Executive Committee of the Western Section, in response to general request, ventured to create an Asbury Memorial Association to propose measures for the observance of the centenary of Bishop Asbury's death March 31st, 1816. The Ecumenical Commissions of the various Methodist Churches with representatives of other bodies were embraced in a general committee, and an Executive Committee was organized with Bishop Cranston as Chairman, Chief Justice E. K. Campbell as Vice Chairman and H. K. Carroll as Secretary. The cordial cooperation of the following bodies in the movement was secured:

The Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal, South, Methodist Protestant, African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Colored Methodist Episcopal, Free Methodist, American Wesleyan and Canada Methodist Churches.

The report of the Asbury Memorial Association is submitted herewith.

We respectfully request the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in harmony with similar action of the General Conferences of other Methodist bodies to authorize the appointment of one member of the Commission assigned to it, renew the appropriation made in 1912 for expenses, and empower its member of the commission to cooperate with the representatives of other Methodist Churches in making plans for the Fifth Ecumenical Conference in 1921.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. HAMILTON, Chairman.

H. K. CARROLL,

Secretary of the Executive Committee.

F. T. LITTLE,

Representing the Meth. Prot. Church.

Washington, D. C., April 20, 1916.

#### REPORT OF THE FRANCIS ASBURY MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Under the auspices of the Executive Committee of the Ecumenical Methodist Commission, in response to general request, the Francis Asbury Memorial Association was organized in Washington, D. C., May 18, 1915. Its purpose was to bring about a general observance of the year 1916 as the centenary of Bishop Asbury's death.

The general committee of the Association embraces members of the Ecumenical Methodist Commission and other representatives of the following Methodist bodies: Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal, South, Methodist Protestant, Methodist Church of Canada, African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Colored Methodist Episcopal, Free Methodist, Wesleyan Methodist.

An Executive Committee was appointed as follows: Bishop Earl Cranston, Chairman, Chief Justice E. K. Campbell, Vice Chairman, H. K. Carroll, Secretary, Bishop J. W. Hamilton, Bishop T. B. Neely, Rev. J. C. Nicholson, Rev. E. L. Watson, Recording Secretary, Mr. George F. Washburn, Hon. Thomas H. Anderson, Dr. J. R. Joy, General Superintendent, S. D. Crown, Bishop E. E. Hoss, Rev. F. J. Prettyman, Rev. A. J. Lamar, Rev. F. S. Parker, Hon. Josephus Daniels, Hon. J. L. Kelley, Mr. T. T. Fishburne, Hon. Lee S. Over-

man, Hon. Daniel C. Roper, Rev. F. T. Little, Rev. T. H. Lewis, Mr. S. R. Harris, Bishop C. S. Smith, Dr. J. R. Hawkins, Bishop Alexander Walters, Bishop C. H. Phillips, Bishop Wilton T. Hogue, Rev. F. A. Butterfield.

A Committee of Direction to serve in the interim of meetings of the Executive Committee, was appointed, consisting of the officers above named and F. T. Little, J. C. Nicholson, J. R. Hawkins, and Daniel C. Roper.

The following plan of observance of the year 1916 was adopted:

"1. A program by every annual conference in America at its session in 1916 in honor of the labors and achievements of Asbury and his co-workers and the mighty results that have come from their heroic endeavors, each conference to make its own program.

"2. On the Sunday nearest the date of the anniversary of his death, March 26, or Sunday, April 2, 1916, a sermon from every Methodist pulpit, designed to call to the minds of the prosperous Methodists of to-day how great was the investment of endeavor and devotion, privation and sacrifice made by the preachers and members of the first half century of American Methodism.

"3. A wide circulation of literature relating to the men and events of that period, that the appreciation and gratitude of Methodists of the twentieth century may be evoked for the fathers of the eighteenth century.

"4. The erection of a bronze equestrian statue of Bishop Asbury in the City of Washington from the voluntary contributions of American Methodist churches."

An Address to the Methodists of America was issued, copies of which are herewith submitted, which has been widely circulated. It was mailed to every pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in this country.

Very great interest in the history of the early days of American Methodism and in the heroic work of Bishop Asbury and his associate itinerants has been aroused and the Church press has published special Asbury numbers, with many fine articles; and annual conferences have had some notable programs. It is expected that the observance will continue to the end of the year and result in a juster estimate of the character and achievements, through unparalleled devotion, sacrifice and zeal, of the founder of our Church and his associates.

The Association has abundant evidence of the wide approval of its plan for a suitable monument of Francis Asbury to stand in the National Capitol among the memorials of distinguished statesmen, patriots, warriors and others who have deserved this tribute to their worth. So shall the heroic itinerant receive equal honor for equal service to the Republic in morality and religion.

We respectfully request your approval of this plan of an equestrian statue and trust you will issue an appeal to annual conferences, pastors and churches for earnest cooperation. We want a contribution from every local church for the proposed statue which will be the best that art can produce.

The expenses of the Association, which include no salaries, are limited to clerical help, printing, postage, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

EARL CRANSTON, Chairman.

E. K. CAMPBELL, Vice Chairman.

H. K. CARROLL, Secretary,

F. T. LITTLE,

Representing the Meth. Prot. Church.

Washington, D. C., April 19, 1916.

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT SECTION OF THE JOINT COMMISSION ON THE ORIGIN OF AMERICAN METHODISM.**

**Report Number Nine of the Committee on Itinerancy to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.**

WHEREAS, The time and place of the origin of American Methodism is in dispute, as between Sam's Creek, Maryland, and New York City; and,

WHEREAS, The sesquicentennial of that event is approaching; therefore,

RESOLVED, 1. That the General Conference appoint a Commission of seven members, at least three of whom shall come from the vicinity of New York, and three from the vicinity of Baltimore, and one at large, who, together with similar Commissions from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church (if such shall be appointed), shall inquire carefully into and, if possible, determine whether the priority belongs to Maryland or to New York.

RESOLVED, 2. That the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in conjunction with the other branches of Methodism in America, make provision for the proper observance of this greatest event in the religious life of the Republic.

Adopted, May 29, 1912.

This invitation of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church was cordially accepted, and the following persons were duly appointed:

**THE JOINT COMMISSION ON THE ORIGIN OF AMERICAN METHODISM.**

**To Represent the Methodist Episcopal Church.**

From the Vicinity of New York.

William V. Kelley                      J. S. Chadwick                      \*H. K. Carroll

From the Vicinity of Baltimore.

John F. Goucher                      C. W. Baldwin                      Edward L. Watson

At Large.

W. F. Conner.

**To Represent the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.**

Bishop E. E. Hoss      W. F. Tillett      J. S. Myers      H. M. Du Bose  
E. V. Register              J. P. Tyler              A. B. Pugh

**To Represent the Methodist Protestant Church.**

Daniel Baker      W. O. Atwood      W. H. Litsinger      J. M. Sheridan  
H. L. Elderdice      F. T. Little      T. W. Donoho.

\*Dr. George P. Eckman resigned from the Commission and Dr. H. K. Carroll, President of the Methodist Historical Society of the City of New York, was appointed to fill the vacancy, and consented to prepare one of the papers on priority for the use of the Joint Commission.

**Report of the Joint Commission on the Origin of American Methodism to the General Conference, to the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church.**

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Several months before the Joint Commission was to convene, persons known to be exceptionally interested in the History of American Methodism were requested to prepare full and detailed statements concerning the question of Priority as between Philip Embury and Robert Strawbridge—New York and Maryland—and to submit the same to the Joint Commission.

The place and the date for the meeting of the Joint Commission having been agreed upon, further personal requests were sent out and notices were placed in the Church papers, urging anyone who had any evidence, suggestion or argument, printed, typewritten or manuscript-material bearing directly or indirectly upon either side of the question to forward the same to the Joint Commission for its consideration.

More than two hundred volumes, typewritten papers, and manuscripts bearing upon the subject, were gathered and arranged for ready reference in the room where the Joint Commission conducted its investigation.

The Joint Commission representing the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church, which had been appointed by their respective Churches and instructed "together" to "inquire carefully into and, if possible, determine whether the priority belongs to Maryland or New York," met in the City of Baltimore on January 26, 1916.

The following members of the Commission were present:

W. F. Conner, C. W. Baldwin, John F. Goucher, and E. L. Watson of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Daniel Baker, J. M. Sheridan, W. O. Atwood, H. L. Elderdice, W. H. Litsinger, F. T. Little, and T. W. Donoho of the Methodist Protestant Church; H. M. Du Bose, W. F. Tillett, and J. S. Myers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

A letter was received from Bishop E. E. Hoss expressing his regret that he was unable because of sickness to be present. Dr. Conner, Chairman, pro tem, of the section of the Commission representing the Methodist Episcopal Church, stated that Drs. Carroll and Chadwick "decline to participate in the investigation at this time."

A quorum of two-thirds of the members composing the Joint Commission being present, the Commission organized by the election of Dr. H. M. Du Bose, Chairman, and Dr. E. L. Watson, Secretary.

The action of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, adopted May 29, 1912, was read and accepted as defining the functions of the Joint Commission.

It was further agreed that in the interests of careful and unbiased investigation the Joint Commission would sit in executive session.

The Commission then proceeded to consider most carefully the question which had been referred to it.

After all the evidence which the Commission had been able to procure had been carefully examined, each member of the Commission was called upon to discuss the question, and after each had spoken freely, a ballot was ordered and tellers were appointed.

It was agreed, First, that if any member of the Commission thought there was room for reasonable doubt as to whether the claim for priority had been clearly established, he was to vote a blank ballot.

Second, If, however, in his judgment, the priority of either Mr. Embury or Mr. Strawbridge had been established beyond a reasonable doubt, he was to write upon his ballot the name of the person whose priority the evidence had established.

The tellers reported that fourteen ballots had been cast, not one of them was blank, and the name of Mr. Strawbridge was on all of the fourteen ballots, and the Chairman announced that the vote stood Strawbridge fourteen, Embury none.

The Joint Commission then proceeded to vote separately upon various historic facts, and unanimously decided that the evidence direct, corroborative, and cumulative fully justified the following conclusions:

1. That Philip Embury began to preach and formed a Society in the City of New York, some time during the year 1766.
2. That Robert Strawbridge came to Maryland and settled on Sam's Creek, Frederick County, about 1761.
3. That Mr. Strawbridge began to preach as soon thereafter as he had "arranged" his home.
4. That Mr. Strawbridge baptized Henry Maynard as early as 1762 or 1763.
5. That John Evans was converted as early as 1763 or 1764.
6. That Mr. Strawbridge began forming societies as early as 1763 or 1764.
7. That among all those who have wrought constructively in the development of Methodism in America, to the work of Robert Strawbridge in Maryland belongs the distinction of priority.

The Joint Commission submits herewith a synopsis of the evidence upon which it has based its conclusion.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

H. M. DU BOSE,

Chairman of the Joint Commission.

E. L. WATSON,

Secretary of the Joint Commission.

W. F. CONNER,

Chairman, pro tem, of the Methodist Episcopal Section of the Joint Commission.

W. F. TILLET,

Chairman of the Methodist Episcopal South, Section of the Joint Commission.

H. L. ELDERDICE,

Chairman of the Methodist Protestant Section of the Joint Commission.

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#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSOLIDATION OF BOARDS AND PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

Your committee had referred to it the matter of investigating the possibility and practicability of consolidating our various Boards and Publishing Interests; and also the proposed establishment of a fund for the relief of our superannuated ministers. A number of circumstances have conspired to render it impossible to give at this time the results of thorough investigation and mature judgment upon all phases of the subjects committed to us. The uncertainty of the outcome of church union negotiations made it seem unwise to our chairman to call a meeting of the committee prior to the Fall of

1915. Since then, repeated efforts have been made to assemble the committee, but without success, until the day preceding the meeting of this conference. The time thus at our disposal has been insufficient for us to be able to make a comprehensive report worthy of your serious consideration. However, as individuals we have given careful thought, and in committee sessions we have been able to work out some recommendations which represent our matured judgment, as follows:

(1) We believe it is possible for this General Conference to combine any or all its Boards and Publishing Interests in any way it may see fit.

(2) We believe the work of the Woman's Missionary Societies should be linked more closely and vitally with that of our general missionary boards. To this end we recommend that the constitutions of the boards and societies involved be changed so as to provide that the president of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be a member of the Board of Foreign Missions; and that the president of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall be a member of the Board of Home Missions.

(3) Resolved, that item three of this report be referred to a committee consisting of fifteen persons, the members of the present committee being members of this committee, who shall give careful consideration to this question and submit a plan of consolidation to the next session of the General Conference, if in its judgment such consolidation is deemed to be wise and practicable.

(4) We recommend that the Board of Publication be directed to provide that the Editors of our Papers shall exchange letters for publication each week, giving a resume of news and reflecting the spirit, each of the other's territorial field. We would also recommend that the Board of Publication, through its Publishing Agent use every means to increase the circulation of our Church Papers and especially, if found practicable, by offering the Methodist Recorder and the Methodist Protestant together at club rates.

(5) We recommend the creation of a general Board of Education to succeed the present Board of Ministerial Education, to continue the functions of the present Board and increase the efficiency thereof, and to take on additional functions naturally connected with a wise supervision and control of our educational interests.

(6) We recommend the budget system in the assessments levied upon the Conferences. This system means that the assessments voted for the various general interests shall be apportioned equitably and presented in a lump sum to the various Conferences, the Conferences being required to levy upon their respective Circuits and Stations, the assessments for the general budget in a lump sum, thus simplifying the methods and concentrating the forces of frequent and scattered appeals, all in the interest of efficiency. The aggregate receipts on budget shall be forwarded to the General Church Treasurer for distribution to the various interests assessed upon the basis authorized. This contemplates the creation of the office of General Church Treasurer, who shall be properly bonded and under the direction of this Conference through its Executive Committee. It also involves the absorption of the office of Treasurer of the several Boards.

(7) We have considered the proposed creation of a sustentation fund for the superannuated ministers of our denomination in the light of numerous resolutions and informal suggestions coming before us, and our conclusion is that it is high time to recognize the claims.



**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.**

To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church Assembled at Zanesville, Ohio:

The Board of Publication of the Methodist Protestant Church herewith submits for your consideration the Report of the Baltimore Book Concern and the Report of the Pittsburgh Book Directory.

It also submits for your consideration the following Resolutions passed by it at the session held May 18, 1916 at the office of the Pittsburgh Directory.

WHEREAS, The Pittsburgh Directory of Board of Publication has reported to the Board that after the contribution of 20% of its net profits to the General Conference, it has on hand the sum of \$3,614.65, which it feels that it can at this time pass over to the General Conference, without injuring its business; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By this Board that the sum of \$3,614.65 be paid over to the General Conference with the sincere and mature suggestion that the money be used for the relief of the superannuated ministers in the several conferences, the manner and method of distribution thereof to be determined by the General Conference, this money to be held by the Pittsburgh Directory until the General Conference has worked out full plans for carrying out this suggestion. And be it further,

RESOLVED, That after the payment of the necessary expenses of the General Conference, the balance of the 20% and what is now turned over to the General Conference, be used for the relief of superannuated ministers as mentioned in the above resolution.

(Signed) C. E. SHEPPARD, Pres. Bd. of Pub.

Note. The total amount of check is \$6,059.53. The difference, \$2,444.88, being the remainder of the 20% dividend due to the General Conference Treasurer for Conference expenses.

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**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.**

Your Committee on Publishing Interests reports as follows:

1. Reports from both the Baltimore and the Pittsburgh Directories have come before us.

2. We note with grief the death during the quadrennium of Dr. M. L. Jennings, Editor of the Methodist Recorder; but we rejoice in the fact that the pen laid down by Dr. Jennings has been taken up and used so effectively by Dr. Lyman E. Davis.

3. Your Committee also notes the change of agents of the Baltimore Directory. Rev. T. R. Woodford, who resigned during the quadrennium, that he might re-enter the pastorate, had rendered splendid service in the developing and extending of the business of

the Directory. Mr. Chas. Reiner, Jr., trained in the business, was elected and took up the work as agent, and by energy and aggressive methods has continued the development and extending of the business, in a quite satisfactory manner. We commend the agent for the introduction of the mail order system by which means larger results are already being realized.

4. We are glad to note that the Baltimore Directory has turned into the General Conference Treasury, \$1,198.49; and that the Pittsburgh Directory, having already turned in \$2,280.94, brings to this Conference, a check for \$6,059.53.

5. We note with much interest the report from both Directories of a wholesome increase in both circulation of, and profits from the Sunday School literature—the Pittsburgh Directory reporting for the quadrennium an increase in circulation of more than fifteen per cent.

6. We note with pleasure the addition of two years of study for the Beginners in the International Graded Lessons, and three years for the Primary; also the addition in the Teacher's Journal, of a Primary Teacher's Department.

7. We recommend that the contemplated improvements and additions to our Sunday School publications, as reported by the Pittsburgh Directory, be made as soon and as rapidly as, in the judgment of the Board of Publication, the demand will justify.

8. We deplore the too small circulation of the Methodist Protestant and the Methodist Recorder. Our people cannot be intelligently developed unless they read our church papers. We believe that no one is fully qualified to become a delegate to an Annual Conference, that no minister or preacher is fully qualified to serve a field as pastor unless he reads regularly one or more of our Church papers. We urgently recommend that pastors and local church officers together with the editors and publishers inaugurate a vigorous campaign to extend the subscription lists of the Methodist Protestant and the Methodist Recorder.

9. The books of both Directories have been duly audited and found to be correct.

10. We nominate as members of the Pittsburgh Directory, C. E. Sheppard, D. D., W. W. Lineberry, D. D., A. M. Lyons, Robert Rawsthorne, C. A. Braun.

11. We nominate as members of the Baltimore Directory, C. D. Sinkinson, D. D., J. L. Mills, D. D., N. T. Meginnis, J. W. Chapman, Jr., H. A. Abbott.

12. We nominate as officers of the Board of Publication, C. E. Sheppard, D. D., President, J. L. Mills, D. D., Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. VARNEY, Chairman,  
T. M. JOHNSON, Secretary,  
F. C. KLEIN,  
FRED A. PERRY,  
FRANK H. LEWIS,  
J. O. LEDBETTER,  
A. N. FELL,  
J. H. ELLIOTT,  
H. A. GARRETT,

**REPORT OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT BOOK CONCERN.****Message from the Baltimore Directory.**

To the Members of the General Conference of 1916.

We respectfully submit the following report of the Baltimore Book Directory of the Methodist Protestant Church, covering the business of the past four years. This report has been made up in compliance with the order of the General Conference, and includes the following:

Exhibit A: Comparative Balance sheet for the Quadrennium.

Exhibit B: Comparative Department Trading Profit and Loss statement for the Quadrennium.

Exhibit C: Condensed Statement of Income and Expenditures for the Quadrennium.

Exhibit D: Comparative Department Statement showing percentages.

Exhibit E: Comparative Condensed Statement of Income and Expenditures for three Quadrenniums, 1908, 1912, and 1916, showing increase and decrease in each department.

We believe that a careful study of these exhibits will enable you to get a clear understanding of the operations of our business.

We have to report only one change in our management during the quadrennium. Very much to our regret the Rev. Thomas R. Woodford resigned as Agent on May 1, 1913. It is proper to state that he was not prompted to this action by any friction between him and our Board. On the contrary, he was giving us entire satisfaction and had the confidence and support of, and was held in the highest esteem by every member of the directorate, but due to the fact that our business had passed the experimental stage and thus had been placed on a solid basis, he felt that the opportune time had come for him to return to the active pastorate, which he regarded as his life work. This he did at a considerable pecuniary sacrifice.

We feel that too much cannot be said in commendation of the good work accomplished for the Book Concern through the efforts of Brother Woodford. The fact that we are able to exhibit to you at this time a financial statement which, in point of success, far exceeds that of any other quadrennium, and is due largely to the good judgment and untiring efforts exercised by him, during his incumbency as Agent, supplemented, of course, by that of our present Agent, Mr. Charles Renier, Jr., our former book-keeper, who has been tutored and trained for nine years under his predecessor in office.

We find great pleasure in being able to state after a trial of three years, that the Board has made no mistake in advancing Mr. Renier to the responsible position of Agent. He took up the work as left by Brother Woodford, and by his adaptability, skill, and unceasing industry, has advanced our business from the high plane in

which he found it to the highest plane ever reached during the existence of the Book Concern.

Therefore, it is a pleasure to bear testimony to the efficiency of our Agent; also to the faithfulness of his employees who, by their co-operation, have made it possible for us to render a good account of our stewardship.

#### **The Methodist Protestant.**

We greatly deplore the fact that we are compelled to report an increased loss in the publication of the paper over that of the preceding quadrennium. This may be accounted for by several causes, some of which may now be mentioned. The increased cost of material, the enlargement of the paper from sixteen to twenty-four pages, to meet the wishes of the General Conference, and more especially the lack of support and patronage by the denomination at large, are the most prominent causes. The last named cause is, in part, due to the fact that several of our Conferences are publishing local church papers, the effect of which has been to decrease subscriptions to the Official Church Organs. We beg to call this matter to your attention for such immediate action as you may think proper and wise. The above existing facts have forced us to publish the Protestant at an average cost of \$2.30 per paper, for which outlay we have only received \$1.50, a net loss to us of eighty cents on every subscriber. This accounts for the increased cost during the past four years. Although every practical plan has been tried, even to the extent of printing the Protestant on an inferior quality of paper, hoping thereby to meet and overcome some of the regrettable losses, nevertheless, we still show a total loss for the Quadrennium of \$4,354.09, which is an increase of \$1,635.15 over the preceding four years, this is true notwithstanding the fact that we have received \$2,800.00, a little over one-half from the income derived from the Drinkhouse Trust Estate. We have been compelled to meet this loss out of the profits received from our Sunday School literature and the sales of merchandise.

Our Board is of the unanimous opinion that it was Dr. Drinkhouse's intention that the entire income from his estate, or such portion thereof as was necessary to meet any loss sustained in the publication of the Protestant, should be applied for that purpose, the surplus only to be used in other directions. This being our interpretation of the Will, we believe that the above named deficit should have been provided for out of the income derived from the Drinkhouse Trust Estate, to the limit, if needed, of the total amount of same.

The Board of Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference, take a different view of the matter. Feeling that the only way in which this vital question could be finally determined would be through a friendly suit in a Court of Equity, asking the Court to interpret the Will, a majority of our Board have already voted to institute such a proceeding.

For the information of the Conference, it may be said, the Will of Dr. Drinkhouse became operative on April 19, 1903, the date of his death, but we did not derive any benefit from the same until August 23, 1911, the date of the death of his wife, Mrs. Angelina Drinkhouse. The corpus of the estate at the latter date consisted of Securities, ground rents, note and loan, amounting to \$23,792.96, and yielded a gross income of \$1,262.55, at the annual rate of 5 1-10 per cent. on the principal.

Had we not received the \$2,800.00 from the Drinkhouse estate, and also reduced the quality of the paper on which the Protestant has been printed, the loss on the paper would have been increased in an amount equal to the loss from these sources, or nearly double the deficit stated.

The important question is, What can be done to remedy this deplorable condition? Many answers may be given to this question, and at least two may be now suggested for consideration. The first is, the reduction of the subscription price of the paper to one dollar per annum, hoping thereby to meet a supported popular demand for a popular price. This would necessitate the securing of a guaranteed list of ten thousand subscribers. The other answer is, the consolidation of the two official organs of the Church, making the subscription price one dollar per annum, for reasons already given. This would necessitate the securing of a guaranteed list of twenty thousand subscribers. This latter solution would enable the Board to use a better quality of paper for the publication and would place behind the publication the prestige of the entire denomination.

Other answers will arise in your minds and perhaps better ones; those given are merely to arouse the church to a full and definite discussion of the vexing, yet vital problem.

#### Sunday School Periodicals.

This Department continues to show a steady and healthy increase both in sales and profits, an indication that our supplies are meeting with the hearty approval and support of the Sunday Schools.

The net profit from this department during the quadrennium amounts to \$7,028.29, an increase of \$1,763.30 over that of the previous four years, or, an average of 14.18 per cent. net profits in income during the quadrennium.

In our report of 1912, we stated that there was an increasing demand for lesson papers better suited to the requirements of our Sunday Schools. We regret that this strongly felt want has not been fully met by our denomination, and again we recommend that something be done at this Session of the Conference in reference to the matter, particularly that Junior and Intermediate lesson helps be added to the graded course, the lesson texts to be uniform but so applied as to be adapted to the ages and conditions found in the several departments.

**Merchandise.**

By reference to the Exhibits relating to this Department you will find most gratifying and satisfactory results. We have reached a period in the history of our business when we command not only the favor and patronage of our own denomination but that of others as well. This has had the effect of increasing our local trade.

We have introduced the mail order system—a comparatively new feature with us—into this department during the Quadrennium by mailing a catalogue of our stock to all of our patrons and friends. This Clerk is ever on the job and as a result our mail order business is steadily growing and should in the future, yield us large results.

Availing ourselves of clearance sales we have been able to keep our stock down to a minimum and emptied our shelves of unsalable books.

The gross amount of sales from this department during the Quadrennium, see Exhibits B and C, is \$91,379.38 against \$67,334.71 for the preceding four years, an increase of \$24,044.66, with net profits amounting to \$7,372.45, an increase of \$2,185.36 yielding an average percentage for the Quadrennium of 8.61 per cent.

**Miscellaneous Items.**

1. Our total net gain for the Quadrennial period, as shown by Exhibit "C" amounts to \$5,630.84, or \$201.37 less than the preceding quadrennium. This shrinkage in profits is explained by the fact that we have written off our Furniture and Fixture account, amounting to \$1,977.19, which, added to the increased loss on the Protestant, \$1,631.15, and the additional expense on Property for new sewerage connections total \$3,798.34, an additional expense, not incurred by us during the preceding four years.

2. We have been compelled to charge off, as worthless, bad debts contracted by customers for Sunday School papers and books, the sum of \$246.16 during the Quadrennium, and about 2 per cent. of our Accounts Receivable, which is a small amount indeed when we consider the volume of our business.

3. While we are not charged with any specific amount of rent for No. 316 N. Charles Street, occupied by us, it is interesting to note that the expenses and improvements on the building, all of which are paid by us, together with the loss on the Methodist Protestant, see Exhibit "B", amounts to an average of \$1,745.84 per year. These figures indicate that this Board could afford to pay a fair rental for a suitable place of business, and succeed, if it were not compelled to pay out of its profits the losses sustained on account of the publication of the Methodist Protestant. These losses the Board unanimously believes should be met and paid out of the income of the Drinkhouse estate, according to a proper interpretation of the Drinkhouse Will.

4. By reference to Exhibit "A", you will notice that we have created an Emergency, or Reserve Account, with a credit of \$4,290.59 now on deposit in one of our local banks at 4 per cent. interest.

Our object in creating this fund is that it may serve a three-fold purpose, viz.:

First: To protect our business in case of any financial depression.

Second: To improve our building, if permitted, which is already inadequate to meet the demands of our business. The building is not in the best condition and should be remodeled and improved as soon as possible. Nor is it in keeping with the surrounding properties.

Third: To establish our own printing plant.

With these objects in view we believe it would be very unwise and especially hazardous to the business to disturb this Fund.

5. The percentage of profit on our fixed Capital of \$20,000.00 averages 7 per cent. a year. Acting under the authority of the General Conference we have turned over to Dr. Charles H. Beck, Treasurer of the Conference, 20 per cent. of our annual profits, amounting to \$1,198.49 for the Quadrennium, to which should be added \$322.35 for General Conference expenses paid in 1912, totaling \$1,520.84 for the past four years. Owing to the splendid condition of our business we feel that for the future we will be able to turn over a still greater amount and would suggest, the Pittsburgh Directory concurring, that you increase the amount to 25 per cent. to be turned over to the Treasury of the General Conference out of the annual net income from each of the Book Concerns.

Recognizing the loving and guiding hand of Almighty God in the administration of our duties as your directorate and with due appreciation for the support and co-operation of Our Church, we subscribe ourselves your humble servants.

By order of the Board,

(Signed) N. T. MEGINNIS,

President.

(Signed) JAMES W. CHAPMAN, Jr.

Treasurer.

Baltimore, Md., May 12, 1916.

#### Auditor's Report.

Baltimore, April 24th, 1916.

N. T. Meginnis, Esq.,

President, The Book Directory of the Methodist Protestant  
Church in Baltimore City,

316 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sirs:—

We have made an audit of the books and accounts of the Book Directory for the Quadrennium ending February 29th, 1916, and present herewith the following Exhibits showing your financial condition at the end of each year of the period and the operations of each Department during the period:

Exhibit A: Comparative Balance Sheet for Quadrennium.

Exhibit B: Comparative Department Trading Profit and Loss Statement for Quadrennium.

Exhibit C: Condensed Statement of Income and Expenditures for Quadrennium.

Exhibit D: Comparative Department Statement showing Percentages.

We have made this audit in a careful manner, have satisfied ourselves of the technical accuracy of your books, and have seen that all disbursements are supported by proper vouchers. As a result of the audit we believe that your books present a true record of the transactions of your business for the period.

The system of accounts of the Directory provides for the division of the business into three Departments—Methodist Protestant, Sunday Periodicals and Merchandise. The income and expenditures have been distributed as accurately as possible during the period under review. The Methodist Protestant shows a much greater loss for this Quadrennium than for the previous one, due to decreased subscriptions and advertising, and increased cost of publication, notwithstanding \$2,800.00 has been received from the Drinkhouse legacy, whereas nothing was received from this legacy during the previous period. The Merchandise Department shows a very satis-

factory increase in sales and in net income. The Sunday School Periodical Department likewise shows a constant and healthy increase in sales and in net profit as compared with the previous period. We believe that the Agent is to be congratulated on the results secured in these two departments.

The net profit from the Merchandise and Sunday School Periodical Department amounts to \$10,307.28, but from this we must deduct the loss on the Methodist Protestant, \$4,354.09, and General Conference Expenses, \$322.35, leaving a net profit for the entire business of \$5,630.84. This net profit has been distributed as shown on Exhibit C.

We are furnishing for the Directory a separate report containing a more complete discussion of the various accounts appearing in the statements attached hereto.

We believe that a thorough understanding of the results of your business can be secured by careful study of these exhibits without further comments, but we hold ourselves in readiness to explain any matter not entirely clear to your Board.

We found your office well conducted, the books and accounts accurately and conscientiously kept, and it is our opinion that the attached statements present the true condition of your business as revealed by the records kept.

Respectfully submitted,

BALTIMORE AUDIT COMPANY,  
Ernest E. Wooden,  
Certified Public Accountant,  
Secretary and Treasurer.



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EXHIBIT A.

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET FOR QUADRENNIUM ENDING  
FEBRUARY 29, 1916.

	Feb'y 28, 1913.	Feb'y 28, 1914	Feb'y 28, 1915	Feb'y 29 1916
<b>ASSETS.</b>				
Cash .....	\$ 3046.12	\$3672.58	\$1775.11	\$1119.75
Baker, Watts & Co.—Special Deposit at 4% .....		260.19	2440.00	4493.90
Deposit Baltimore Post Office .....	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00
Accounts Receivable .....	2853.77	3251.07	4505.07	4332.63
Accounts Receivable in Suspense—Methodist Protestant—20% of value .....	105.91	111.38	153.80	98.79
Accrued Advertising in Methodist Protestant .....	134.52	209.14	200.97	374.35
Advance Orders for Sunday School Periodicals .....	1767.50	1982.50	1472.50	1531.25
<b>Inventories</b>				
Drinkhouse History .....	489.00	291.00	154.25	1.00
Hymnal Plates .....	600.00	400.00	200.00	1.00
Merchandise Stock .....	15314.95	13792.56	14929.65	14220.82
General Expense .....	149.63	152.78	199.14	153.59
Sunday School Periodicals .....	76.74	77.26	84.79	86.35
Merchandise Expense .....		105.75	108.37	234.41
Paper for Methodist Protestant .....	26.60	29.20	48.88	35.10
Loan to Trustees Maryland Annual Conference .....	179.93	188.93	198.38	208.30
Furniture and Fixtures .....	1637.59	1186.09	583.84	1.00
Improvement to Property .....	463.11	444.21	618.93	616.73
<b>Total Assets</b> .....	<b>\$26872.37</b>	<b>\$26181.64</b>	<b>\$27698.68</b>	<b>\$27540.97</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts Payable .....	\$ 5510.64	\$3084.71	\$3513.70	\$1561.14
Book Concern Building Rent Fund .....		100.00		
<b>Advance Subscriptions:</b>				
Methodist Protestant .....	400.25	547.12	648.75	474.25
Sunday School Periodicals .....	655.99	594.23	586.18	603.34
General Conference—Share of Profits .....	52.59	319.08	297.26	481.67
Reserve for Bad Debts .....		96.50	158.89	129.98
<b>Total Liabilities</b> .....	<b>\$ 6619.47</b>	<b>\$4741.64</b>	<b>\$5204.78</b>	<b>\$3250.38</b>
Capital .....	20252.90	20000.00	20000.00	20000.00
Emergency Fund .....		1440.00	2493.90	4290.59
	<b>\$26872.37</b>	<b>\$26181.64</b>	<b>\$27698.68</b>	<b>\$27540.97</b>

EXHIBIT C.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE  
QUADRENNIUM ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1916

	1912-13.	1913-14.	1914-15.	1915-16.	Quadr'm.
<b>INCOME.</b>					
Methodist Protestant .....	\$ 4747.53	\$6766.26	\$5594.62	\$5294.00	\$22402.31
Sunday School Periodicals .....	11326.73	12214.98	12769.58	13236.18	49547.47
Merchandise .....	20628.02	21125.90	23232.59	26392.86	91379.37
<b>Department Totals</b> .....	<b>\$36702.28</b>	<b>\$40107.14</b>	<b>\$41596.69</b>	<b>\$44923.04</b>	<b>\$168329.15</b>
Profit and Loss Items .....	9.15	9.78	147.97	207.35	374.25
	<b>\$36711.43</b>	<b>\$40116.92</b>	<b>\$41744.66</b>	<b>\$45130.39</b>	<b>\$163703.40</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Methodist Protestant .....	6226.13	7124.67	7065.19	6322.41	26756.40
Sunday School Periodicals .....	10045.02	10381.83	10856.21	11235.72	42518.78
Merchandise .....	18777.86	19797.47	20958.56	23973.03	83506.92
<b>Department Totals</b> .....	<b>\$35049.01</b>	<b>\$37321.97</b>	<b>\$38879.96</b>	<b>\$41531.16</b>	<b>\$152782.10</b>
Profit and Loss Items .....	837.64	1296.06	1513.54	1320.87	4968.11
General Conference Expenses .....	322.35				322.85
<b>Net Profit:</b>					
To Capital .....	401.95	1179.81	1053.90	1796.69	4432.35
To General Conference .....	100.48	319.08	297.26	481.67	1198.49
	<b>\$36711.43</b>	<b>\$40116.92</b>	<b>\$41744.66</b>	<b>\$45130.39</b>	<b>\$163703.40</b>

Profit Sunday School Periodical Dept		\$7028.69
Profit Merchandise		7872.45
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$14901.14</b>
Less General Profit and Loss Items		4592.88
<b>Actual Net Profit from two Departments</b>		<b>\$10307.26</b>
LESS		
Loss on Methodist Protestant..	\$4354.09	
General Conference Expenses ..	322.35	4676.44
<b>Net Profit—Entire Business...</b>		<b>\$5630.84</b>
<b>DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS.</b>		
To make Capital Account \$20,000.00	\$ 149.05	
To Emergency Fund	4283.30	
To General Conference	1198.49	
		<b>\$5630.84</b>

## EXHIBIT B.

## COMPARATIVE DEPARTMENT TRADING STATEMENTS AND GENERAL PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR EACH YEAR AND FOR QUADRENNIUM ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1916.

EXPENDITURES.	1912-13.	1913-14.	1914-15.	1915-16.	Quadrm.
<b>METHODIST PROTESTANT</b>					
Paper	\$ 713.07	\$1103.51	\$1093.96	\$ 559.77	\$ 3470.31
Printing	2490.12	3024.55	3000.81	2829.91	11345.39
Postage	189.90	272.23	271.25	189.59	922.97
Direct Expenses	128.79	218.00	198.50	213.19	758.48
Salaries	2290.00	2076.88	2142.55	2142.55	8651.98
Commissions	74.30	172.95	91.89	80.01	419.15
General Expenses	333.82	274.55	266.23	307.39	1181.99
Bad Accounts Charged Off	6.13				6.13
	<u>\$6226.13</u>	<u>\$7142.67</u>	<u>\$7065.19</u>	<u>\$6322.41</u>	<u>\$26756.40</u>
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL PERIODICALS.</b>					
Purchases—Net	\$7636.45	\$8165.72	\$8558.42	\$8773.98	\$33134.57
Postage, Express and Freight	392.62	432.15	451.95	467.07	1743.79
Direct Expenses	183.83	186.43	189.14	246.94	806.34
Salaries	1482.96	1308.66	1390.47	1440.34	5622.43
General Expenses	333.82	274.55	266.23	307.39	1182.00
Bad Accounts Charged Off	15.34	14.31			29.65
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$10045.02</u>	<u>\$10381.83</u>	<u>\$10856.21</u>	<u>\$11235.72</u>	<u>\$42518.78</u>
Net Profit—To Profit and Loss Account	1281.71	1833.15	1913.37	2000.46	7028.69
	<u>\$11326.73</u>	<u>\$12214.98</u>	<u>\$12769.58</u>	<u>\$13236.18</u>	<u>\$49547.47</u>
<b>MERCHANDISE.</b>					
Purchases—Net	\$14894.61	\$16203.82	\$17128.43	\$19422.46	\$67649.32
Direct Expenses	1036.19	1117.59	1246.45	1580.28	4980.51
Salaries	2471.59	2181.11	2317.45	2400.57	9370.72
General Expenses	333.82	274.55	266.23	307.40	1182.00
Bad Accounts Charged Off	41.65	20.40			62.05
Postage, Express and Freight Outbound				262.32	262.32
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$18777.86</u>	<u>\$19797.47</u>	<u>\$20958.56</u>	<u>\$23973.03</u>	<u>\$83506.92</u>
Net Profit—To Profit and Loss Account	1850.16	1328.43	2274.03	2419.83	7872.45
	<u>\$20628.02</u>	<u>\$21125.90</u>	<u>\$23232.59</u>	<u>\$26392.86</u>	<u>\$91379.37</u>
<b>GENERAL PROFIT AND LOSS.</b>					
Furniture and Fixtures	\$ 181.95	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 595.24	\$1977.19
Property Improvement and Expenses	655.69	599.56	778.39	595.65	2629.39

General Conference Expenses..	322.35				322.35
Reserve for Bad Debts .....		96.50	135.15	129.98	361.63
Loss on the Methodist Protestant .....	1478.60	376.41	1470.67	1028.41	4354.09
<b>Net Profits:</b>					
To Capital and Emergency Fund .....	401.95	1179.81	1053.90	1796.69	4432.35
To general Conference 20% .....	100.48	319.08	297.26	481.67	1198.49
	<b>\$ 3141.02</b>	<b>\$3171.36</b>	<b>\$4335.37</b>	<b>\$4627.64</b>	<b>\$15275.39</b>

EXHIBIT B.

COMPARATIVE DEPARTMENT TRADING STATEMENT & GENERAL PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR EACH YEAR AND FOR QUADRENNIUM ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1916.

	1912-13.	1913-14.	1914-15.	1915-16.	Quadr'm.
<b>METHODIST PROTESTANT</b>					
Subscriptions .....	\$ 4026.28	\$4600.87	\$4296.74	\$3749.74	\$16663.59
Advertisements .....	721.25	634.58	506.18	761.80	2623.81
Old Subscription Accounts collected .....		130.81	101.60	82.50	314.91
Income from Drinkhouse Legacy .....		1400.00	700.00	700.00	2800.00
Total Income .....	\$ 4747.53	\$6766.26	\$5594.52	\$5294.00	\$22402.31
Net Loss—To Profit and Loss Account .....	1478.60	376.41	1470.67	1028.41	4354.09
	<b>\$6226.13</b>	<b>\$7142.67</b>	<b>\$7065.19</b>	<b>\$6322.41</b>	<b>\$26756.40</b>
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL PERIODICALS</b>					
Sales .....	\$11310.65	\$12214.98	\$12768.08	\$13236.18	\$49529.89
Sundry Credits .....	16.08		1.50		17.58
	<b>\$11326.73</b>	<b>\$12214.98</b>	<b>\$12769.58</b>	<b>\$13236.18</b>	<b>\$49547.47</b>
<b>MERCHANDISE</b>					
Sales .....	\$20526.47	\$21002.33	\$23049.40	\$26235.77	\$90813.97
Sundry Credits .....	2.53	4.50			7.03
Discounts Secured .....	99.02	119.07	183.19	157.09	558.37
	<b>\$20628.02</b>	<b>\$21125.90</b>	<b>\$23232.59</b>	<b>\$26392.86</b>	<b>\$91379.37</b>
<b>GENERAL PROFIT AND LOSS</b>					
Interest .....	\$ 8.57	\$ 9.31	\$ 76.97	\$ 131.54	\$ 226.39
Sundry Credits .....	.58	.47	71.00	75.81	147.86
Net Profit—Sunday School Periodicals .....	1281.71	1833.15	1913.37	2000.46	7028.69
Net Profit—Merchandise .....	1850.16	1328.43	2274.03	2419.83	7872.45
	<b>\$3141.02</b>	<b>\$3171.36</b>	<b>\$4335.37</b>	<b>\$4627.64</b>	<b>\$15275.39</b>

EXHIBIT D.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENT PROFITS AND LOSSES, SHOWING PERCENTAGES.

	1912-13.	1913-14.	1914-15.	1915-16.	Quadr'm.
<b>MERCHANDISE</b>					
Income .....	\$20628.02	\$21125.90	\$23232.59	\$26392.86	\$91379.37
Profit .....	1850.16	1328.43	2724.03	2419.83	7872.45
Per Cent. of Profit .....	8.97%	6.29%	9.8%	9.17%	8.61%
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL PERIODICALS.</b>					
Income .....	11326.73	12214.98	12769.58	13236.18	49547.47
Profit .....	1281.71	1833.15	1913.37	2000.46	7028.69
Per Cent. of Profit .....	11.32%	15%	15%	15.11%	14.18%
<b>METHODIST PROTESTANT</b>					
Income .....	4747.53	6766.26	5594.52	5294.00	22402.31
Loss .....	1478.60	376.41	1470.67	1028.41	4354.09
Per Cent. of Loss .....	31.14%	5.56%	26.28%	19.42%	19.44%
<b>ALL DEPARTMENTS (Including Profit and Loss Items)</b>					
Income .....	36711.43	40116.92	41744.66	45130.39	163703.40
Profit .....	502.43	1498.89	1351.16	2278.36	5630.84
Per Cent. of Profit .....	1.37%	3.37%	3.23%	5.05%	3.44%

## CONDENSED COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES FOR THREE QUADRENNIUMS, 1904-16.

## EXHIBIT E.

	Income		Expenditures		Increase		Decrease	
	1908	1912	1916	1912	1916 over 1908	1916 over 1912	1916 over 1908	1916 over 1912
<b>INCOME</b>								
Methodist Protestant	\$ 2343.28	\$21056.98	\$22402.31	\$1345.33	\$1031.97	\$1345.33		
Sunday School Periodicals	3425.11	45493.49	49157.47	7053.98	\$14592.36	7053.98		
Merchandise	30857.32	67333.71	91397.37	24044.66	60522.05	24044.66		
Department Totals	\$89146.71	\$130885.18	\$163329.15	74182.44	74182.44	32443.97		
Sundry Profit and Loss Items	393.39	48.26	374.25		19.14	325.99		
	\$89540.10	\$130933.44	\$163703.40	74163.30	74163.30	32769.96		
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>								
Methodist Protestant	\$26405.53	\$ 23779.92	\$ 26756.40	350.87	350.87	2976.48		
Sunday School Periodicals	29833.54	37228.10	42518.78	12685.24	12685.24	5290.68		
Merchandise	29507.81	61647.62	83506.92	63999.11	63999.11	21859.30		
Department Totals	\$85746.88	\$122655.64	\$152782.10	67035.22	67035.22	30126.46		
Sundry Profit and Loss Items	2521.98	2448.69	5290.46	2768.48	2768.48	2844.87		
Net Profits Entire Business	1271.24	5832.21	5630.84		4359.60	2844.87		\$201.37
	\$85540.10	\$130933.44	\$163703.40	74163.30	74163.30	32769.96		
Net Profit Sunday School Periodical Dept.	\$5021.57	\$5265.39	\$7028.69	2007.12	2007.12	1762.30		
Net Profit Merchandise Department	1349.51	5687.09	7872.45	6522.94	6522.94	2185.36		
Total	\$6371.08	\$10952.48	\$14901.14	8530.06	8530.06	3948.66		
Less General Profit and Loss Items	2128.59	2201.84	4593.86	2392.02	2392.02	2392.02		
Actual Net Profits from two Departments	\$4242.49	\$8750.64	\$10307.28	6064.79	6064.79	1556.64		
Loss on Methodist Protestant	2971.25	2722.94	4354.09	1382.84	1382.84	1631.15		
Less General Conference Expense	1271.24	\$6027.70	\$5953.19	4681.95	4681.95	74.51		
Net Profits—Entire Business	\$1271.24	\$5832.21	\$5630.84	322.35	322.35	126.86		
	\$1271.24	\$5832.21	\$ 149.05	4283.30	4283.30			
<b>PROFITS DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS.</b>								
To Capital Account			\$ 149.05					
To Emergency Fund			1198.49					
To General Conference								\$201.37

\*Decrease due to special reductions as explained in report.

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES QUADRENNIUM ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1916.

ASSETS	Feb'y 28, 1913	Feb'y 28, 1914	Feb'y 28, 1915	Feb'y 29, 1916
	Plate	\$154550.00	\$154550.00	\$154550.00
Printing Machine	237.06	213.35	192.01	172.81
Books	2458.92	2335.97	2760.51	2484.46
Materials	43.53	83.62	170.45	232.84
Office Accounts	949.77	1067.80	1149.20	1084.31
Office Fixtures	175.56	192.48	172.26	2952.65
Tools	1368.14	1404.23	1368.54	1444.56
Patent	208.77	187.89	169.10	152.19
Receivable	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
Graded Helps	514.00	514.00	514.00	514.00
Per. Paper	555.76	555.76	555.76	555.76
Conference Account	351.48	676.89	999.29	1140.47
Reserve	9838.20	7087.40	7490.88	2338.21
Graded Helps	1900.80	3275.40	3515.84	2918.26
Per. Paper	74.70	11.50	77.60	28.60
Rec. Paper	148.50	376.80	87.50	211.40
Hand	10605.25	492.11	6047.36	7317.36
	<u>\$184020.44</u>	<u>\$173065.20</u>	<u>\$179860.30</u>	<u>\$243073.88</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
New Fund	\$25000.00	\$10000.00	\$10000.00	
Payable	1163.92	1183.43	1207.40	1231.81
	<u>3075.34</u>	<u>772.17</u>	<u>1807.69</u>	
Liabilities	\$29239.26	\$11955.60	\$13015.09	\$ 1231.81
	<u>154781.18</u>	<u>161109.60</u>	<u>166845.21</u>	<u>241842.07</u>
	<u>\$184020.44</u>	<u>\$173065.20</u>	<u>\$179860.30</u>	<u>\$243073.88</u>

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS QUADRENNIUM ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1916.

	1912-13	1913-14	1914-15	1915-16	Quadr'm
School Periodicals	\$29566.90	\$31378.68	\$34345.71	\$36570.72	\$131862.01
Recorder	5689.49	5810.74	5684.00	5517.56	22701.79
Graded Helps	4915.21	4898.21	5255.86	6341.56	21410.84
and Rent Acct.	5786.65	8640.98	8000.00	8000.00	30427.63
Depreciation	389.04	417.39	121.07	94.79	1022.29
Reserve	2124.00	3663.70	3680.94	3158.26	12626.90
	<u>\$48471.29</u>	<u>\$54809.70</u>	<u>\$57087.58</u>	<u>\$59682.89</u>	<u>\$220051.46</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>					
School Periodicals	\$22034.13	\$25623.58	\$27415.42	\$27813.24	\$102886.37
Recorder	8851.06	9670.76	9166.11	9071.69	36759.62
Graded Helps	5004.87	6895.23	6511.24	5451.23	23862.57
and Rent Account	8457.82	3862.11	2989.96	2744.96	18055.85
Depreciation	309.49	305.60	1605.54	1373.97	3594.60
Reserve	1794.70	2124.00	3663.70	3680.94	11263.34
Gift to Capital	2018.22	6328.42	5735.61	9546.86	23629.11
	<u>\$48471.29</u>	<u>\$54809.70</u>	<u>\$57087.58</u>	<u>\$59682.89</u>	<u>\$220051.46</u>

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Balance, March 1st, 1912	\$152762.96
Balance, year ending February 28th, 1913	\$2018.22
Balance, year ending February 28th, 1914	6328.42
Balance, year ending February 28th, 1915	5735.61
Balance, year ending February 29th, 1916	9546.86
Reserve for Quadrennium	23629.11
Decrease over last Quadrennium, 140.6 per cent)	
In assessed valuation of property	65450.00
Balance, February 29th, 1916	\$241842.07
Decrease over last Quadrennium, 58.2 per cent.)	

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS, SHOWING PERCENTAGE  
QUADRENNIUM ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1916.**

	1912-13	1913-14	1914-15	1915-16	Quadrm
<b>Sunday School Periodicals.</b>					
Income .....	\$29566.90	\$31378.68	\$34345.71	\$36570.72	\$131562.10
Profit .....	7521.41	5691.90	7006.29	8891.28	29116.88
Per cent. of Profit .....	25.4%	18.1%	23.9%	24.2%	22.1%
<b>Methodist Recorder—</b>					
Income .....	\$5689.49	\$5810.74	\$5684.00	\$5517.56	\$22701.79
Loss .....	3145.57	3631.72	3781.31	3613.03	14171.63
Per Cent. of Loss .....	55.3%	62.5%	66.5%	65.5%	62.4%
<b>Books and Graded Helps</b>					
Income .....	\$4915.21	\$4898.21	\$5255.86	\$6341.56	\$21410.84
Profit .....	235.00			292.75	
Loss .....		622.42	1014.94		1109.61
Per cent. of Loss .....	4.6%	12.7%	19.3%	4.6%	5.1%
<b>Property and Rent Acct.</b>					
Income .....	\$5786.65	\$8640.98	\$8000.00	\$8000.00	\$30427.63
Profit .....		4778.87	5010.04	5255.04	12371.73
Loss .....	2672.17				
Per cent. of Profit .....	46.2%	55.3%	62.6%	65.7%	40.7%
<b>Total Business</b>					
Income .....	\$48471.29	\$54809.70	\$57087.58	\$59682.89	\$220051.46
Profit .....	2018.22	6328.42	5735.61	9546.86	23629.11
Per cent. of Profit .....	4.2%	11.2%	10.4%	16%	10.6%

**PERIODICAL CIRCULATION.**

	Average 1909-12	Shipped to Baltimore 1st Qr. 1912	Average 1916	Shipped to Baltimore 1st Qr. 1916
Advance Quarterlies .....	70,681	24,500	82,250	28,000
Intermediate Quarterlies .....	21,981	7,600	25,375	8,600
Junior Quarterlies .....	7,063	2,075	11,415	3,450
Home Dept. Quarterlies .....	2,791	,800	2,875	,900
Teacher's Journals .....	10,322	3,690	13,250	4,700
Lesson Leaf .....	10,058	2,200	11,750	2,750
Our Children .....	25,661	8,900	27,500	11,400
New Guide .....	30,012	2,000	24,100	2,300
Cards .....	13,890		15,375	Purchased
Lesson Picture Rolls .....	220		265	Direct

**SALARIES.****1912-1913.**

F. T. Tagg, Editor.....	\$1,500.00
T. R. Woodford, Agent.....	1,500.00
Chas. Reiner, Jr., Bookkeeper.....	870.00
Wm. F Spangenberg, clerk.....	565.00
Hilda Huggins, clerk.....	447.00
Carrie Ritterbusch clerk.....	343.00
Corrinne Anderson, clerk.....	262.00
Chas. Littleton, clerk, part year.....	132.00
Arthur Bond, clerk, part year.....	111.50
Henry Terrell, janitor.....	412.00
Extra Help, during year.....	102.05
Total.....	<u>\$6,244.55</u>

**1913-1914.**

F. T. Tagg, Editor.....	\$1,500.00
T. R. Woodford, Agent, part year.....	250.00
Chas. Reiner, Jr., Agent.....	1,030.65
J. Monroe Gerwig, Bookkeeper, part year.....	450.00
Wm. F Spangenberg, clerk.....	589.00
Hilda Huggins, clerk.....	474.00
Carrie Ritterbusch, clerk.....	356.00
Corrinne Anderson, clerk, part year.....	231.00
Chas. Littleton, clerk, part year.....	96.00
Paul E. Keedy, clerk, part year.....	102.00
Henry Terrell, janitor.....	427.00
Extra Help during year.....	61.00
Total.....	<u>\$5,566.65</u>

**1914-1915.**

F. T. Tagg, Editor.....	\$1,500.00
Chas. Reiner Jr Agent.....	1,200.00
J. Monroe Gerwig, Bookkeeper.....	728.00
Wm. F. Spangenberg, clerk.....	624.00
Hilda Huggins, clerk.....	510.00
Carrie Ritterbusch clerk.....	408.00
Paul E. Keedy, clerk.....	295.00
Henry Terrell, janitor.....	442.00
Extra Help during year.....	143.47
Total.....	<u>\$5,850.47</u>

**1915-1916.**

F. T. Tagg, Editor.....	\$1,500.00
Chas. Reiner, Jr., Agent.....	1,200.00
J. Monroe Gerwig, Bookkeeper.....	728.00
Wm. F. Spangenberg, clerk.....	624.00
Hilda Huggins, clerk.....	510.00
Carrie Ritterbusch clerk.....	408.00
Paul E. Keedy, clerk.....	331.50
Henry Terrell, janitor.....	397.16
Extra Help during year.....	284.80
Total.....	<u>\$5,983.46</u>

**QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE PITTSBURGH DIRECTORY.**

**March 1, 1918, to March 1, 1916.**

The Pittsburg Directory of the Board of Publication takes pleasure in presenting to the General Conference, and the Church at large its report for the Quadrennium closing March 1st of this year. This report is on the whole, the most satisfactory one it has ever submitted, inasmuch as it shows the Directory to be now entirely free from the large debt that has for the past twenty-five years absorbed its resources and retarded the development of its publications along many contemplated lines of improvement.

The receipts for the four years were as follows:

Year ending March 1st, 1913.....	\$48,471.29
Year ending March 1st, 1914.....	54,809.70
Year ending March 1st, 1915.....	57,087.58
Year ending March 1st, 1916.....	59,682.89
	\$220,051.46

The total receipts for the Quadrennium were \$220,051.46, as against \$187,132.65 for the preceding four years.

Before giving a detailed financial statement of the four years' work of the Directory, a brief outline of the condition of the various departments will be in order. The report of the Directory to the General Conference four years ago showed the interest bearing debt, in the form of a mortgage, to be \$25,000. During the present Quadrennium this entire amount has been paid in full, and in addition we have advanced on General Conference expenses, including expenses of the Executive Committee and of the special General Conference at Columbus, Ohio, \$2,280.94. We have also purchased and paid for a new type-setting machine costing about 3,000. The Directory finds that out of its surplus at the close of the Quadrennium, it can place to the credit of the General Conference \$7,200.00. Deducting our share of the General Conference expense, amounting to \$1,140.47, we have placed in the hands of the General Conference Secretary-Treasurer, our check for \$6,059.53, to be expended as the Conference shall direct.

**THE METHODIST RECORDER.** The first three years of the Quadrennium were years of great financial depression, which was felt in all our departments. The schools had less money to spend for really necessary supplies, while the giving of rewards such as Bibles, Testaments, pins, tickets, cards, bookmarks, banners and books was largely abandoned. This depression was seriously felt by The Recorder, which also suffered in the long sickness and final death of its editor, Dr. Martin L. Jennings, who for so many years had guided its editorial policies and made The Recorder a recognized factor among its contemporaries in the religious world. The pen laid down by Dr. Jennings was assumed by Dr. Lyman E. Davis, who has carried on the work of editing The Recorder with vigor and success, bringing to its columns a wealth of knowledge, a richness of style and smoothness of diction, combined with soundness of thought, that has caused his editorials to be quoted in many of the leading denominational papers of the country. He has introduced new departments and brightened up old ones so that the church is undoubtedly receiving today a denominational paper of which it need not be ashamed to place in comparison with many of the wealthy, endowed organs of our sister churches. The publisher of the Recorder has endeavored to give to the church as perfect a



publication from a typographical standpoint as the means at his command would permit. The increased cost of paper to cover one hundred per cent. of what it was a year ago may cause changes in the future of both The Recorder and Sunday-school publications, but it is to be hoped that the war will be over and normal prices restored before this becomes necessary. The advance in the price of paper was anticipated and arrangements made for purchasing and storing a year's supply, so we have not as yet felt the great increase. There seems to be each year about the same number of people desirous of taking the church paper and about the same number of pastors who loyally press its claims. Church papers are not money makers, partly from lack of circulation and largely from restrictions in taking advertisements. Dr. Charles Parkhurst said in reference to his paper, that it would take nearly \$10,000 to make up the annual deficit of Zion's Herald, and, he adds, "If there be a high class religious paper that is wholly self sustaining from its normal income, I do not know where it is."

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PERIODICALS.** During the Quadrennium over our own imprint nine periodicals devoted to the study of the International Uniform Lessons have been issued. They are as follows: Teachers' Journal, Advanced Quarterly, Intermediate Quarterly, Junior Quarterly, Primary Study in Our Children, Lesson Leaf, Picture Cards, Lesson Pictures, and Home Department Quarterly.

We have also furnished the schools two weekly papers for general reading: the New Guide, an illustrated eight-page paper for Seniors and Intermediates, and Our Children, an illustrated paper for Junior and Primary grades.

The additions to our list during the Quadrennium have been as follows: Two years of study for the Beginners in the International Graded Lessons, and three years for the Primary. The Teachers' Journal has been enriched by the addition of a Primary Teachers' Department.

Some improvements and additions are contemplated by the Board of Publication, but await favorable action by the General Conference: an Adult Department Quarterly, and the addition of a Senior Teachers' Department to Our Teachers' Journal. Other years of the Graded Lessons will be added as the need appears. All these periodicals are having a satisfactory growth in circulation—some phenomenal growth—more than keeping up with the increase of scholars in our schools. The per cent. of increase in circulation during the quadrennium has been 15.7 per cent.

**REAL ESTATE.** Our report of four years ago spoke of negotiations being under way looking to the leasing of our Fifth Avenue property to a large department store. This in the year 1913 after long negotiations and many trying experiences, in which at times it seemed as though the whole plan had fallen through, was at last accomplished, and the ground was leased for twenty-five years. We vacated the Fifth Avenue location, removing to the Pittsburg Life Building; there has since been erected on the site of the old building a large department store in which our property is incorporated, forming a section of a modern twelve story structure. Our section is valued by the city for taxation purposes at \$220,000 or a clear gain over our taxation value four years ago of \$65,000.

#### AUDITOR'S REPORT.

To the Officers of the Methodist Protestant Board of Publication:

Gentlemen: This is to certify that I have made an audit of the Books of your corporation for the four years ending February 29th,

1916, and find that the said books correspond with the statements submitted.

Respectfully,

J. E. McGEARY,  
Auditor.

May 12th, 1916.

### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION, 1915-1916.

#### ASSETS.

Property .....	\$220,000.00	
Stereotype Plates .....	172.81	
Intertype Machine .....	2,484.46	
Engravings .....	232.84	
Printing Material .....	1,084.31	
Suspended Accounts .....	2,952.65	
Store and Office Fixtures .....	1,444.56	
Copyrights .....	152.19	
Stock, Post Office Deposit, etc. ....	95.00	
Hymnal Plates .....	555.76	
General Conference .....	1,140.47	
Accounts Receivable .....	2,283.21	
Inventories,		
Mdse. and Graded Lessons .....	2,918.26	
S. S. Per Paper .....	211.40	
Meth. Rec. Paper .....	28.60	
Cash on hand and in Bank .....	7,367.36	
Total .....		\$243,123.88

#### LIABILITIES.

Thomas New Fund .....	\$ 1,231.81	
Stock, Mar. 1, 1915 .....	\$166,845.21	
Increase property Val. ....	65,450.00	
Profit on Year 1915-16 .....	9,596.86	
Stock, February 29, 1916 .....	241,892.07	
Total .....		\$243,123.88

To the Officers of the Methodist Protestant Board of Publication:

Gentlemen: This is to certify that I have made an audit of the Books of your corporation for the year ending February 29th, 1916, and find that the said books correspond with the statements submitted.

Respectfully,

J. E. McGEARY, Auditor.

May 10th, 1916.

#### Sunday School Periodicals.

Mailing expense .....	\$ 703.50	Subscriptions .....	\$36680.82
Business Dep't Salary. ....	1136.15	Advertising .....	101.30
Engravings .....	29.11		
Expense .....	1494.42		
Editorial Salary ....	1920.00		
Composition .....	903.00		
Printing Material ...	60.57		
Postage .....	1221.19		
Paper for Quarterlies. ....	3193.67		
Press Work on "	2322.96		

Stamps .....	155.46		
Traveling Expense...	346.73		
Insurance and Taxes.	73.52		
To New Guide, Junior Quarterlies, Includ- ing Ed. work and manufacturing costs	14330.56		
To Profit .....	8891.28		
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	\$36782.12		\$36782.12

**Methodist Recorder.**

Mailing Expense .....	\$ 422.10	Subscriptions .....	\$4551.74
Business Dept. Salary.	1136.15	Advertising .....	667.42
Engravings .....	29.10	Free to Ministers ....	327.00
Expense .....	747.21	To Loss .....	3613.03
Editorial Work .....	1855.00		
Postage .....	281.41		
Press Work .....	1347.25		
Paper .....	662.11		
Composition .....	1806.00		
Prem. and Commission	513.66		
Printing Material ....	60.57		
Stamps .....	155.46		
Traveling Expense ...	100.00		
Insurance and Taxes..	36.76		
Rebates .....	\$6.41		
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	\$9159.19		\$9159.19

**Books.**

Inventory, Mar. 1, '15.	\$3515.84	Book Sales .....	\$6341.56
Books Bought .....	4910.32	Book Inv., Feb. 29...	2918.26
Business Dept. Salary.	119.60		
Expense .....	249.07		
Stamps .....	77.74		
Traveling Expense ...	32.25		
Insurance and Taxes..	12.25		
To Profit .....	342.75		
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	\$9259.82		\$9259.82

**Property and Rent Account.**

Pittsburgh Life and Trust .....	\$2499.96	Kaufmanns .....	\$8000.00
Int. on Mortgage.....	245.00		
To Profit .....	5256.04		
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	\$8000.00		\$8000.00

**Profit and Loss.**

Copyrights .....	\$ 16.91	Properties & Rent Ac.	\$65450.00
Intertype Machine ...	276.05	.....	5255.04
Store & Off. Fixtures..	77.60	Books .....	342.75
Suspended Accounts ..	984.21	Interest .....	94.79
Stereotype Plates ....	19.20	Sunday School Per...	8891.28
Methodist Recorder ..	3613.03		
To Profit .....	75046.86		
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	\$80033.86		\$80033.86

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES.**

Your Committee on Theological Seminaries begs leave to report:

1. That we have reviewed the report of Westminster Theological Seminary with much satisfaction, believing there is no institution in the church more vital to the well-being of the Denomination, and none which the Denomination delights more to honor.

2. Your Committee gave a full hearing to the President of the Seminary, Hugh Latimer Elderdice, and representatives of the Board of Governors, respecting their desire for a campaign for \$50,000 that will realize to the Seminary a new and larger building, also the addition of much new needed equipment.

3. Your Committee desires to express its deep sense of gratitude for the efficient administration of the Seminary's affairs. The church is saturated with the personalities of those who received their training under such healthful conditions, with practically every Conference in the church sharing in its beneficent influence.

We therefore recommend:

1. That this Conference put its unqualified endorsement upon the \$50,000 campaign for the new building and added equipment.

2. That all our churches open their pulpits for the presentation of this interest by the President or such representatives as the Seminary authorities may elect.

3. That the Sabbath immediately preceding Thanksgiving Day be known as Seminary Sunday at which time the interests of the institution shall be placed before the various congregations and an offering received; also that the Sunday Schools observe a special Seminary Service outlined and prepared by the Seminary authorities, and shall receive an offering equivalent to ten cents per member; further that this shall be an annual observance throughout the quadrennium.

4. That we recommend as members of the Board of Governors for the ensuing quadrennium: Mr. J. Normal Wills, of the North Carolina Conference; Prof. T. C. Miller, of the Pittsburgh Conference; Rev. C. D. Sinkinson, of the Eastern Conference; Rev. G. H. Miller, of the Muskingum Conference; and Mr. J. Edward Cunningham, of the West Virginia Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) J. H. STRAUGHN, Chairman.  
 C. S. KIDD, Secretary.  
 G. H. MILLER.  
 R. E. GAMES.  
 J. C. BROOMFIELD.  
 H. J. HESCOTT.  
 T. A. MURRAY.  
 G. W. GALLAGHER.  
 A. D. WILLIAMS.  
 GEORGE BURFORD.  
 A. M. RANKIN.

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**THE REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.**

The President of the Westminster Theological Seminary, in presenting its quadrennial report to the twenty-second session of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, is happy in

the belief that the history, condition, and prospects of this "School of the Prophets" are such as to cause the entire denomination to "thank God and take courage."

The material assets are numerous and constantly increasing in value. The original building has been twice enlarged and plans are afoot to again add thereto. The Home of the President was reared by the Hill legacy from Maryland, the North Carolina Cottage has been built by money given by that Conference, and the West Virginia Cottage stands as a monument to the generosity of the West Virginia Conference. Nor have other Conferences failed to respond to the many calls for contributions to the Building, Emergency, and Scholarship fund—especially liberal have been the gifts from the Eastern, the Pittsburgh, the Muskingum, the Ohio, and the Indiana Conferences. Other Conferences have increased their annual assessment contributions.

The Seminary Building and the seven acres of ground surrounding are valued at about \$30,000, the three Cottages at about \$10,000, and bank deposits, loan and bonds \$3,100, a total of \$43,100—an increase during the quadrennium of \$3,200. There have also been during the same time the following increases: Toham-Loan-Fund, \$111.15, the Distributive Scholarship Fund \$2,112.72, the Permanent Scholarship Fund \$2,531, and the assessments from the Conferences \$7,036.69.

The Faculty is composed of professors thoroughly equipped in character and training, and the curriculum has been recently revised and enlarged to meet the growing demands for more practical instruction in Bible Study and Modern Methods of Church Work. The Seminary has graduated one hundred and eighty-four men who have cast their lot with fifteen Annual Conferences of the Methodist Protestant Church, and every section of our denomination is therefore receiving the results of their training and is rapidly recognizing them as their leaders in every advance movement.

In view of all these facts, and in view of the unsightly architecture of the old building, and in view of the desire from all quarters for a modern structure that shall meet the needs of the new era of progress into which the Methodist Protestant Church has entered, the Board of Governors, at its last session, May 9, 1916, unanimously passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The time has come for our denomination to rally to a large movement for our Seminary, therefore,

RESOLVED, That the President of the Seminary be ordered to consult architects for plans for the location and erection of a new Theological Seminary building, or for the remodeling of the present one, to cost about \$25,000, and that he also secure plans for improving the President's house, and that he draw up a paper to the General Conference appealing for its endorsement of the proposition to raise \$50,000 for buildings, equipments, other improvements, and endowment.

T. W. Mather proposed that the Board of Governors show their interest in the proposed campaign by notifying the General Conference that they had personally subscribed \$1,500 to launch the campaign, and that if the other members of the Board would raise \$1000 he would pay the remaining \$500. The Board readily responded, and hopefully awaits the endorsement of this General Conference to insure success in this great forward movement.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH LATIMER ELDERDICE, President.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S HOME.**

Your Committee on Methodist Protestant Children's Home, located at High Point, N. C., begs leave to submit the following report:

We recommend:

First, That the General Conference lay an annual assessment of \$3500.00 upon the Conferences of our denomination to aid in the maintenance of the above named Children's Home.

Second, That all the Sunday Schools throughout our church be asked to give at least one freewill offering during the year for the enlargement of the work of the Home, as the trustees shall direct.

Mr. A. M. Rankin, High Point, N. C., is Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, and to him the moneys raised, by assessment or free-will offering, shall be sent.

(Signed) J. C. BROOMFIELD.  
A. N. WARD.  
C. J. YINGLING.

**Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Children's Home.**

At a called meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Protestant Children's Home, at the Home near High Point, N. C., May 6th, 1916:

It was moved and carried to petition the General Conference in session at Zanesville, Ohio, May 19th, 1916, to lay an assessment of \$3500.00 upon the several different Conferences of our Church for the maintenance of the Home in order that the contributions from the Woman's Home Missionary Societies of North Carolina, and the free will offerings from the Sunday Schools in the different Conferences and all other moneys obtained through voluntary channels may be used for the enlargement of the work of the Home as the Trustees shall direct.

J. M. MILLIKAN,  
Chairman Board of Trustees.  
A. M. RANKIN, Secretary.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT.**

Aug. 1, 1913 to May 16, 1916.

Methodist Protestant Children's Home to the General Conference of  
The Methodist Protestant Church Assembled at Zanesville, Ohio.  
Dear Brethren:

I have the honor to submit to you a report of the Methodist Protestant Children's Home located at High Point, N. C.

**RECEIPTS.**

Cash collected from building subscriptions .....	\$20,451.64
Cash collected from maintenance of Home .....	8,902.69
Money borrowed, secured by Note .....	7,400.00
Balance in hands of Treasurer .....	374.25
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$37,128.58</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS.**

Cost of Real Estate .....	\$ 3,800.00
Cost of Building .....	23,903.45
Interest paid on Notes .....	1,255.94
Cost of Insurance on Home .....	330.00
Cash paid for maintenance of Home .....	7,839.19
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>\$37,128.58</b>

We carry fifteen thousand dollars Insurance on the Home. The Home is equipped with Phone, Electric Lights, Water and Sewerage.

We are greatly in need of a Boys' Dormitory. We trust that some action may be taken at the General Conference in regard to this very important matter. Feeling sure that the best thing will be done for the interest of the Home.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. RANKIN,  
Secretary & Treasurer.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.**

To the Members of the General Conference:

Your Committee on Home Missions beg leave to submit the following report:

First, That we heartily endorse the efficient management by the Board of Home Missions, of the affairs committed to their care. Rev. Charles H. Beck, D. D., Secretary-Treasurer of the Board, has proven himself a capable servant and a workman of whom we need not be ashamed.

Second, We endorse the recommendation of the Board to release the obligations of the congregations of the Methodist Protestant Churches at Keokuk, Iowa, Hyde Park, Cincinnati, Ohio, and First Church, Columbus, Ohio, to the Board of Home Missions and recommend that the Board retain the title to these properties.

Third, We recommend that the amendments to the Constitution of the Board of Home Missions proposed in the pamphlet "Suggestions from the Board of Home Missions," be referred to the Committee on Revision. Also all the Articles under the general heading "A survey of the field of the Board and of the entire Church," with the exception of Articles 4 and 5 found on pages 14, 15, and 16, be referred to the Committee on Boundaries; and that the said Articles 4 and 5 be referred to the Committee on Forward Movement.

Fourth, We recommend that the request of the Woman's Home Board be referred to the Committee on Revision.

Fifth, We recommend that the Secretary-Treasurer urge the stronger Conferences to care for all Home Missionary enterprises within their borders by means provided by their own Church Extension Societies or similar organizations, so that the money at the disposal of the Home Board may be used to aid the Missionary work in the weaker Conferences.

Sixth, We recommend the following members for the Board of Home Missions: F. C. Chambers, Muskingum, Harry W. Reeves, Pittsburgh, T. A. Hunter, North Carolina, J. M. Sheridan, Maryland, J. O. Ledbetter, Indiana, U. W. Morrison, West Virginia, T. L. Garrison, Texas, and Lyman E. Davis, President of the General Conference.

(Signed by the Committee.)

J. C. BROOMFIELD, Chairman.  
B. A. BROOKS.  
C. E. SHEPPARD.  
S. W. ROSENBERGER.  
H. L. ELDERDICE.  
W. C. HARGER.  
S. H. LYNCH.  
J. E. BUTLER.

J. P. DODGE.  
A. T. MERRIMAN.  
G. T. GOFF.  
J. H. WATKINS.  
L. L. MCKINNEY.  
A. M. KOPF.  
A. W. STEWART.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.**

1. Your Committee on Education has examined the report of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Ministerial Education, and notes with pleasure the addition of over Two Thousand Dollars to the invested fund of the Board.

2. Your Committee has had referred to it a paper proposing to extend the functions of the Board of Ministerial Education into a Board of Education extending its influence and importance to all the Educational Institutions of the Church.

This paper with some amendments, in the nature of a Constitution, is herewith submitted, with the recommendation that it be adopted.

(Signed) J. H. STRAUGHN, Secretary.

**ARTICLE I.**

The Board shall be styled:

1. The Board of Education, Continuing the Board of Ministerial Education of The Methodist Protestant Church.
2. The Board shall obtain a charter wherever it may be located for the purposes hereinafter stated.

**ARTICLE II.****COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD.**

1. The Board shall be composed of nine members, five of whom shall be ministers and four of whom shall be laymen, and a Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be ex-officio a member of the Board but without voting power.
2. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected by ballot by the General Conference at each quadrennial session, for a term of four years.
3. The General Conference shall elect by ballot at each quadrennial session, nine members of the Board, all of whom shall be members in good standing in The Methodist Protestant Church, beginning with the General Conference sitting in Zanesville, Ohio, in May, 1916.
4. No person employed by or connected with any of our Educational Institutions shall be eligible to serve on this Board.

**ARTICLE III.****QUORUM.**

1. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

**ARTICLE IV.**

1. The Board shall meet within thirty days after the close of the General Conference and organize by electing a President, Recording Secretary, and two members, who shall, including the Secretary-Treasurer, constitute the Executive Committee. The Board shall meet at intervals of six months, and oftener if conditions re-



quire it, to hear reports, devise means and ways for carrying on the Educational Work of the denomination, and transact any other necessary business.

## ARTICLE V.

## FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD.

1. The Board shall determine the amount of salary to be paid the Secretary-Treasurer, and pay all necessary traveling expenses.

2. It shall have the power to enact all necessary By-Laws, regulating the duties of the officers, and make regulations concerning beneficiaries under its care.

3. The Board shall have power to remove the Secretary-Treasurer from office for just cause, and if for any cause the office becomes vacant, it shall have the power to fill it until the succeeding General Conference. The same rule shall apply in case of any vacancy in the membership of the Board.

4. The Board shall have full control of the funds of the Board of Ministerial Education, which Board it now succeeds, and require the Secretary-Treasurer to hold the same strictly and faithfully for the purposes for which they are intended and devoted, namely, solely for the education of young men for the gospel ministry in the Methodist Protestant Church.

(a) The Permanent Fund comprises all money placed in the hands of the Board for permanent investment, and shall be invested with approved security, and the interest accruing therefrom shall revert to the Distributive Fund to be used as the Board may direct.

(b) The Distributive Fund shall consist of money received as interest from the investments of the Permanent Fund, collections from churches, return payments from beneficiaries of the Board, and any other money that may come to the Board for this special purpose.

(c) The General Educational Fund shall consist of all money raised for the aid of the educational institutions of the Methodist Protestant Church, and must be kept separate and distinct from the Permanent and Distributive Funds that are to be devoted solely to the education of young men for the gospel ministry, as before provided, and shall be distributed according to the actual needs of the schools in the denomination, as, in the wisdom of the Board they may appear.

5. The Board shall have the oversight of all of the educational institutions of the denomination, and shall see that their affairs are carefully and economically administered; and see to it that all the schools in the denomination measure up to the educational standards set by the States in which they may be located.

6. It shall have power to raise funds in such manner as it may elect, and distribute the same for the purposes intended, namely, for Ministerial Education, and for the schools recognized and endorsed by the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

7. It shall be required to render itemized statements of all receipts and disbursements to the General Conference at the expiration of each quadrennium.

8. It shall be vested with power to determine where schools are to be located, and until it shall have been approved by this Board, no school of any grade shall receive aid or bear the name of the denomination.

9. If at any time the Board shall decide by a two-thirds vote of its members that the educational interests of the denomination will be best conserved by so doing, it shall have authority to merge any of the educational institutions under the authority of the denomination, or make such other disposition of them as will in every case advance the work of Christian education within the denomination.

10. All assistance rendered to young men preparing for the Gospel Ministry shall be in the form of a loan, without interest, to be returned to the Board after they shall have entered upon the work of the ministry, at the rate of ten per cent. of the gross amount of salary received annually. In case any person thus aided fails within one year after leaving college or seminary to enter upon and continue in the ministry of the Methodist Protestant Church, the entire amount of money loaned him by the Board shall be due with interest from the time the several amounts were received. When any beneficiary of the Board shall leave the Methodist Protestant Church before having repaid the loan made him by the Board, his papers shall be withheld by the President of the Annual Conference of which he is a member until such debt shall have been paid. No Annual Conference President shall give a letter of standing to any preacher or minister in his Conference until he knows positively that such preacher or minister is not indebted to the Board of Education.

11. All beneficiaries who are indebted to the Board of Education for both their college and seminary training who refund ten per cent. of their salary annually for five years after graduation, and who pledge themselves to continue in the ministry of the Methodist Protestant Church, shall receive from the Board of Education a deduction from their debt equal to the amount of their five annual payments.

12. No beneficiary shall receive assistance from this Board except upon the recommendation of four-fifths of the examining committee, and the said beneficiary shall not receive more than One hundred and fifty Dollars (\$150) per year.

13. Applicants for aid from the Board shall be required to pass a satisfactory examination in such studies as will admit them to the freshman class in our official colleges, unless by unanimous consent of the examining committee; and all beneficiaries of the Board shall take both college and seminary courses unless excused by the examining committee. No applicant rejected by one examining committee shall be received by another examining committee.

14. When a beneficiary fails to pass in any of his studies no further appropriation shall be made to him until after he shall have passed a satisfactory examination in those studies. The Presidents of our schools are hereby required to notify the Board of any beneficiary who fails to pass in his studies.

15. It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to advise annually the Presidents of our several Annual Conferences of all ministers and preachers employed by them who are in debt to the Board.

## ARTICLE VI.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee shall have power to meet and act for the Board in any routine business requiring attention in the interim of the Board meetings, such action to be subject to revision by the Board.

## ARTICLE VII.

## DUTIES OF SECRETARY-TREASURER.

The Secretary-Treasurer of the Board shall conduct the general correspondence of the Board, and shall devote himself faithfully to the promotion of the educational interests of the denomination. He shall present the claims of the Christian ministry as extensively as possible, and encourage young men in yielding themselves to the call of the gospel ministry if it comes to them. He shall be the custodian of the accounts and of all the funds of the Board, and make disbursements only as directed by the Board. He shall be required to furnish bond at the expense of the Board in the sum of not less than \$15,000.00.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION.**

Your Committee has studied all the reports of the various educational institutions recognized by the General Conference and made exhaustive inquiry into their affairs. The establishment of the Board of Education should, in a large measure, help to adjust the educational situation throughout the church and we look to that Board now with confidence.

1. The work and management of Western Maryland College has always been a credit to the denomination and we find satisfaction in their continued efforts to secure through endowment the firm establishment of the institution. We also congratulate the school upon its prospective semi-centennial celebration.

2. The Westminster College at Tehuacana persists in its determination to hold its place in our educational efforts. Its recommendation for an educational Board has already been recognized, and the interest of all parts of the church has already been expressed in this Conference in a very tangible way.

3. Kansas City University. This college has our very deepest interest and concern, and we wish to endorse any plan that will solve its problems. We therefore recommend:

(1) That the plan of readjustment adopted by the Kansas City University Association, by which we will pay our indebtedness with real estate, be approved, and that Mr. H. J. Heinz, who has befriended the Kansas City University many times, be thanked for making this plan possible in reducing his claim by \$25,000.00 and agreeing to receive the balance in real estate; and that our other creditors, agreeing to this adjustment, also receive the thanks of this body.

(2) That the Conference approve of the campaign for an En-

dowment Fund, suggested in the report, and that it urge the members of the Methodist Protestant Church to co-operate in this campaign.

- (3) That the following trustees be nominated:

Chas. A. Braun.  
 Arthur E. Briggs.  
 Rev. B. A. Brooks.  
 A. L. Cook.  
 Dr. Lyman E. Davis.  
 Dr. S. S. Fisher.  
 Dr. E. A. Fredenhagen.  
 J. T. Howe.  
 Judge L. W. Keplinger.  
 A. M. Kopf.  
 Rev. James E. McCord.  
 Dr. H. T. Stevens.

4. Adrian College holds always our prayerful sympathy. The oldest institution of our church ought not to have an uncertain future. We recommend that the Board of Education immediately address itself to the solution of its problems. We recommend, as trustees, to service for a term of eight years the following:

Harry Shaw, Fairmont, W. Va.  
 Frank Ewing, Bellevue, Pa.  
 D. C. Cotton, Savannah, N. Y.  
 O. L. Palmer, Detroit, Mich.  
 Rev. A. J. Green, Cuba, Ill.  
 B. E. Tobias, Adrian, Mich.  
 Eli Palmer, Zanesville, Ohio.  
 Rev. C. D. Sinkinson, D. D., Atlantic City, N. J.  
 M. D. Thrush, St. Johns, Ohio.  
 Rev. E. D. Beck, Columbus, Ohio.  
 F. R. Perry, D. D., Adrian, Mich.  
 E. D. Miller, Lansing, Mich.

5. The following was substituted for item 5:

RESOLVED, That we accept the proposition of the Board of Trustees of West Lafayette College, and agree to assume control of the affairs of the institution, and that the interests of West Lafayette College be transferred to Adrian College.

6. We nominate for the Board of Education the following:

Ministers:

R. M. Andrews, Greensboro, N. C.  
 G. W. Haddaway, Baltimore, Md.  
 W. W. Lineberry, Jonesboro, Ind.  
 A. L. Reynolds, Sabina, Ohio.  
 C. M. Lippincott, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Laymen:

J. W. Knott, New Brighton, Pa.  
 T. W. Donoho, Baltimore, Md.  
 W. S. Walker, Steubenville, O.  
 A. D. Williams, Morgantown, West Virginia.

(Signed)

C. S. JOHNSON, Chairman.  
 T. PLINY FISHER.  
 C. E. FORLINES.  
 A. E. LEARY.  
 L. F. WARNER.  
 A. L. REYNOLDS.  
 C. A. BRAUN.  
 JAS. H. STRAUGHN, Secretary.

**MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.**

To the Members of The General Conference of 1916:

Your Corresponding-Secretary respectfully submits the following report of the receipts and expenditures of the Board for the quadrennium just closing, together with a list of all beneficiaries aided, and the names of the annual conferences recommending them. There is submitted herewith, also, a plan for the enlargement of the functions of the Board with the hope that it may receive the prayerful consideration of your body.

It is with deep sorrow that we have to record the death of Mr. W. W. Tapp, of Point Marion, Pa., who for four years has been a valuable member of your Board. Brother Tapp was deeply interested in the work of the entire denomination, but especially in the work of finding and preparing young men for the great work of the gospel ministry. Brother Tapp passed on to the Father's house on April 21, 1916.

During the quadrennium your Board has aided 78 men in our schools at a cost of \$18,338.00. A good proportion of this number have taken both college and seminary work. We have had a clear gain of twelve over the last quadrennium. This fact of itself is encouraging, and betokens the continued favor and blessings of our Heavenly Father.

The Permanent Fund of the Board is in good condition. At the last meeting of the General Conference the fund amounted to \$31,537.50, we have added \$2,736.04 to this amount during the quadrennium, and we now have \$34,273.54 invested in first class securities. It is the conviction of your Board that this amount ought to be increased to \$100,000.00.

The contributions from the churches to this vital interest are not what they ought to be, however, we are pleased to note that there has been some increase in certain sections of the church in contributions to this work.

The accounts of the Secretary-Treasurer have been audited at regular intervals by The Baltimore Audit Company, of Baltimore, Md.

Your Secretary-Treasurer desires to express his deep gratitude to the members of the entire denomination for the uniform courtesies shown him as he has met them in their homes and in their churches.

Praying the blessings of a kind Heavenly Father upon the great church to which we belong, I am,

Faithfully yours,

GEO. R. BROWN,  
Secretary & Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH FOR THE FOUR YEARS ENDING MAY 1916.

## RECEIPTS.

CONFERENCES	May 1913	May 1914	May 1915	May 1916	Aggregate
Alabama	\$ 61.63	\$ 68.70	\$ 31.75	\$ 52.05	\$ 214.13
Arkansas	9.10	25.39	18.79	24.53	77.81
Colorado-Texas	5.80			8.50	14.30
Eastern	139.64	245.01	202.55	231.30	816.50
Georgia	90.41	50.00	44.40	39.55	224.36
Indiana	126.96	215.98	20.54	335.77	699.25
Iowa	18.40	50.84	51.75	66.90	187.89
Kansas	64.03	47.17	49.60	46.17	206.97
Louisiana	10.03	10.90	13.12	38.52	72.57
Maryland	598.00	602.00	591.00	579.00	2370.00
Michigan	85.50	176.74	210.00	175.00	647.24
Muskingum	84.11	378.83	359.54	426.92	1259.40
New Jersey	105.43				105.43
North Carolina	267.93	335.25	307.64	290.78	1201.60
North Missouri	11.55	7.50		7.00	26.05
North Illinois	84.45	109.25	114.40	77.38	385.48
Northwest Texas	11.90	2.00	4.50	6.45	24.85
Ohio	145.77	196.75	246.63	205.30	794.45
Onondaga	174.75	158.20	132.41	117.88	583.24
Oklahoma		8.05	.75		8.80
Pittsburgh	295.48	444.62	470.19	409.89	1620.18
South Illinois	6.83			5.50	12.33
Tennessee		2.00	11.75	7.60	21.35
Texas		77.50	39.45	68.80	185.75
West Virginia	123.98	198.87	164.92	174.42	662.19
"A Friend"	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	1000.00
From Beneficiaries	1986.24	3285.73	1653.00	1842.00	8566.97
Interest	1093.26	1311.88	1899.39	1317.25	5621.78
Permanent Fund	25.00	600.00	400.00	1100.00	2125.00
Borrowed Money	500.00				500.00
Miscellaneous	10.10	6.23	12.50		28.83
Cash Special					10.57
Balance May 1912	193.64				193.64
Total	\$6589.92	\$8865.39	\$7300.47	\$7715.03	\$30470.81

## DISBURSEMENTS FROM MAY 1912 TO MAY 1916.

	May 1913	May 1914	May 1915	May 1916	Total
Beneficiaries as follows:					
Westminster Theological Sem.	\$2587.50	\$2025.00	\$2300.00	\$2025.00	\$8937.50
Adrian College	1245.00	750.00	525.00	825.00	3345.00
Western Maryland College	317.00	545.00	793.00	705.00	2360.00
Kansas City University	12.50				12.50
West Lafayette College	100.00		75.00	725.00	900.00
Westminster College, Texas	75.00	775.00	1075.00	858.00	2783.00
Board Meetings	120.36	110.31	65.63	94.77	391.07
Travelling Exp. Sec. & Treas.	334.26	397.72	451.68	499.50	1683.16
Treasurer's Bond	25.00	25.00	25.00	12.50	87.50
Interest Cloro Bailey note	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	80.00
To Permanent Fund		600.00	1100.00	1500.00	3200.00
Postage	36.30	21.00	17.17	14.82	89.29
Salary Sec. & Treas.	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00	6000.00
Safe Deposit Box	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	20.00
Paid Borrowed Money		500.00			500.00
Miscellaneous	17.60	2.00	6.00	6.00	31.60
Total	\$6395.52	\$7276.03	\$7958.48	\$8790.59	\$30420.62
Balance May 1916					50.19
Grand Total					\$30470.81

**Beneficiaries Aided in the Four Years Ending May 15, 1916, and the  
Conferences Recommending Them.**

M. J. Shroyer	Indiana	\$450.00
H. S. D. Shimp	Pittsburgh	125.00
D. F. Myers	Indiana	425.00
W. L. Heitz	Indiana	100.00
J. R. Stanton	Indiana	125.00
H. M. Peterson	Pittsburgh	300.00
H. E. Orwick	Ohio	462.50
A. E. Scotten	Indiana	450.00
W. E. Grove	Muskingum	112.50
W. J. McGarity	Georgia	450.00
G. C. Foltz	Ohio	125.00
G. H. Enfield	Maryland	225.00
L. W. Gerring	North Carolina	150.00
W. A. Ledford	North Carolina	150.00
C. C. Day	Maryland	100.00
J. C. Walden	Onondaga	150.00
W. H. Husung	Muskingum	400.00
W. M. Jett	Maryland	60.00
H. A. Kester	Pennsylvania	400.00
H. F. Surratt	North Carolina	425.00
D. T. Surratt	North Carolina	41.00
Isaac Miller	Pittsburgh	550.00
J. F. McKnight	Pittsburgh	600.00
F. M. Bassford	Pittsburgh	150.00
Walter Mollon	Michigan	195.00
Arthur Steinfeldt	North Illinois	450.00
Clarence Leckemby	Pittsburgh	150.00
E. W. Terry	Eastern	600.00
W. W. Burlington	Michigan	225.00
F. W. Stephenson	Michigan	150.00
E. F. Root	Michigan	450.00
A. Parsells	Eastern	275.00
Edgar Eddington	Michigan	75.00
Samuel Taylor	Texas	225.00
Leslie Morris	West Virginia	100.00
Leroy Hooper	Eastern	400.00
J. B. Thomas	Maryland	425.00
R. C. Reid	Tennessee	134.00
G. C. Laudenslager	Michigan	150.00
F. B. Gilhousen	North Missouri	400.00
E. R. Biggs	North Missouri	400.00
J. T. Moore	Texas	150.00
D. W. Ryan	Michigan	375.00
Lonnie Guinn	Louisiana	300.00
R. W. Elmore	Louisiana	350.00
J. A. Wade	Louisiana	200.00
F. L. Shows	Louisiana	150.00
E. O. Pritchett	North Carolina	300.00
J. T. Fenby	Maryland	125.00
E. T. Kirkley	Maryland	300.00
Olin McMillan	Arkansas	300.00
C. H. Havens	Indiana	300.00
J. E. Trippe	Muskingum	300.00
Paul Kennett	North Carolina	125.00
E. Marlar	Arkansas	283.00
Omar Massey	Muskingum	75.00
Walter Wilson	Maryland	300.00

W. O. Tisdale	Arkansas	250.00
G. W. Lakin	Colorado-Texas	200.00
O. B. Langrall	Maryland	150.00
Thomas C. Mulligan	Maryland	150.00
C. A. Arthur	Ohio	100.00
E. L. Eldredge	Onondaga	150.00
O. E. Vice	Ohio	150.00
C. D. Payne	West Virginia	150.00
C. R. Dutton	Maryland	150.00
H. F. Fogleman	North Carolina	150.00
P. E. Grimm	West Virginia	150.00
H. M. Hartley	Muskingum	150.00
C. F. Lewis	Muskingum	150.00
George H. Little	Muskingum	150.00
C. J. Johns	Pittsburgh	75.00
G. F. Weldon	Muskingum	150.00
B. N. Sharpe	Muskingum	125.00
L. W. Shivers	Texas	100.00
H. W. Kelley	Texas	150.00
F. C. Futrell	Louisiana	125.00
C. M. Smith	Pittsburgh	150.00
Total		<u>\$18,338.00</u>

**Beneficiaries Aided in the Different Schools and Amount  
Each Received.**

**Westminster Theological Seminary.**

M. J. Shroyer	\$450.00	E. F. Root	450.00
H. S. D. Shinnap	125.00	A. Parsells	275.00
D. F. Myers	425.00	G. C. Laudenslager	150.00
W. L. Heitz	100.00	F. B. Gilhousen	400.00
J. R. Stanton	125.00	F. R. Biggs	400.00
H. M. Peterson	300.00	E. O. Pritchett	300.00
H. E. Orwick	450.00	E. T. Kirkley	300.00
W. E. Grove	112.50	J. E. Trippe	300.00
A. E. Scotten	450.00	C. H. Havens	300.00
W. J. McGarity	450.00	Walter Wilson	300.00
G. C. Foltz	125.00	Paul Kennett	125.00
G. H. Enfield	225.00	C. A. Arthur	100.00
L. W. Gerringer	150.00	E. L. Eldredge	150.00
W. A. Ledford	150.00	O. E. Vice	150.00
C. C. Day	100.00	C. D. Payne	150.00
J. C. Walden	150.00	C. R. Dutton	150.00
W. H. Husung	300.00	H. F. Fogleman	150.00
H. F. Surratt	50.00		
Isaac Miller	400.00		<u>\$8,937.50</u>
F. W. Stephenson	150.00		

**Adrian College.**

Isaac Miller	\$150.00	D. W. Ryan	375.00
F. M. Bassford	150.00	C. J. Johns	75.00
J. F. McKnight	600.00	C. M. Smith	150.00
Walter Mollon	195.00	Walter Burlington	225.00
Arthur Steinfeldt	450.00	G. F. Weldon	150.00
Clarence Leckemby	150.00		
E. W. Terry	600.00		<u>\$3,345.00</u>
Edgar Eddington	75.00		



Western Maryland College.

W. M. Jett .....	\$ 60.00	R. C. Reid .....	134.00
H. A. Kester .....	400.00	J. T. Fenby .....	125.00
W. H. Husung .....	100.00	O. B. Langrall .....	150.00
H. F. Surratt .....	375.00	Thomas C. Mulligan ...	150.00
D. T. Surratt .....	41.00		
Leroy Hooper .....	400.00		\$2,360.00
J. B. Thomas .....	425.00		

West Lafayette College.

Leslie Morris .....	\$100.00	G. H. Little .....	150.00
Omar Massey .....	75.00	B. N. Sharpe .....	125.00
P. E. Grimm .....	150.00		
H. M. Hartley .....	150.00		\$900.00
C. F. Lewis .....	150.00		

Kansas City University.

H. E. Orwick .....	\$ 12.50
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Westminster College, Texas.

Samuel Taylor .....	\$225.00	G. W. Lakin .....	200.00
J. T. Moore .....	150.00	L. W. Shivers .....	100.00
Lonnie Guinn .....	300.00	H. W. Kelley .....	150.00
R. W. Elmore .....	350.00	F. C. Futrell .....	125.00
J. A. Wade .....	200.00	G. O. McMillan .....	300.00
F. L. Shows .....	150.00		
E. Marlar .....	283.00		\$2,783.00
W. O. Tisdale .....	250.00		

Investment of Permanent Fund May 15, 1916.

100 Shares Jefferson Building and Savings Association Stock, Steubenville, Ohio, on which has been paid..	\$ 9,723.54
Note Beaver County Building and Loan Association....	5,000.00
Note Second New Brighton Building and Loan Assoc....	5,000.00
Mortgage, William Boyle .....	3,000.00
Mortgage, S. H. Sterling .....	3,000.00
Mortgage, S. C. Jolly .....	2,400.00
Mortgage, John K. Emge .....	2,400.00
Mortgage, Jane T. Abel .....	1,200.00
Mortgage, W. J. Shuster .....	750.00
Six Shares Paid Up Stock People's Building and Loan Association .....	1,200.00
Six Shares Paid Up Stock Home Protective Savings and Loan Association .....	600.00
	<u>\$34,273.54</u>

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE.

Westminster, Md., May 18th, 1916.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Dear Brethren:—I submit a report as President, of the state and prospects of the Western Maryland College.

The College is closing the forty-ninth year of its continuous history as a Methodist Protestant institution. During the four years

since the last report was made to this body, the work and results have been about as then reported, but one or two items of interest may be mentioned:

In accordance with a wish then expressed, the College has been able to erect and equip a very complete and handsome recitation building, costing about fifty-five thousand dollars. This gives adequate facilities for all our educational work under one roof and presents a very imposing addition to our plant. There is at present a debt of \$15,000 on this building, but arrangements are completed by which it is believed this debt will be entirely paid off by July, 1917.

Another pleasing item is that our endowment has increased from the \$75,000 reported to the last General Conference, to something over \$97,000. We confidently expect that before July, 1917, this fund will amount to \$100,000.

Mention of July, 1917 suggests what is in our minds at the College just now with great interest. It is the intention to celebrate in some worthy way the close of the fiftieth year of the College history at the next Commencement in 1917. Perhaps effort will be made to increase very considerably the endowment, but this is not yet decided, but something will be done to mark so interesting a period.

The attendance of students during the quadrennium has been about as usual. The enrollment by years has been, 1913, 244; 1914, 256; 1915, 230; 1916, 219. The faculty numbers 26, and there have been 148 graduates.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. LEWIS, President.

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#### REPORT OF WESTMINSTER COLLEGE.

Tehuacana, Texas.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in Session at Zanesville, Ohio, May 19, 1916.

Dear Brethren:

Speaking of Dartmouth College, Webster said, "It is a small school, yet there are those who love it." This is true of Westminster College. Our predecessors worked to establish, we now work to maintain and develop. Sacrificing co-workers have stood by each of us. Service and means have been nobly contributed.

Your College of the Southwest is now fully standardized as a Junior College and affiliated with all the colleges of Texas. It has done an excellent work and now stands in greater favor and higher esteem than ever before. We prefer to be a first class Junior College with good standing rather than a third class first grade college without standing. Financial reasons prevent our obtaining a higher rating at present. A Junior College is a college which offers no higher courses in its collegiate department than are usually offered in the first two years of the College curriculum. This reorganization has done more than anything else to turn attention to the institution. It may truly be said that the attendance is the largest, the co-operation the most helpful, the college rating the highest, the work the most thorough, the property and equipment the most valuable, the financial condition the most favorable, and prospects the brightest, in the history of the school.

The following departments are maintained: Preparatory, Junior College, Bible, Music, Elocution, Commercial. The faculty is composed of twelve men and women of fine Christian character.

The income is now approximately equal to the expenditure. However, increased expenditure for teachers is necessary to maintain affiliation. Every possible source of income will be taxed to the limit during the next few years to attain clearly desirable results.

**Attendance.**

1912-1913 .....	109
1913-1914 .....	105
1914-1915 .....	80
1915-1916 .....	123
	417

**Financial Statement.**

**RECEIPTS:**

1912-1913 .....	\$ 8087.46	
1913-1914 .....	8271.07	
1914-1915 .....	13285.28	
1915-1916 .....	12230.16	(up to May 1st)
May 1-Sept. 1, completing year .....	2500.00	(approximately)
	14730.16	

Total .....\$44373.97

(From Endowment, yearly ..... 660.00)  
(From An. Conf. College Col., yearly... 591.95)

Expenditures have approximately equalled the receipts each year,—salaries, incidentals, improvement, equipment, dormitory, and supplies.

**Indebtedness as it will be June 1, 1916.**

Endowment Mortgage Loan .....	\$2820.00
Dormitory, 10 Yr. Bonds, due Jan. 1, 1917 .....	230.00
Bills Payable, Note (Bank) .....	347.00
Bills Payable, Note Texas Conference .....	143.00
Salaries, June 8, 1916, unpaid (estimate) .....	1000.00
Open Account (current) .....	100.00
	\$2820.00

**College Property.**

Main Building and Campus .....	\$ 75,000.00
Moody Hall .....	5,000.00
Girls' Dormitory .....	7,000.00
Coolidge Property .....	8,000.00
Land in South Texas, 40 acres .....	550.00
Buffalo Gap, Town Lots .....	400.00
Equipment .....	5,000.00
Library .....	2,000.00
	\$102,950.00

Endowment Notes, Notes and Pledges .....\$ 2,500.00  
Known Legacies (Estimate) .....\$20,000.00

During the last four years about \$9000.00 in value have been added to the property and equipment.

The Board of Regents elected by the Texas Annual Conference, holds the title to all property and is responsible for all administrative acts.

We request one action, namely, the development of a plan by which Westminster College, with all our Colleges, shall receive a pro rata share of the money raised for colleges throughout the church.

J. C. WILLIAMS, Pres. College.  
W. M. MOODY, Pres. Board.

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### CHANCELLOR'S REPORT OF THE KANSAS CITY UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION, KANSAS CITY, KANSAS.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church,  
Zanesville, Ohio.

I have the honor to submit to you the following report of the condition, needs and prospects of the Kansas City University Association.

The history of the Kansas City University, having its beginning in 1896, is familiar to you. Until 1913 this history was unbroken as that of an institution wholly under the control of the Methodist Protestant Church. In the year last mentioned the Trustees of Kansas City University merged the interests of the University with those of Campbell College of Holton, Kansas, an institution under the control of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. Since that time the merged institution has been known as the Kansas City University Association. In the act of merger the Kansas City University deeded all of its property excepting a few lots under contract of sale, and some others, held for the specific purpose of paying teachers' salaries, to the Kansas City University Association, a corporation formed to receive the property of both the Kansas City University and Campbell College. Kansas City University Association is a corporation composed of 24 Trustees, 12 of whom are nominated by the Conferences of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ of the co-operating territory and the remaining 12 by the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. According to the law of the State of Kansas, all the Trustees must be elected by the Board of Trustees. However, that Board confines itself to the nominations herein specified.

The Kansas City University Association began its work by electing Dr. Lyman E. Davis as its President and Dr. D. S. Stephens, as Chancellor. After a few months Dr. Davis, who had really never taken up the work, resigned and Dr. T. D. Crites, the former President of Campbell College, was elected to succeed him. He, in turn, resigned, and was succeeded by Dr. H. E. Roup. Dr. Roup never took charge of the institution, but resigned and Dr. Stephens, having been accorded the relation of Chancellor Emeritus, the present incumbent, was made the Chancellor both of the Kansas City University Association and the Kansas City University, the latter corporation having been kept intact for the purpose of receiving and turning over to the former certain bequests, and transacting such other business as might be necessary to conserve the interests of the Kansas City University Association.

The present Chancellor found a financial condition very difficult to handle; for, in the process of the merging of the Kansas City University and Campbell College, it was deemed necessary to put up

a new building and make improvements costing about \$60,000.00. This was done without any adequate provision being made for meeting the expense. As a result, when the builders demanded their money the institution became seriously embarrassed; for the amount due them, plus the former indebtedness of the institution, made a total indebtedness of about \$215,000.

It was at this time that the present Chancellor was asked to assume the leadership in caring for and promoting the interests of the institution. Fortunately, as the members of the General Conference are aware, the institution had large real estate assets. However, the price of real estate in Kansas City was at the lowest ebb in many years, and it was almost wholly unsalable. We had two things to do:—We must provide for the running expenses of the institution, which were about three times as great as the normal income, and also provide for the indebtedness. It became apparent that if the indebtedness was to be paid, it must be done with real estate. And so, making such provisions as we could for raising special funds for the maintenance of the School, we set about to pay the indebtedness with real estate. After many months of anxious planning, during which time many threats of foreclosure were made, we succeeded in getting an agreement with the creditors, which opened the way to what is now thought to be a final solution of the institution's great problem.

The agreement referred to was with Mr. H. J. Heinz and the lien-creditors. Mr. Heinz, who has so many times shown his interest in the institution by making contributions and advancing money to it, agreed to give \$25,000. more and to take the balance of his claim against the institution (amounting to \$55,000.) in land, upon the condition that the lien-creditors would do the same. This they have agreed to do and the other creditors are falling in line with this plan of readjustment, one by one. It is now hoped that a few weeks at most will find us absolutely free from debt, with the exception of that part of our indebtedness represented by the Wilson-Hall bond issue amounting to \$35,000. Over against this bond issue will be set the interests of the Kansas City University Association, in two cemetery contracts, which will undoubtedly bring to the University Association enough of an income to pay the interest on the bonds, create a fund for their redemption, and, also, provide an endowment of from \$300,000 to \$500,000. Of course, it will take years to secure these results, just how many years no one can tell, but the possibility here mentioned will surely be realized if the matter is properly handled.

Therefore, as soon as the present readjustment plan has been fully executed and the indebtedness provided for as herein stated, the institution will need to provide only for its running expenses and the tremendous drain on its resources for interest and taxes will be stopped. We consider this an achievement which, under all the circumstances in the case, is rather remarkable; and it has been made possible only by the munificence of our former friend, Mr. Heinz and the hearty co-operation of our other patient and long-suffering creditors.

Although the construction of the building referred to as bringing upon the institution the crisis through which we have just been passing, has been the source of great anxiety to us all, it has added greatly to the equipment of the institution. It is the finest building on the campus and fills a need which was long felt, in that it provides for the proper housing and comfort of the lady students. It is the finest dormitory in the State of Kansas, as has been said over and over again.

**Schools:—**

The several schools of Kansas City University Association are, Mather College; Wilson Academy, and High School; the College of Theology; the Conservatory of Music; the School of Art; the School of Oratory and the School of Home Economics. With the exception of the School of Oratory, all these Schools are in our own buildings. The last named is in the Studio Building, Kansas City, Mo.

**Faculties:—**

The different faculties of the institution have been greatly strengthened and compare favorably with those of any similar institution in all the West. The student body is constantly growing and is composed of earnest and faithful young men and women. Indeed, we have never seen a higher order of work done in any educational institution than that of the year just closed. From the standpoint of attendance, the prospects for the future are very bright indeed. Because of the merger we now have a constituency of about 40,000 people instead of 7,000 or 8,000, as was formerly the case. This means that as soon as our United Brethren friends have adjusted themselves to the new relation, we shall have a student body two to three times as large as in the past.

**Plan of Endowment:—**

Immediately upon the completion of the readjustment plan already explained in this report, we expect to institute a campaign for endowment. The plan is to raise \$125,000—\$25,000 of which shall be used for current expenses, while the campaign is on. This is made necessary because it will be impossible to raise two funds at once and money must be provided for current expenses. We have reason to hope that, located as we are, we shall have the co-operation of the foundation fund of New York in this project. Bishop Kephart of the United Brethren Church and other leaders of the same denomination, encourage us to believe that their church will do its full share in this matter; and, from what we have experienced in our efforts to raise money for current expenses, we believe this to be the case. Just here I would like to bear personal testimony to the hearty co-operation of the United Brethren Church in our work; because of the fact that they have the larger number of people in our co-operating territory I have been giving special attention to them. For many months past I have been spending my week-ends in their churches and have raised on an average about \$300 per week while among them. I have every confidence to believe that our aim in creating the Endowment fund here mentioned will be realized.

**Outlook for the Future:—**

These things being accomplished, I cannot conceive of a greater opportunity in all the West for an institution of higher learning. Our exceptional location, the resources that will then be at our command and the splendid constituency brought to us by the merger, make this one of the rarest opportunities open to any denomination in this great country. Of course, I recognize the fact that we are not yet beyond the danger line; but, surely, with the present crisis passed and the hearty co-operation of those who should be interested secured, we cannot fail.

Whatever may be thought of the proposed union of the Methodist Protestant and United Brethren Churches, the union of their educational interests in this institution has been a success. Nothing but the most hearty co-operation and good-will prevails in the

administration and work of the University. It happens that the Methodist Protestant Church has the larger number of representatives on the faculty, and in administrative positions, but no jealousy is manifested and the most harmonious relations prevail. Indeed, in Kansas City University and its work, there is but one spirit and one aim, and to an onlooker, the thought would never occur that the institution was under the control of two denominations instead of one. The prayer of the Master "That they may be one" has surely been realized in this merger. We believe that the interests of the Methodist Protestant Church in and about Kansas City and throughout the great section of the West which the University is designed to serve, have been fully conserved and will be advanced by this happy union of the educational work of the two denominations.

I wish to close this report with a word of appreciation of the Chancellor Emeritus, Dr. D. S. Stephens, whose name is a synonym in the Methodist Protestant Church for devotion, and loyalty to its educational interests. Without his personal sacrifices and almost superhuman efforts, Kansas City University would not have had an existence. All through its history he has given to it—not only the best thought, but also, the very essence of his life. However long this institution may stand and whatever it may accomplish, it will be a monument to his name and an expression of his fidelity to the task imposed upon him by the Methodist Protestant Church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. LUCAS, Chancellor.

#### AGREEMENT.

AGREEMENT by and between the Trustees of the Kansas City University of Kansas City, Kansas, and the Trustees of Campbell College of Holton, Kansas, entered into this 11th day of March, 1913.

1. It is hereby agreed, by and between the Trustees of the Kansas City University of Kansas City, Kansas, and the Trustees of the Campbell College of Holton, Kansas, to merge the two institutions, and in the following manner:

2. That the Trustees of the Kansas City University of Kansas City immediately execute a deed for the undivided one-half interest in all real estate, buildings, equipment, legacies, notes, bonds and stocks, and any other property of whatever kind, to which the said Kansas City University corporation now holds claim or title, to the Campbell corporation.

3. That the Trustees of the Campbell College immediately execute a deed for the undivided one-half interest in all real estate, buildings, equipments, legacies, notes, bonds, stocks and any other property of whatever kind, to which the said Campbell College corporation now holds a claim or title, to the Kansas City University corporation.

4. That in the transfer of the property of each corporation above mentioned to the other, the property thus conveyed shall be subject to the liabilities and obligations which respectively rest upon these properties, and that each Board of Trustees will be free to make such efforts to diminish these liabilities between the present time and the date at which the work of the two schools shall be brought under the financial control of one management, and that the vested interest acquired by each institution in the property of the other, shall not interfere with the plans of meeting obligations

already incurred, or for carrying on the current expenses of the said institutions respectively, for the remainder of the school year, and each Board of Trustees shall meet whatever requirements that may be necessary to enable the other Board of Trustees to meet said obligations and current expenses.

5. That any property of whatever kind, coming into the possession of either the Kansas City University corporation, or the Campbell College corporation, after the date of the deeds conveying the undivided one-half interest of each corporation to the other, and until such time as a new corporation is chartered, to which all the property jointly held will be deeded, shall be considered as joint property and the necessary transfers shall be made by the officers of the two corporations above mentioned, it being explicitly understood and agreed, however, that nothing in this agreement shall prevent either institution from using for current expenses or meeting present obligations, any income or property that would be available for that purpose, if this agreement were not entered into.

6. As soon as possible, a new corporation shall be chartered, known as "The Kansas City University Association," providing for a Board of Directors of twenty-four persons, twelve of whom are to be nominated by the Methodist Protestant Church and twelve nominated by the United Brethren Church. As soon as may be practicable, and not later than six months from the date of the transfer of deeds to the undivided one-half interest of one corporation to the other, all the holdings of whatever kind of the Kansas City University corporation and the Campbell College corporation, shall be deeded to the Kansas City University Association.

7. That Campbell College change its location and unite with the Kansas City University on the site of the last named institution in Kansas City, Kansas, for which consideration the Kansas City University agrees to become responsible for the securing of funds necessary to erect a Young Women's Hall, 108x36 feet, three stories above the basement, and an auditorium in the rear of Mather Hall, 60x90 feet, with basement, recitation rooms, to be erected of brick and stone trimmings, making use of such assistance as may be secured from Kansas City, Kansas, and other localities for this purpose. Said buildings are to be ready for use at the opening of the school year in September, 1913.

8. The Kansas City University Association shall select the building committee, make all arrangements for and superintend the construction of the buildings above mentioned, and elect a treasurer of the building fund. This corporation shall have in charge the organization of the Mather College, and any other departments or affiliated schools of the Kansas City University Association, viz., the election of the faculty, the devising and execution of plans to begin the combined work of the merged institutions for the year 1913-1914.

9. That a committee of at least six members, to be made up of equal members from the Kansas City University and Campbell College faculties be selected by the Presidents of the respective institutions, to formulate courses of study and co-ordinate the work of the two institutions, said committee to be designated as soon as possible.

10. That all graduates with degrees from institutions merging with the Kansas City University Association be given diplomas from the new institution, thus making them alumni.

11. That so far as practicable, in the first year of the combined work two-thirds of the faculty to be nominated by the President of the Campbell College and one-third by the Chancellor of the Kansas City University.



12. That the Literary Societies of Campbell College be allowed to maintain their names and corporate rights in the Mather College.

13. That Prof. O. M. Schoebel be invited to come to Mather College and conduct a musical department on a per cent basis.

14. That no arrangement made by the Kansas City University with any affiliated school shall be binding upon the Kansas City University Association until approved by the Trustees of said Kansas City University Association.

The above agreement was passed by the Board of Trustees of the Kansas City University and the Campbell College this the 11th day of March, 1913, and the officers of the Board authorized to sign this instrument for the Board of Trustees.

(Signed)

J. F. HOWE,  
 Pres. Board of Trustees Kansas City University.  
 T. J. STRICKLER,  
 Secy. Board of Trustees K. C. University.  
 F. T. WOODBURN,  
 Pres. Board of Trustees Campbell College.  
 R. H. BENNETT,  
 Secy. Board of Trustees Campbell College.

**REPORT OF ADRIAN COLLEGE.**

May 19, 1916.

To The General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Gentlemen:—

Here follows a report of Adrian College for the Quadrennium now ending, 1912-1916.

**History.**

The following historical sketch is taken from the Journal of the General Conference of 1912.

In 1852 the Wesleyan Methodist Church organized an institution of learning at Leoni, Michigan, known as the Michigan Union College. They continued to operate this school at the seat of its early location for seven years. The management of the school then decided to change the location and Adrian, Michigan, was chosen as the place to which they would transfer the school. At this time a re-organization was effected and the name of the school was changed to Adrian College. The Wesleyan Methodist Church continued to operate the college for a few years when, owing to financial embarrassment, an arrangement was made with the Methodist Protestant Church under which the latter denomination was to furnish an equal number of professors and also to have equal representation upon the Board of Trustees. This arrangement was continued until the year 1867 when the entire interest was taken over by the Methodist Protestant Church, since which time the Methodist Protestant Church has had entire control of the institution.

During its history Adrian College has maintained a most excellent reputation for scholarship and high moral standing.

**Enrollment for the Quadrennium.**

1912-13	1913-14	1914-15	1915-16	
205	182	115	136	638

## Graduates for the Quadrennium.

1912-13	1913-14	1914-15	1915-16	
22	19	21	17	79

## Cash from Student Accounts.

1912-13	1913-14	1914-15	1915-16	
\$18,894.56	\$15,311.29	\$13,727.81	\$13,070.41*	\$61,004.07

## Cash from Conferences.

1912-13	1913-14	1914-15	1915-16	
\$2,010.18	\$2,055.89	2,989.39	\$2,881.36*	\$9,936.92

\* Incomplete. Year not closed.

## All Salaries Not Including Kitchen and Dining-Hall Help.

1912-13	record incomplete.	No. of Instructors	21
1913-14	\$16,233.89	No. of Instructors	20
1914-15	\$17,942.00	No. of Instructors	20
1915-16	\$14,670.00	No. of Instructors	15

## Liability.

The liabilities of the College in round numbers is \$30,000.00, most of which is in the nature of a pressure debt. To meet this indebtedness a bond issue of \$25,000.00 has been authorized, more than half of which has been sold and applied to the debt. The character of this refundment is, not that the debt has been paid but that the pressure debt is being converted into debt whose obligation is distributed over the life of the Bond issue which runs from ten to twenty years. These bonds bear six per cent interest and should be retired as rapidly as possible.

## Asset.

The following statement of assets with some modification is taken from the Annual Report of 1915.

Buildings and ground	\$150,000.00
Conditional endowment	34,715.00
Real Estate (approximately)	20,000.00
Other estate	5,000.00
Y. M. C. A.	2,302.50
Old student account	2,472.44
Mortuary notes	3,725.00
Unencumbered endowment	3,800.00
Wm. Haly bequest	1,700.00
Trust estate	2,500.00
Total	\$226,214.94

## Equipment.

There is great need of added equipment in the science laboratories. At a time when so much emphasis is being placed upon science subjects you cannot expect to attract students in any great numbers when it is known that you are not equipped for the best possible service. The equipment is not only poor at Adrian but there is great need of added space to the laboratory rooms.

**The Library.**

The library has recently undergone a revision, the result of which many volumes have been discarded. Hence there is need of additions in the way of a larger collection of more modern and up-to-date works.

**Repairs.**

The dormitories need attention. With a small expenditure of funds these two buildings could be put in fine condition.

**General Improvements.**

The college should have its own water and lighting systems. At a small cost there could be installed these two systems which would pay for themselves in a short time.

**In General.**

If the church expects to do anything more than play at keeping school more money and students must be found.

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**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF WEST LAFAYETTE COLLEGE.**

To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church Assembled May 19, 1916.

Gentlemen:

The President of West Lafayette College desires to present the following report:

The enrollment for the year 1912-13 was as follows:

Literary students .....	36
Music students .....	48
Commercial students .....	38
Art students .....	18
Total enrollment .....	140

For the Summer term of 1913 there were enrolled 34 Literary students, 22 Music students and 12 Commercial students, making a total of 68.

For the years 1913-14 there were enrolled:

Literary students .....	46
Music students .....	67
Commercial students .....	35
Art students .....	10
Oratory students .....	1
Total enrollment .....	159

For the Summer School of 1914 there were 23 Literary students, 26 Music students, 89 Normal students, making a total of 138.

For the years 1914-15 there were enrolled:

College students .....	26
Preparatory and Normal .....	26
Music students .....	63
Commercial students .....	15
Art Students .....	17
Oratory students .....	3
Total enrollment .....	150



in all industrial dissensions; for the protection of the worker from dangerous machinery, occupational diseases, injuries and mortality; for the abolition of child labor; for such regulation of the conditions of labor for women as shall safeguard the physical and moral health of the community; for the suppression of "The sweating system;" for the gradual and reasonable reduction of the hours of labor to the lowest practical point, with work for all; and for that degree of leisure for all which is the condition of the highest human life; for a release from employment one day in seven; for a living wage in every industry; for the highest wage that each industry can afford, and for the most equitable division of the products of industry that can ultimately be devised; for the recognition of the Golden Rule, and the mind of Christ as the supreme law of society, and the sure remedy for all social ills.

Your Committee is impressed that we should have a standing commission of five upon the social and industrial aspects of Christianity, whose business it shall be to study the current developments of social and industrial movements and the problem of the rural Church during the coming quadrennium, and give to the Church, from time to time, the benefit of its observations and findings through the official organs of the Church and in a report to the next General Conference; and we hereby respectfully recommend the creation of such commission.

Respectfully submitted,  
 (Signed) A. L. REYNOLDS, Chairman.  
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#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTION RELATING TO TRAVELING PRESIDENCY.

Your committee appointed to consider the resolution relating to the traveling presidency of this General Conference reports as follows:

In view of the fact that an overture has been presented to this Conference dealing directly with the question of the traveling presidency; and in view of what we regard as the constitutional question involved, we report adversely on the resolution.

(Signed) E. C. CHANDLER  
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 G. W. HOLMES  
 J. C. BROOMFIELD, Chairman.

**LETTER FROM JAPAN MISSION CONFERENCE.**

President, Fathers, and Brethren:—

It is the pleasure and privilege of the Japan Annual Conference of your Church in the far East to send you greetings by our veteran Missionary, Ex-president of the Conference, the Rev. E. H. VanDyke, D. D., who will soon leave us for America on furlough. Our Twenty-fifth Annual Conference is just over, and we naturally turn our thoughts to the history of the past growth and existence of our church. Indeed, to the tender care and the patient fostering of our Mother Church we owe what we are, for which we feel thankful. Twenty-five years ago our first Annual Conference was organized, not counting the missionaries, with one minister, three preachers, and three delegates. That represented the three churches with the membership of 259. But the Annual Conference of this year was composed of fifteen ministers, or pastors, five preachers, and seventeen delegates from the seventeen churches, with the membership of 1196. How different is this Annual Conference from the first! Thanks be to God, who through the instrumentality of you, our Mother Church, has brought about this change, the growth. We can easily imagine with what anxiety you have watched over us during these last twenty-five long years; and what vast amount of money and labor you have bestowed upon the work!

You may be gratified with the present state of your long cherished church in Japan, but we are not at all content. True, we have grown not only in members, but in means, for the offerings of the churches during this last conference year amounted to Y3332,405, which is about \$1666.20. As we thus grow, in proportion our responsibilities increase. We know our churches should become self-supporting as soon as possible, but at the same time a Macedonian cry was heard from Kabafuto Island, the northern extremity of the Empire, conceded by Russia eleven years ago, and it reached our Annual Conference, the year before and this. The serious question before Conference was, Shall we respond to this? And if we do, how to proceed? How shall we raise money?

Then we keenly felt our lack of means. Still Conference resolved to undertake the task, and appointed a committee to form a plan for starting the work, and to carry it out. All-wise God guide and direct the committee in the undertaking, and also Dr. VanDyke, who agreed to do all in his power for this enterprise while in America!

Do not think, however, we are over zealous for that which is far, neglecting that which is near. We well remember the Lord's word, "Beginning at Jerusalem." Therefore, Conference passed the resolution that every pastor, preacher, and layman in the Methodist Protestant Church exert himself this year especially for the purpose of making, God permitting, the addition of the coming Conference more than twice that of the last year, which was 135 souls. Finally, be it assured, the Board's appointment of a native minister as President of the Conference this year for the first time in the history of our Church was received with satisfaction. Now, though the wide Pacific Ocean separates us, our hearts and yours are joined close in His love, which is as great and deep as the waters thereof. Though the Rocky Mountains seem like a screen that hides us from your sight, yet the day is not far distant when we shall all meet in heaven, see one another face to face, and sing together "The Song of the Lamb." Till then, God bless our beloved Mother Church in America!

In the name of the twenty-fifth Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in Japan.

(Signed) MOTO OHGIMI  
Nagoya, Japan, March 18, 1916. KATSUMI KIMURA.

**RTUAL.**

Your Committee on Ritual recommends:

1. That all Methodist Protestant churches not using our own Hymnal introduce the same for the sake of uniformity of worship, and for the benefit of the denominational training and devotional culture peculiar to the use of our own literature of worship, ceremony, and music.

2. We recommend that there be an enlargement and enrichment of our Order of Worship to remove all reasonable ground for non-observance on account of liturgical poverty, that it be used during the morning worship and that the form for evening worship be sufficiently elastic to meet any local need.

3. That the new Order of Worship be as follows:

Organ Prelude.

Doxology.

Minister: "The Lord is in His holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before Him."

Congregation: "My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning,  
O Lord: in the morning will I direct my prayer unto  
Thee and look up."

Invocation.

Hymn.

Responsive Reading, Apostle's Creed, and Gloria.

Scripture Lesson.

Prayer closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Announcements, Offering, Offertory.

Anthem.

Sermon.

Prayer.

Hymn.

Apostolic Benediction.

4. That there be prepared a simple Form of Reception of Children into Church Membership, and that in the Form of Reception of members on page 142 the question at the bottom of the page, now put to those who join by certificate: "Do you thus freely and solemnly devote yourself to the service of the Lord?" be removed and inserted as the closing sentence of the preceding paragraph, and thus apply only to those who join by profession of faith.

5. That there be prepared a brief Form for the private celebration of the Lord's Supper, and that this Form, in connection with the Forms of Baptism, Marriage, and Burial, be printed in a Morocco bound volume of convenient size to cost not more than \$1.00.

6. That in the Burial of the Dead, there be omitted the sentence: "Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God, in His wise providence, to take out of this world the soul of our deceased brother," and that there be substituted the sentence: "Since the soul of our brother has departed." And that there be added a greater variety of Scriptural readings, a few brief prayers, and some suitable hymns.

7. That all the above recommendations, and other changes deemed advisable by a Committee to be immediately appointed, shall be placed in proper logical, grammatical, and literary form, and presented to the Committee on Publication of the new Constitution and Discipline for insertion therein, and also for publication in the next edition of our Hymnal and Discipline.

Respectfully submitted, HUGH L. ELDERDICE, Chairman.

C. D. SINKINSON.

F. A. PERRY.

E. S. HAWKINS.

E. D. BECK.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP PLANS FOR THE DENOMINATIONAL SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS AID SOCIETY.**

Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of the proposed creation of the General Conference Sustentation Fund, begs leave to report.

1. That your Committee recommends that the President be authorized to name a committee which shall be authorized and empowered to formulate plans and effect an organization for the purpose of creating, holding and managing on behalf of the Methodist Protestant Church a Sustentation Fund for the benefit of the ministers of said Church and their dependents.

2. That when said organization has been effected, it be authorized to receive and hold the fund now available for this purpose from the Pittsburgh Board of Publication.

3. That the plan of organization, control and management so to be determined upon and effected be reported to the next session of this General Conference, together with recommendations as to methods for increasing said fund and the manner of the distribution thereof.

4. That all money which shall be received by such organization shall be invested and held subject to the general supervision of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and no payments therefrom or distribution thereof shall be made except as directed by said General Conference.

JOHN S. BOWERS, Chairman.

THOMAS A. MURRAY, Secretary

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FORWARD MOVEMENT.**

This is an age of progress. New Conditions and new problems are constantly arising, and the church must meet these new conditions by adjusting itself. Old machinery must be discarded and new adopted, and modern ideas and methods find expression. A number of resolutions have come to us, all indicative of the spirit of progress which seems quite general.

Our judgment is that we should now launch a great Forward Movement Campaign, covering four years, that shall challenge the entire membership of our church through all our organized agencies to move forward in one great advance along all lines of Evangelistic, Educational, Missionary, Financial and Social Service endeavor.

The program contemplated includes the development of a new denominational spirit that shall inspire the church to one supreme, concerted "forward movement" enterprise; a membership increase through evangelistic effort; improved financial aims and methods; larger student representation in our colleges; an increasing number of candidates for the ministry and as missionaries; a social service program.

As a worthy objective of such a campaign, we would suggest and recommend the adoption of these two goals:

(A) A 25% increase in our Membership, in four years.

(B) A Million Dollar Campaign for our Boards and Institutions.

We deem the enactment of the following as essential to the success of the plan, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

(1) The creation of a Commission on Forward Movement, composed of seven (7) members, to be named by the President of the General Conference, to direct the enterprise.



(2) The election of a secretary, who shall give his entire time and energy to promoting the campaign, and who shall be ex-officio a member of the Commission.

(3) The salary and other necessary expenses of this office, and incident to the conduct of the campaign, shall be met by a levy upon the Boards of Publication, Education, Home Missions, Foreign Missions and Young People's Work, on a basis to be determined by the Executive Committee of the General Conference.

(4) The changing of the rules regulating the Executive Committee to provide that the secretaries of the several Boards and this Commission shall be honorary members of the Executive Committee.

(5) The adoption of the Budget System of assessing the General Interests. The Executive Committee shall levy the assessment in a lump sum upon the various Annual Conferences, and shall be assessed by them upon their respective pastoral charges upon the same basis.

(6) The election of a general Church Treasurer, who shall be under the authority of the Executive Committee, and who shall be the custodian of all funds belonging to the Boards of Publication, Education, Home Missions, Foreign Missions and Young People's Work, and whose office shall supersede that of the Treasurer in each of the several Boards. And who shall hold the funds belonging to each of the several Boards to the credit of said Board, supplementing said funds by negotiating such loans as may be necessary to meet the appropriations ordered by the Boards.

(7) The details of the plan and the set-up of the machinery necessary to project and consummate it shall be left to the Commission on Forward Movement, with full authority committed to this body, subject to revision of the Executive Committee.

As suggestive of the possible scope of the proposed movement, we ask for the insertion in the publication of the Minutes in connection with this report, the following syllabus:

#### Four Year Forward Movement Program.

1. Intensive Development.
  - (a) Survey. (b) Year Book. (c) Church paper in 75 % of the homes represented in the church. (d) Founders Day. (e) Institutes, Laymen's congresses, inter-visitation.
2. Membership Increase (25 % gain in four years).
  - (a) Evangelism, personal, pastoral, vocational. (b) Decision Day in the Sunday school. (c) Evangelistic services and campaigns.
3. Financial.
  - (a) Budget System. (b) Proportionate giving. (c) One church Treasurer. (d) Every Member Canvass in local church. (e) Duplex Envelope System.
4. Educational.
  - (a) One student on the average for every 200 members, in our own schools. (b) Teacher Training classes in Sunday-schools.
5. Missionary.
  - (a) Life Work Recruits. (b) One candidate for the ministry or for the calling of a missionary in every church of 500. (c) Woman's Missionary societies organized in every church where possible; and one candidate for each 500 members in every conference.
6. Social Service.
 

A Social Service Forward Movement Committee in every Brotherhood and Adult Bible class, with a program adopted and in operation with special reference to the country church.

**7. Organization.**

(a) Articulation through annual conferences, Boards and local churches to enlist every member. (b) Standards of Action for Conferences and churches, and an arrangement for accounting results.

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**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION.**

The Committee on Revision respectfully reports as follows:

We have carefully considered all proposed changes and we concur in the following:

1. Wherever the words "Holy Catholic Church" appear in the Discipline and Hymnal they shall begin with small instead of capital letters.
2. Section 8, page 79 of the Discipline be stricken out.
3. Reverse items 2 and 3 of "Order of Business for Quarterly Conferences", page 60 of the Discipline so as to read as follows:
  - "2. Make necessary corrections of official list."
  - "3. Read Minutes of last meeting."
4. Add paragraph 5, under "General Officers", page 117, to read as follows:
  - "5. The salaries of all Editors, Agents, Secretaries, and others in the general work of the church shall be fixed by the Boards under whose direction they are employed."
5. In Article 6, Section 1, page 87 of the Discipline, strike out the last sentence which reads, "The salary of the Secretary-Treasurer shall not exceed \$1,800 per year."
6. In Article 2, page 93, of the Discipline, make the last clause read, "and shall receive a salary to be fixed by the Board of Home Missions."
7. In Article 4, Section 3, page 106, of the Discipline, strike out the clause, "provided the amount does not exceed \$1,800 per year."
8. On page 116, Section 15, of the Discipline, strike out the last clause which reads "but no salary shall exceed \$1,800 per year."
9. In Article 3, Section (b), page 120 of the Discipline, strike out the words "provided said salary shall not exceed \$1,800."
10. Between "Order of Business for Quarterly Conference", page 60, and "Annual Conference", page 61, of the Book of Discipline, insert under the head of "Annual Church Meeting", the following:
 

"The last monthly meeting in each year shall be styled, 'The Annual Church Meeting', at which time the officers shall be elected, unless their election shall be otherwise provided for. All officers, departments, boards, and all auxiliary and affiliated societies shall submit reports for the year, of work done and money received and disbursed, and also make recommendations and suggestions for the future, if they desire. The data so reported may be used by the pastor in making his report to the Annual Conference. These reports shall be audited by a Committee previously appointed."
11. In line 9, paragraph 10, page 126, of the Discipline, strike out, "that is against whom no charges have been preferred".

12. In paragraph 15, page 65, of the Discipline, at the close of the sentence ending with "the appointment of an Annual Conference," insert the following: "Provided that any graduate of an approved Theological Seminary of the Methodist Protestant Church may be eligible to ordination without pursuing the Conference Course of Study or passing through a period of probation".

13. Page 55, of the Discipline, under "Trial of Churches", add the following: "When a church has been tried and is expelled from the Methodist Protestant Church it shall be considered extinct, and the property, if any, shall be disposed of in the manner provided for the disposition of the property of extinct churches". (Section 5, page 130, Discipline.)

14. Strike out Section (a), Article 3, page 120 of the Discipline.

15. Strike out Article 1, page 119, of Discipline, and insert the following: "The Board of Young People's Work of the Methodist Protestant Church shall consist of six members elected quadrennially by the General Conference, and the President of each Annual Conference Young People's Union; and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Young People's Work of the Methodist Protestant Church shall be ex-officio a member of the Board."

"The headquarters of the Board shall be located at Pittsburgh, Pa."

16. In section 6, page 130, of the Discipline, under "General Duties of Trustees", add the following: "Provided, however, that no church shall be considered officially extinct until so declared by the Annual Conference."

17. We recommend that the amendments proposed to the Constitution of the Board of Home Missions be adopted as follows:

A. That Article I be amended so as to read as follows:

#### ARTICLE I.

##### The Board of Home Missions.

1. The General Conference shall at each Quadrennial Session, elect a Board of Home Missions, to consist of seven members, four ministers and three laymen, who shall hold their office for four years, or until their successor shall be elected. The President of the General Conference, and the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, shall be ex-officio members of this Board.

B. That the following be substituted for Article II:

#### ARTICLE II.

##### Duties and Powers of the Board.

1. The office of the Board of Home Missions shall be located at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

2. The Board elected by the General Conference shall meet as soon as practicable after the rise of the conference, and organize by electing the following officers, who shall serve during the ensuing quadrennium: President, Recording Secretary, and an Executive Committee of three members.

3. This Board shall meet annually at the time and place designated by the Board previous to adjournment, or if no time nor place have been fixed, at the time and place agreed upon by the President and Corresponding Secretary of the Board. Special meetings may be called by the President and Secretary of the Board or by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall meet quarterly, if in the judgment of the President, and Corresponding Secretary, a meeting is necessary or wise.

4. This Board shall have supervision over, and direction of all the mission work in the United States, except missions that are entirely sustained and supported by annual conferences.

5. The Board shall have authority to fix the salary of the Corresponding Secretary, missionaries, and other employees of the Board; to arrange for the collection of funds to carry on the work; to employ and remove missionaries; to loan money upon satisfactory security for building purposes, either with or without interest; to make donations for building purposes, and to assist in the payment of debts incurred in securing property, provided there shall be funds in the treasury from which such donation may be made; and shall have general authority to transact all business, and do all things that may become necessary for the promotion of the work committed to this Board by the church.

6. This Board shall have authority to vacate the pulpits of any of the churches that are being assisted by it, when in its judgment the security of the property is involved or the peace, happiness, and success of the congregation requires such action. The Board shall make no further appropriation to any church which declines to be governed by this law.

7. The Board of Home Missions is hereby authorized to raise money by assessment apportioned by the General Conference to the several annual conferences, and by them to the several charges; by Easter services in the Sunday-schools, at which freewill offerings shall be made for the support of the work of the Board; and by making such other appeals to the church as the work of the Board shall require and the judgment of the Board shall deem to be wise.

8. All of page 96, Discipline, 1912, striking out "That" at the top of the page.

9. Applications for assistance shall be presented to the Board at the Annual meeting. Emergency appropriations shall only be made upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, and with the unanimous consent of the Board.

10. The Board of Home Missions shall submit to the General Conference a complete statement of its business, showing receipts, disbursements, assets and liabilities, all duly certified by a Public Accountant.

11. This Board shall have power to fill all vacancies caused by death, resignation or removal.

C. We recommend that the following be substituted for

### ARTICLE III.

#### The Corresponding Secretary.

1. The General Conference shall elect by ballot a Corresponding Secretary, who shall also be Treasurer, and ex-officio member of the Board.

2. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to work under the direction of the Board, conduct the correspondence, visit conferences, and churches in the interest of the work.

3. The Corresponding Secretary shall report to the Board quarterly concerning the work, and submit a detailed, descriptive report to the Board at the annual meeting, with all applications presented him for assistance, and as far as possible accompany these applications with recommendations based upon personal investigations upon the fields involved, and perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

4. He shall receive all funds belonging to the Board of Home Missions, giving receipts therefor, and shall deposit all sums so received in an approved bank, to the credit of the Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Protestant Church.

5. All disbursements shall be by check, upon warrant signed by the President of the Board of Home Missions.

6. At the close of the quadrennium, the Corresponding Secretary shall prepare for the General Conference a detailed descriptive report of all the fields under the care of the Board of Home Missions, and this report shall be submitted by the Board as a part of its quadrennial report to that body.

D. We recommend that Article IV be amended so as to read as follows:

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### The Assessment.

1. The Board of Home Missions shall estimate the amount of money required annually to carry on its work for the following quadrennium, and report the same to the General Conference at its regular session. It shall then be the duty of the General Conference, after carefully considering the estimates, the available resources of the church, and the relative importance of the work, to apportion the amount to the several annual conferences, which in its judgment should be appropriated to the work of this Board for the ensuing quadrennium, this amount to be paid by the annual conferences in equal annual installments, or to be graduated on a rising scale, as the General Conference shall direct.

2. The amount apportioned to the annual conferences shall be assessed by them to the several pastoral charges of the annual conference district, and every possible effort made to secure the payment of this assessment in full from each charge.

E. We recommend that Section 8, page 82, shall be amended to conform to the provisions of this law.

F. We recommend that Article V be amended so as to read as follows:

#### ARTICLE V.

##### Duty of Pastors.

1. It shall be the duty of the pastor of each charge in the denomination to preach at least one sermon each conference year upon the subject of Home Missions, at each appointment on his pastoral charge; to make an earnest effort to secure the full amount assessed to his charge by the annual conference; and to forward the amount collected at once to the treasurer of this Board, or see that it is so forwarded by the proper officer of the church.

2. It shall also be the duty of the pastor to hold Easter Service in his Sunday schools wherever possible, and to insist that the school make a freewill offering at this time for the support of the work of the Board of Home Missions. This offering shall not be applied to the payment of the assessments made to the church, the purpose of the special service being to secure a freewill offering from every Sunday-school, in addition to the assessment made against the church for Home Missions.

G. We recommend that Articles VI, and VII, be stricken out, as all the subject matter has been embodied in the preceding recommendations.

H. We recommend that Section 8, page 82 of the Constitution and Discipline be amended so as to read as follows:

"The several Boards shall present to the General Conference, a complete financial statement, showing all monies received and disbursed during the quadrennium just closed, with an itemized estimate of their needs for the ensuing 4 years. The General Conference, after considering the estimates, the available resources of the church, and the relative importance of the work of these Boards, shall determine the amount to be assessed upon each annual conference for these respective purposes, and shall apportion the amount required for each interest separately to the several annual conferences of the

church; this amount to be paid in four equal annual installments or graduated on a rising scale as the General Conference shall direct."

It is further provided; "That any annual conference which fails to make this assessment as directed by the General Conference, or to make an earnest effort to collect the amount so apportioned in full each year, shall forfeit its representation in the ensuing General Conference." The published Minutes of the Annual Conferences, showing assessments and receipts, shall be full and sufficient evidence in case action becomes necessary under this provision.

J. We recommend that Article XI, page 29, be amended by the addition of Sec. 3, as follows:

"It shall be the duty of the President of an Annual Conference to see that the assessments for the Missionary and Educational work of the church, as levied by the General Conference, are properly apportioned to the several charges of his district, and he shall assist as far as possible in the collection and prompt payment of these assessments.

We further recommend that the following overtures be handed down to the Annual Conferences:

Overture No. 1.

"There shall be a General Conference of this Church on the third Wednesday in May, in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and twenty, and on the third Wednesday in May every fourth year thereafter in such place as the Conference may determine".

Overture No. 2.

"Article 6 of Constitution shall be amended by inserting in the first section after 'presidents of Christian Endeavor Societies' the words 'The presidents of the Ladies Aid Society, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and the Brotherhood'".

We further recommend that this General Conference elect a Committee of nine members to revise the Constitution and Discipline of the Church and that this Committee make a report to the Annual Conferences of its findings, at least one year before the next General Conference (that the Church at large may be conversant with the proposed changes).

It is also further recommended that the expenses of this Committee be met by the Board of Publication.

Your Committee would respectfully recommend the following persons to serve on this special Committee: F. T. Little, C. E. Shepard, C. L. Whittaker, U. W. Morrison, T. A. Murray, Ira Champion, W. W. Lineberry, C. D. Sinkinson, A. N. Ward.

(Signed) C. D. SINKINSON, Chairman.

A. N. WARD, Secretary.

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C. A. CECIL.

**REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.**

We have considered three questions, here stated, with our answers thereto:

1. What relation to the church does a person sustain who has been received and recognized as a member but never formally elected to membership.

Answer. It is our opinion that all approved candidates for membership should be formally elected thereto by vote of the church. The Discipline of our church expressly says: "On an application for full membership, a vote of the church shall be taken."

In the case of persons who have for a long time regarded themselves and been recognized by the church as members, it is our opinion that they should not be disturbed in their membership by raising the question of the legality of the manner of their reception.

2. Can trustees of a church, at their pleasure, lease or rent the house of worship for the use of another denomination?

Answer. Trustees have no authority to lease or rent a church to another denomination unless expressly authorized by a vote of the qualified members, in the manner described in Section 4 of General Duties of Trustees, page 129 of the Discipline.

3. Can the two-thirds vote necessary to dispose of church property be made up by counting the vote of a series of meetings adjourned from time to time?

Answer. The two-thirds vote necessary to dispose of church property must be the vote of one meeting. See Section 54, page 43, Journal of General Conference 1912, interpreting the law.

J. M. SHERIDAN, Chairman.

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**COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES.**

We respectfully submit the following report:

It is evident as the Board of Home Missions points out that a number of our younger and weaker conferences should be combined. We believe, also, that state lines should be followed where possible in defining conference boundaries. There seems, however, to be a general unwillingness on the part of the stronger conferences to take in territory of weaker conferences. All agree something should be done but seem to wish to relegate the task and opportunity to others. We believe the General Conference, should from its larger viewpoint rearrange conference lines in a great many cases, but it should be intelligently done, and except in a few cases, this committee feels unable to make wise recommendations for such merging of conferences.

We are prepared to recommend action in the following cases:

1. That the Texas, Northwest Texas Mission and the Colorado-Texas Gulf Conferences be united and known as the Texas Conference, to include the state of Texas.

2. With reference to the Iowa and North Missouri Conferences, in harmony with the action of the commissions representing these Conferences, we recommend that the union already consummated, be ratified and approved, and that the united conference be known as the Iowa-Missouri Conference, including the states of Iowa and that part of Missouri lying north of the Missouri River.

3. With reference to the Fort Smith Mission Conference, we recommend that it be attached to the Oklahoma Conference, to include the state of Oklahoma and that portion of Arkansas bounded as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of Polk County and extending east to the Fourche River; thence down said river to its confluence with the Arkansas River, and to Spadre Bluff on the Arkansas River, and northward to Clarksville; thence to Kingston, and down King's river to its confluence with the White River, and from thence north to the state line of Arkansas, with the National line between the state of Arkansas and the Indian Territory as its western boundary.

4. It is the judgment of this Committee that the northern tier of counties in Indiana should be attached to the Indiana Conference, and we recommend that the Indiana and Michigan Conferences take the matter under consideration, with a view to adjusting their boundaries in conformity with state lines.

In all other cases of changes suggested by the Board of Home Missions, we recommend that the Board of Home Missions itself take these weaker Conferences under its fostering care, that careful surveys of the field be made, that these Conferences be urged to negotiate with each other to the end that they be merged or grouped together in co-operative work of some form, and that the Board appoint and support superintendents for these fields, in concurrence with the Conferences concerned, wherever in its judgment it can do so to advantage.

(Signed) W. W. LINEBERRY, Chairman.  
 W. H. BETZ, Secretary.  
 B. A. BROOKS.  
 J. G. REED.  
 C. M. LIPPINCOTT.  
 J. I. DAY.  
 F. S. PHELPS.  
 H. A. ROWAND.  
 W. E. SHEPHERD.  
 S. W. JACKSON.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations makes the following report:

##### Fraternal Delegates.

We have been favored with visits of fraternal delegates from several sister denominations. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was represented by Rev. James W. Lee, D. D., of St. Louis, Mo. His address, rich with rare historical records of achievements by noted men of the South, enchaind the attention of the Conference on Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. H. C. Tucker represented the interests of the American Bible Society before the General Conference on Tuesday afternoon, in an address both interesting and instructive.



On Thursday forenoon, the Conference listened with keen interest to addresses, breathing the heartiest fraternal spirit, by Bishop G. M. Matthews, D. D., and Dr. W. R. Funk, representing the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. These brethren both expressed the hope that their church and the Methodist Protestant Church might soon become united by the closer tie or organic union.

On Friday, Dr. William V. Kelley, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Editor of the Methodist Review, carried to this Conference the fraternal greetings of our mother church.

Appropriate responses to these addresses were made by the President of the General Conference and others.

#### **The Federal Council.**

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America represents the most effective realization of Christ's prayer "that they all may be one", that the Christian world has yet achieved. It has successfully united the Protestant churches in co-operative work in the fields of missionary labor, at home and abroad, of temperance, of Sabbath observance, of efforts to secure world-wide peace, and of many other lines of moral reform and spiritual achievement.

It was the highly appreciated privilege of this body to have with us on Thursday evening, the honored General Secretary of this great organization, Rev. Charles S. McFarland, D. D. His address was as full of inspiration as it was with information about this great movement.

The next quadrennial meeting of the Federal Council will be held in St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 6, 1916. We recommend that the President of this General Conference appoint eight delegates, and eight alternates, to represent the Methodist Protestant Church at this gathering, and that the expenses of this delegation shall be paid from General Conference funds.

We further recommend that the Executive Committee of our church be constituted the official body to whom all questions relating to the common interests of our church and the Federal Council, shall be referred in the interim between the sessions of the General Conference, and that it be the channel of communication between the Methodist Protestant Church and the Federal Council.

We further recommend that the General Conference request each Annual Conference of our church to set aside a Sunday at as early a date as possible for the presentation of an appeal for the relief of the innocent sufferers by the war in Europe and Asia, in co-operation with the plan proposed by the Federal Council for the churches of America. A crisis is upon the world, and we must do our part. Millions of people are absolutely destitute in Belgium, Serbia, Poland, Armenia, and other countries, and are dependent on the neutral countries for protection from starvation. A dollar per member would be none too much for this emergency in the world's history.

#### **Ecumenical Methodist Commission.**

We recommend that the President of the General Conference appoint a representative to the Ecumenical Methodist Commission to represent the Methodist Protestant Church in that body, and that the General Conference Treasurer be directed to meet the expenses needed to enable them to perform their duties in this connection.

We also recommend that the churches of our denomination during the year 1916 participate in the centenary memorial of Bishop Asbury's service to Methodism, and raise a collection for the erection of an equestrian statue of this pioneer leader in Methodism.

**World Alliance of Churches.**

The World Alliance of Churches for the Promotion of International fellowship has been formed for the purpose of enabling the Christian Church to exert its influence in the reconstruction of the governments of the warring nations after the close of the great struggle. A great opportunity is opened to Christendom. The terms of peace should include such an arrangement between nations as shall provide that settlement of differences between countries in the future shall be adjusted by arbitration on principles of equity and justice. It is proposed to call a congress of the churches of the world to meet at the close of the war at such a time and place as may be selected for the discussion of the terms of peace by the nations concerned. This congress will use its influence to have a new international order established on the Christian principles of mutual justice.

The American Branch of the World's Alliance met in Garden City, Long Island, a few weeks ago. Forty religious communities were represented, aggregating a membership of twenty-three millions of people. Each religious denomination in America was requested to appoint a Peace-Maker's Commission to direct the movements for peace in its denomination through local Peace-Maker's Committees in the churches.

We recommend that the President of this General Conference appoint a Peace-Maker's Commission of three persons to co-operate with the World's Alliance in this work.

We also recommend that Peace-Maker's Committees be established in each local church to receive the literature of the Alliance and co-operate in such ways as may seem desirable.

**Delegates to Sister Churches.**

We recommend that the President of the General Conference appoint delegates and alternates to convey fraternal greetings to the following bodies, and such other denominations as may be deemed desirable, during the coming quadrennium:

- The Methodist Episcopal Church.
- The United Brethren Church.
- The Methodist Episcopal Church, South.
- The Congregational Church.

**Expression of Thanks.**

We recommend that the thanks of this body be extended to the following persons and organizations:

To the pastor and the people of the Zanesville Methodist Protestant Church for the excellent provisions made for the comfort and entertainment of this General Conference.

To the Zanesville Chamber of Commerce for the delightful excursion provided for the delegates of this body.

To the press and the railroads for the favors respectively extended by them to this body.

To the President of this General Conference for the impartial and unswerving spirit manifested in his rulings, and his desire to treat all in a spirit of fairness.

(Signed) D. S. STEPHENS, Chairman.  
C. E. SHEPPARD.  
C. D. SINKINSON.  
R. P. HUDNALL.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following report: This, the greatest institution of the Church, was in its origin a conception of divine inspiration, insignificant in its beginning as measured by human estimate, but has developed into phenomenal proportions both as regards its extension and accomplishment. From a small body of waifs, collected from the streets of Gloucester, now more than a century and a quarter ago, in its onward sweep it has become a militant host, world-wide, and a most potent factor in the promotion and extension of the Kingdom of God.

Through its various evolutionary stages it became more and more efficient in fulfilling its divinely appointed mission until it became not only co-extensive with the Church, but has gone out beyond its borders into the frontiers as a pioneer, preparing the way for the establishment of the Church. While we view with wonder and delight, yea, even with amazement its present organization, its splendid equipment, its power, vitality, and force, we dare to believe that to its keeping God confides the trust of hastening a day far more resplendent with glorious achievement than has yet ever dawned. The possibilities of this institution have been but partially discovered to us through marvelous results, but their limitation remains to us an unknown and unknowable quantity.

That which most of all differentiates this institution from all others, is that its province is to deal with pliant and plastic minds, moulding and shaping them for immortal destiny through the divine agency of God's revealed truth. Teaching the Word without sectarian bias of creed or dogma, forming correct views, ideals, habits, character and destiny.

Realizing the broad field of Christian activity and endeavor, which forms the domain of this organization, and the fact that more than 80% of church membership has been trained in the Sunday School, it becomes imperative that our Church, in order to conserve its best interests, must be kept in close touch and put in alignment with every progressive movement of this organization. We doubt not that under the wise supervision of the church Boards there will be wrought out to minutest detail every essential aid for the expansion, growth and efficiency of our Sunday Schools.

There should be urgent insistence that there be thorough and systematic organization and equipment in all its departments. Our literature should be kept as good as the best. Our teaching force should be such as is apt to teach, prepared by special training, consecrated in life and dedicated to the work of its high calling.

We rejoice in the most excellent things that the Church is accomplishing through its Sunday Schools, but we shall hail and greet that better day when it can be said not only that more than 80% of our church membership is from the Sunday School, but that more than 80% of our Sunday School is a part of the church. To this end, all teaching should tend, and for its consummation should be given our most earnest prayers, our truest devotion and our best endeavor.

W. H. BETZ.  
MYRA HUME, Secretary.  
G. W. HOLMES, Chairman.  
P. W. BOXELL.  
J. M. HARTLEY.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.**

The Bible, our guide book in all right living, teaches us to "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." God, our Father, blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it, and set it apart as a day of rest and worship. We realize that the sanctity of the Sabbath as a holy day is an inseparable part of the fundamental laws of God and of man.

The great statesman, Abraham Lincoln, once said, "As we keep or break the Sabbath we nobly save or meanly lose the last best hope by which humanity rises."

We deeply regret the growing disposition on the part of our American people to disregard the sacredness of the Lord's day,

Therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, 1.** That this Conference does most earnestly urge upon the people of the Methodist Protestant Church the necessity of scrupulously observing the Sabbath in a manner that will bring glory to our God and spiritual uplift to His people. We believe it is not enough to rest on Sabbath, but that it is just as incumbent upon us to worship God on that day. The Master himself set the example, and then said, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together."

**2.** That we discourage by precept and example all kinds of Sabbath desecration, such as open shops, open picture shows, buying and selling, base-ball playing, or gaining of any kind, picnic dinners, birthday dinners, joy riding in automobiles and carriages, riding on railroad trains, and every other thing that may be engaged in for purely social amusement, or financial gain. We set ourselves squarely against anything that will tend to bring the Sabbath day down to a level of the other six days.

**3.** That the ministry of our church and the teaching force of our Sunday Schools be urged to keep this all-important subject uppermost in the minds of the children and the young people; for as the tree is inclined so it will grow. Teach the young people the law of God, and the history of His dealing with men, and the next generation will observe the Sabbath as this one is not doing.

We commend the work that is being done by the Lord's Day Alliance, and suggest that our Church co-operate with that Alliance just in so far as opportunity will allow.

Literature on Sabbath Observance may be had from our Book Concerns in Baltimore and in Pittsburgh.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) A. G. DIXON.  
J. M. REYNOLDS.  
C. I. KELLEY.  
C. A. LAWSON.  
E. W. SWAN.

**REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.**

We, your Committee on Auditing the Quadrennium account of Rev. C. H. Beck, Secretary and Treasurer of the General Conference, beg leave herewith to make our report.

We find that this account has been well kept and, according to all receipts and vouchers, is correct.

Dr. Beck is to be commended for the neat and well kept record that his books and papers show.

May 17, 1912, Cash on hand .....	\$ 400.34
Receipts for four years, ending May 19, 1916 .....	2850.89
	\$3251.23
Total collected and on hand .....	\$3251.23
Expenditures for four years, ending May 19, 1916 .....	2479.49
	\$ 771.74
Balance on hand May 19, 1916 .....	\$ 771.74

We further report that we find the accounts of the several Boards and Book Directories have been audited by Certified Public Accountants.

J. N. HOLT, Chairman.  
 C. A. BRAUN.  
 A. C. ROGERS, Secretary.

**REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE, HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.**

At a joint meeting of the Home and Foreign Missions Committees the resolutions offered by G. W. Haddaway and T. M. Johnson to this Conference relating to the dissolution of the auxiliary relationship which now exists between the Board of Home Missions and the Woman's Board of Home Missions, which were referred to us, have been carefully considered. We unanimously recommend their adoption by this Conference.

We also recommend that this General Conference appoint a Committee of three to suggest a plan of organization for the Woman's Board of Home Missions akin to that of the Board of Home Missions and that this Committee carefully define their field of operation and their relation to the General Board.

(Signed) J. C. BROOMFIELD, Chairman.  
 ROBY F. DAY, Sec. of Committee.

**Resolutions.**

RESOLVED, First, That the General Conference dissolve the auxiliary relationship which now exists between the Board of Home Missions and the Woman's Board of Home Missions and that these two Boards be entirely separate, the one from the other.

Second, That the Board of Home Missions shall transfer to The Woman's Board of Home Missions, all property belonging to them and now held by the Board of Home Missions; said transfer to take place when the Woman's Board of Home Missions shall become incorporated.

Third, That the Woman's Home work shall be amenable to the General Conference through their Board of Control, which Board shall report annually to the Executive Committee of the General Conference.

(Signed) G. W. HADDAWAY.  
 T. M. JOHNSON.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.**

We are deeply grateful to Almighty God for the tremendous growth of temperance sentiment throughout the World within the past quadrennium. The Russian Empire and eleven sovereign states have been brought into the dry column within that time, so that today there are 19 dry states in this union, and during this coming

year there will be elections on the question of state-wide prohibition in the states of California, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska and South Dakota; and within a month's time the state of Iowa will be called upon to decide, by the vote of the people, whether or not prohibition shall be written into their Constitution. And in nearly every state in this union, where the license system is now in vogue, there will be important election on this question, during this year. We rejoice in the outlook, and with the eye of faith we see the complete overthrow of the licensed liquor traffic during the coming quadrennium.

The liquor traffic is the greatest enemy of mankind, destroying thousands of our citizens, blasting the hopes and lives of the women and children of our land, carrying with it misery, vice and crime. And we view with pride the action of our sister denominations of the Christian Church in uniting as one great host, the church militant, against our common enemy; and we call upon all members of our denomination everywhere to use their utmost endeavors to overthrow this evil.

We believe in total abstinence for the individual and prohibition for the city, county, state and nation. We urge upon our pastors, teachers, Sunday School Superintendents, and leaders of our young people, the importance of education on this great question.

We do not believe what is morally wrong can be made right by law; nor do we believe in the licensing of the liquor traffic for a few paltry dollars, thus bartering away the minds, bodies, and souls of our people for gold. Thinking as we do, we believe that the whole license system is wrong, and that sin cannot be looked upon with any degree of allowance. And we urge our people to use their utmost endeavor to sever this unholy alliance of our government with sin.

We stand for the utter annihilation of the alcoholic liquor traffic, and we recommend that our people participate aggressively in every wise movement for local, state, and national prohibition, until the desired end is attained, namely, a saloonless nation and a stainless flag.

We reiterate the endorsement of our church of the Anti-Saloon League as a safe and effective agency through which the Methodist Protestant Church may co-operate with the members of other churches and temperance organizations for united action against the liquor traffic; and request our pastors and laymen to continue increasingly their co-operation in carrying forward this work, as this agency is looked upon as peculiarly the representative of the united Christian church in action against the liquor traffic. We endorse those measures now pending in Congress in opposition to this traffic and we record ourselves against the issuance of internal revenue tax receipts by the Federal Government in territory where the sale of liquor is unlawful, and urge the utter divorcement of the United States Government from partnership with this traffic. We urge the immediate passage of laws prohibiting all inter-state commerce in intoxicating liquors; the Abercrombie-Bankhead Bill forbidding the use of the United States mails both to liquor shipments and liquor advertisements. We respectfully, but earnestly, demand prompt submission by Congress to the Legislatures of the several states for ratification an amendment to the Federal Constitution providing for absolute prohibition of the liquor traffic throughout the United States. We also record ourselves in favor of the prohibition bill for the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, Canal Zone and all Islands and Reservations, buildings and premises, under the police regulation of the Federal Government; and the President and Secretary of this General Conference are directed to transmit this action to our Federal law-making bodies.

Believing that the day of national prohibition has dawned, with grateful and prayerful hearts we look forward to the day when this foul foe of the Christian Church shall be overthrown, and we call upon our people everywhere to exert their utmost efforts to that end, and we recommend and urge the membership of our church to support only those men for public office, either local or national, who will represent our views on this question.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. CAMPBELL, Chairman.  
 JAMES McCORD.  
 F. P. RISLEY.  
 W. H. HART.  
 J. BIBB MILLS, Secretary.

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#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JOURNALS.

We, your Committee on Journals, would submit the following report:

All the different Annual Conferences have presented their Journals.

We wish to commend the following Conferences for complying with the request of the General Conference in furnishing bound volumes of their Journals for the quadrennium: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Muskingum, Mississippi, Eastern, North Carolina, North Illinois, Ohio, Oklahoma, Onondaga, Pittsburgh, South Carolina, South Illinois, Tennessee, Texas, and West Virginia.

We recommend that the secretaries of the annual conferences be prompt in sending the Secretary of the General Conference a copy of their Journals as directed by the Discipline.

We further recommend that the Secretary of each annual conference be required to send a copy of its Journal to each officer of this General Conference, and that each secretary furnish a bound volume of their Journal for the quadrennium to the Secretary of the General Conference previous to the quadrennial session of the General Conference.

We regret to state that some secretaries failed to carry out totals in their statistical tables as printed in the Journal. We would recommend that each secretary be requested to give totals in their statistical tables.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) J. J. PHILLIPS.  
 N. G. BETHEA.  
 JAMES W. SAFFORD.

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#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions has carefully considered the Quadrennial Report of the Board of Foreign Missions. This Board has the direction of the most extensive work of any Board in our denomination, and is to be commended for the manner in which the work has been promoted.

Notwithstanding the difficulties of administering the affairs of so great an enterprise as our Mission work in Japan, by a Board located nearly 9,000 miles from the sphere of operation, and the

fact that the Board has been required to secure loans at regular interest rates, because of insufficient and delayed receipts from the churches, the report shows the work to be in a healthy state of growth.

We most heartily commend the efficient and faithful work of the Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. F. C. Klein. His duties are varied and arduous. With a comprehensive grasp of our missionary situation and opportunity, he has, through sermons and addresses, contributed articles in our church papers, and the preparation of an excellent Children's Day program each year, conducted a Missionary Educational Campaign throughout the Church, that is leading us not only to see our opportunity, but will, we believe, if continued, lead us to courageously meet our responsibility.

We have also heard, with a great deal of pleasure, the most excellent report of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. We congratulate the ladies of this Board upon the splendid gifts recently received. We also commend them for the marked progress of their work, and the growing interest in it in different parts of our denomination.

We respectfully submit the following recommendantions:

1. We commend the plan of the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board in the paper presented to us, outlining a policy of missionary education and giving. We recommend that such a plan be approved by this Conference, and that the Manual prepared by the Board be adopted.
2. We recommend that the four Missionary Boards be each requested to appoint a committee of three to meet together sometime during the present year for a conference in reference to the matter of a closer relationship among the four Boards.
3. We recommend that every church in our denomination be urged to observe Children's Day, using the program prepared by the Board of Foreign Missions, and that the offering on that day be sent to the Foreign Mission Board as a Freewill Offering from the Sunday Schools, not included in the general budget of the church. Where it is found to be impracticable to hold a Children's Day Service, we urge that a special offering be taken from the Sunday School in its regular session, to be used for this purpose.
4. We recommend that Section IV, Article VI, in the Constitution of the Board of Foreign Missions, be stricken out.
5. In consideration of the fact that less than half of our missionary assessment has been raised, we deplore this lamentable condition, which to us gives evidence of the lack of missionary education. We therefore recommend, That every pastor in our Church be required to preach at least one sermon, distinctly missionary, each year, and that every effort be made to raise the assessment in full. They can be raised; they ought to be raised.
6. We recommend the names of the following brethren to compose the Board of Foreign Missions: Rev. L. E. Davis, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Ex-officio, Rev. J. C. Broomfield, Fairmont, W. Va.; Rev. F. W. Varney, Allenwood, N. J.; Rev. F. A. Perry, Adrian, Mich.; Mr. J. Norman Wills, Greensboro, N. C.; Prof. Rowland Watts, Baltimore, Md.; Rev. F. C. Klein, ex-officio, Baltimore, Md.
7. We recommend the names of the following ladies as members of the Executive Committee of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society: Mrs. O. E. Anderson, Mrs. J. E. Palmer, Mrs. M. A. Colhouer, Mrs. D. S. Stephens, Mrs. Henry Hupfield, Mrs. E. C. Chandler, Mrs. Geo. T. Marshall, Mrs. C. E. Wilbur, Mrs. Frank T. East, Mrs. L. B. Hull, Mrs. R. L. Smith, Mrs. Harry E. Long, Mrs. Joseph Rhodes.



8. We have learned that Mrs. Mary A. Miller, who has been one of the most active and useful members of the W. F. M. S. in the organization of our missionary work, died recently. She was devoutly enlisted in the work and contributed her time, labor and money generously to the work; she wrote an interesting history of the Society, and represented the Society intelligently in great missionary conferences in this country and in Europe. We recommend that a brief and suitable tribute to her memory be inserted in the Journal of this Conference.

(Signed) GEORGE H. MILLER, Chairman.  
ROBY F. DAY, Secretary.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

Your Committee on Young People's Work begs leave to report as follows:

We have heard with the greatest sorrow of the death of C. H. Hubbell, D. D., Secretary-Treasurer of the Board. We would be recreant to duty and guilty of ingratitude if we should fail to record our high appreciation of the labors, sacrifice and character of this pioneer of the work of this Board. Having crammed the labors of a lifetime into a few years, he has early gone on to receive his crown.

We also commend the wisdom of the Board in the selection of Rev. H. L. Feeman, D. D., to fill the unexpired term, caused by the decease of Dr. Hubbell, under most trying circumstances. Dr. Feeman has continued the work most successfully and we feel sure that this word of praise is only his just due.

We feel, also, that the church will be grateful to the Rev. Geo. W. Haddaway, D. D., President of the Board of Young People's Work, for the performance of the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer during the four months subsequent to the death of Dr. Hubbell, before a new Secretary-Treasurer could be secured. To a busy pastor, the added labor was exhausting, and it was performed without remuneration by the Church.

We are glad to record that the work of this Board is becoming increasingly efficient, and has a right to the hearty co-operation of the entire church.

1. Concurring in the recommendation of the Denominational Young People's Union, we recommend

That the Methodist Protestant Young People's Union be discontinued and that the work which has been done by this organization, such as the holding of Denominational Conventions and conducting departments of general church activities be committed to the Board of Young People's Work.

That the constitution of the Board be changed to accommodate this arrangement.

That the presidents of the various Annual Conference Young People's Unions be made members of the Board and that each Union bear the expense of the representative when attending the meetings of the Board.

2. That the Board of Publication be instructed to provide, in addition to the graded Sunday School Lessons for the Beginners and Primary Grades, graded lessons for the Juniors.

3. That an Assessment of \$6,000 be laid upon the several Annual Conferences for the support of the work of the Board.

4. That Rally Day Services be observed in all Sunday Schools of the denomination, at which time an offering shall be taken for the support of the Young People's Work, which amounts may be credited on the assessment.

5. That Decision Day be observed in an appropriate way in our Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies throughout the denomination to the end that as many of our young people as possible may be brought to definite decision to live for Christ.

6. That the Sunday-school Teacher-Training course be made a part of the Annual Conference Course of Study, pursued by candidates for the ministry.

7. That we adopt the recommendations of the Sunday School Council of the Evangelic Churches as far as is consistent with the best interests of our work.

8. That our Sunday Schools and Societies be urged to take advantage of all improved means for increasing their efficiency, being careful to nurture a spiritual vitality and the evangelistic motive in all organizations and to give the Word of God the supreme place in all our plans and courses for religious instruction and training.

9. We recommend that the following brethren be elected to membership on the Board of Young People's Work:

G. W. Haddaway, of the Maryland Conference,  
C. D. Sinkinson, of the Eastern Conference,  
Robert Rawsthorne, of the Pittsburgh Conference,  
Ely D. Miller, of the Michigan Conference,  
George G. Shurtz, of the Muskingum Conference.

(Signed by the Committee)

FRANK T. BENSON.  
E. D. STONE.  
J. W. HAWLEY.  
R. E. GAMES.  
I. A. BRICE.  
V. W. IDOL.  
J. H. HARRISON, Jr.  
H. E. AMOS.  
N. P. WILLIAMS.

#### REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF CONSTITUTION OF WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Your special Committee on the Revision of the Constitution of the Woman's Home Missionary Society begs leave to make the following report:

1. We have revised the Constitution as directed and herewith submit it.

2. We nominate as the Executive Committee of the Society the following: Mrs. A. G. Dixon, High Point, N. C.; Mrs. J. A. Gordon, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mrs. W. C. Perkins, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. J. M. Gill, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. W. C. Hammer, Asheboro, N. C.; Mrs. E. A. Craig, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Henry Hupfield, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. T. J. Wilson, Washington, D. C.; Miss Alice Conway, Catawba, Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. FORLINES.

## CONSTITUTION.

## ARTICLE I.

This organization shall be known as the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church.

## ARTICLE II.

The Board of this Society shall meet annually and shall consist of a President, one or more Vice Presidents, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, the President and Corresponding Secretaries of each Conference Branch, and two delegates from each Conference Branch. The Branch officers and delegates may be represented by alternates duly elected by the respective Branches, in the absence of their principals.

## ARTICLE III.

The officers of this Board shall be elected annually, and shall serve until their successors be elected.

Sec. 2. The Executive Committee of the Society shall consist of nine members elected by the General Conference at each of its quadrennial sessions. Through this Committee the Board shall be amenable to the General Conference and shall report to each of its quadrennial sessions.

## ARTICLE IV.

This Board shall have general supervision over, and direction of, all the Home Mission work engaged in by the women of the church.

Sec. 2. It shall have authority to appoint Corresponding Secretaries of the different Branches until such time as the Conference organizations are complete; to employ field secretaries, mission workers, Bible women, and teachers, and fix their salaries; establish mission schools, buy, sell, or otherwise dispose of its property.

## ARTICLE V.

## OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all the business meetings of the Board and Executive Committee, and to have general supervision of the work of the Board.

The Vice-President shall preside at all meetings, in the absence of the President. In the event of death, resignation or removal of the President, the Vice-President shall serve as President until the Executive Committee shall have elected her successor.

It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Board, and to bring before the Board or Executive Committee all correspondence relative to the work of the Board.

It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep an accurate record of the meetings of the Board, and of each meeting of the Executive Committee.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys contributed for the work. These funds shall be sacredly kept, and paid out only upon warrants signed by the President and Treasurer by order of the Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE VI.

The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President to transact any business which the interest of the work shall require. A full report shall be submitted to the Board at its annual meeting for approval.

## ARTICLE VII.

## BRANCHES.

Conference Branches are constituted by the President, Corresponding Secretary and two delegates from each auxiliary, or their alternates.

The officers of each Conference Branch shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer, Auditor, and five or more managers, and these shall constitute the Executive Board for the administration of the affairs of the Conference Branch. Three shall constitute a quorum.

The officers shall be elected annually, and continue in office until their successors are elected. The Recording Secretary shall take minutes of the session and give notice of all meetings. The Corresponding Secretary shall, under the direction of the Executive Board, attend the sessions of the annual conference, shall endeavor to interest pastors and ladies in the work of the Society, and present a report at the regular meetings of the Board. The Treasurer shall keep a regular account of the receipts and disbursements and give annual reports to the Board of the Conference Branches, and only disburse the funds by order of the Board, signed by the President. Each Conference Branch shall pay into the Contingent Fund of the general Board ten cents per member, annually.

The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Branch shall have their travelling expenses paid to the annual meeting of the general Board from the Contingent Fund of the Branch.

## ARTICLE VIII.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by vote of two-thirds of the members present at the annual meeting of the Board preceding the meeting of the General Conference, subject to the approval of the same, notice of such changes or amendments to be submitted to the Corresponding Secretary in writing at least two months previous to this meeting.

MEMBERSHIP AND PROPERTY.

CONFERENCES	nerant Ministers and Preachers.	Unstationed Min. ters and Preachers.	Full Members	Total Members	Numbe of Churches	Number of Parsonages	Value of all Church Property.	Total Indebtedness on all Property.
Alabama	32	24	6850	6906	89	17	\$122305	\$8290
Arkansas	33	32	5638	5703	78	10	42650	
*Colorado-Texas	14	17	1219	1250	9	7	20457	960
Eastern	71	59	7737	7867	94	55	677100	87357
Georgia	18	4	2921	2943	31	5	60660	9677
Indiana	25	42	9634	9701	123	44	446750	36182
Iowa	16	7	3684	3707	51	18	1150301	12089
Kansas	21	3	1359	1383	25	12	95150	797
Kentucky	12	6	1397	1415	18		10607	
Louisiana	22	8	2650	2680	43	9	37275	
Maryland	143	71	31625	31839	290	123	2960369	275145
Michigan	60	29	5334	5423	126	57	424000	2807
Mississippi	27	23	3400	3450	58	6	21600	
Missouri	21	21	2440	2482	39	11	51600	1220
Muskingum	56	21	15809	15886	143	36	1563150	41841
North Carolina	104	28	21906	22138	234	47	503550	35418
North Illinois	24	8	3087	3119	43	26	193750	
*North Mississippi	22		1078	1100	17		6100	
North Missouri	4	6	1512	1522	22	7	49400	
Ohio	129	14	8371	8514	89	36	416000	9081
Oklahoma	26	13	1661	1700	12	3	15300	
Onondaga	34	21	2624	2679	53	40	215205	930
Pittsburgh	74	5	13306	13385	79	27	2020320	205448
South Carolina	8		554	562	8	8	8500	
South Illinois	16	14	1662	1692	36	3	40100	
Tennessee	11	4	1274	1289	26	4	20600	
Texas	25	28	3922	3975	57	18	73550	
Virginia	4		1398	1402	7	51	4874	185
West Virginia	72	55	19996	20123	290	16	592380	15877
<b>MISSIONS.</b>								
*Alabama, Colored	14	15	455	484	6	66	4655	
*Arkansas, Colored	13		190	203	6		1325	
*Charleston, Colored	9	12	791	812	17	3	15000	
*Colo-Texas, Colored	25	12	836	873	9		2590	
*Florida	3		100	103	3		1000	
Ft. Smith	24	1	1593	1618	12	1	26600	
Georgia Colored	38	28	1388	1454	30		23996	
Northwest Texas	2	11	557	570	13		13425	
*Washington	1	58	258	259	2	1	104500	
China	6		297	303	4	4	12000	4000
Japan	21	19	1434	1474	12	10	80000	
Totals	1345	685	191419	195036	2300	707	\$10141694	\$747304

CONFERENCE	Sabbath Schools		Y. S. P. C. E. Societies			
	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars	Number of Societies	Number of Members	Number of Junior Societies	Number of Members
Alabama	65	3600	1	51		
Arkansas	61	2230				
*Colo-Texas	14	650				
Eastern	91	11587	84	2051	25	977
Georgia	24	1245				
Indiana	122	11200				
Iowa	40	2784	17	493		
Kansas	28	2187	10	412	5	83
Kentucky	21	1171	3	139		
Louisiana	44	1740				
Maryland	280	34185	155	6695	72	2831
Michigan	131	4428	35	1346	6	157
Mississippi	47	1742				
Missouri	32	1676	8	249		
Muskingum	133	15337	73	3000	40	1000
North Carolina	214	18008	8	237	5	132
North Illinois	42	3330	17	520	3	64
*North Mississippi						
North Missouri	15	1032	2	77		
Ohio	86	8197	24	919	4	195
Oklahoma	22	1299				
Onondaga	63	3249				
Pittsburgh	78	12100				
South Carolina	7	482				
South Illinois	36	1675	4	70		
Tennessee	10	420				
Texas	41	2364	2	54	1	18
Virginia	3	165	2			
West Virginia	304	19408	19	600	4	75
MISSIONS.						
†Alabama Col.	6	146				
†Arkansas Col.						
†Charleston Col.	18	45				
†Colo-Texas Col.	16	360				
†Florida	2	100				
Ft. Smith	114	1044				
Georgia Col.						
Northwest Texas	13	519				
*Washington	3					
China	3	125				
Japan	64	4175	5	150		
	2290	172005	469	16063	166	5534

LOCAL GENERAL INTERESTS.

CONFERENCES.	Buildings and Improvements	Pastor's Salary	Sabbath School Expense	Incidentals.	Grand Total for all Expenses
Alabama	\$ 18363	\$ 38465	\$ 2742	\$ 3990	\$ 69039
Arkansas		23429			30556
Texas	5200	6705	248	105	14258
California	112800	170791	40951		357972
Florida	1746	17116	1159	1431	24998
Georgia	90398	128759	21074	28311	310023
Illinois	19238	43249	4954	7864	83064
Indiana	5173	37608	4718	4507	58117
Iowa	932	2890	619	478	5095
Kentucky	13906				16964
Louisiana	267616	515931	108307	405239	1417158
Michigan	9360	175800	18400	58520	269828
Mississippi		16820	622	4800	27690
Missouri	2156	22452			25444
Nebraska	43739	168316	31890	51133	362506
North Carolina	66433	137778			290961
Illinois	42510	70334	9323	13511	162780
Mississippi		1200			1200
Missouri	10338	12567	919	2640	27421
Ohio	14733	95876	20750	66492	214795
Idaho	2207	8926	616	1146	13995
Washington	21294	74791	5858	9340	134274
Pennsylvania	70326	207951	52400	103164	497798
North Carolina		2028	292		2657
Illinois	133	16730		2723	23055
Mississippi		4072	128		4867
Alabama	18630	33600	3160	228	66743
Indiana	588	80			668
Virginia	93841	125446	25801	16506	285042
MISSIONS					
Alabama Col.	17	1775	134	128	2619
Arkansas Col.		170			228
Florida Col.	500	1842	156	60	3538
Georgia-Texas Col.		1700	8	600	2727
Idaho	100	150	20	74	388
Michigan		3414			3414
Ohio Col.		757			1452
West Texas	1959	8703	117	96	13801
Washington	2216	9951	1649	9855	26784
Virginia	8000			1200	9200
Alabama		2000			2000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$944452</b>	<b>\$2190172</b>	<b>\$357015</b>	<b>\$794141</b>	<b>\$4865119</b>

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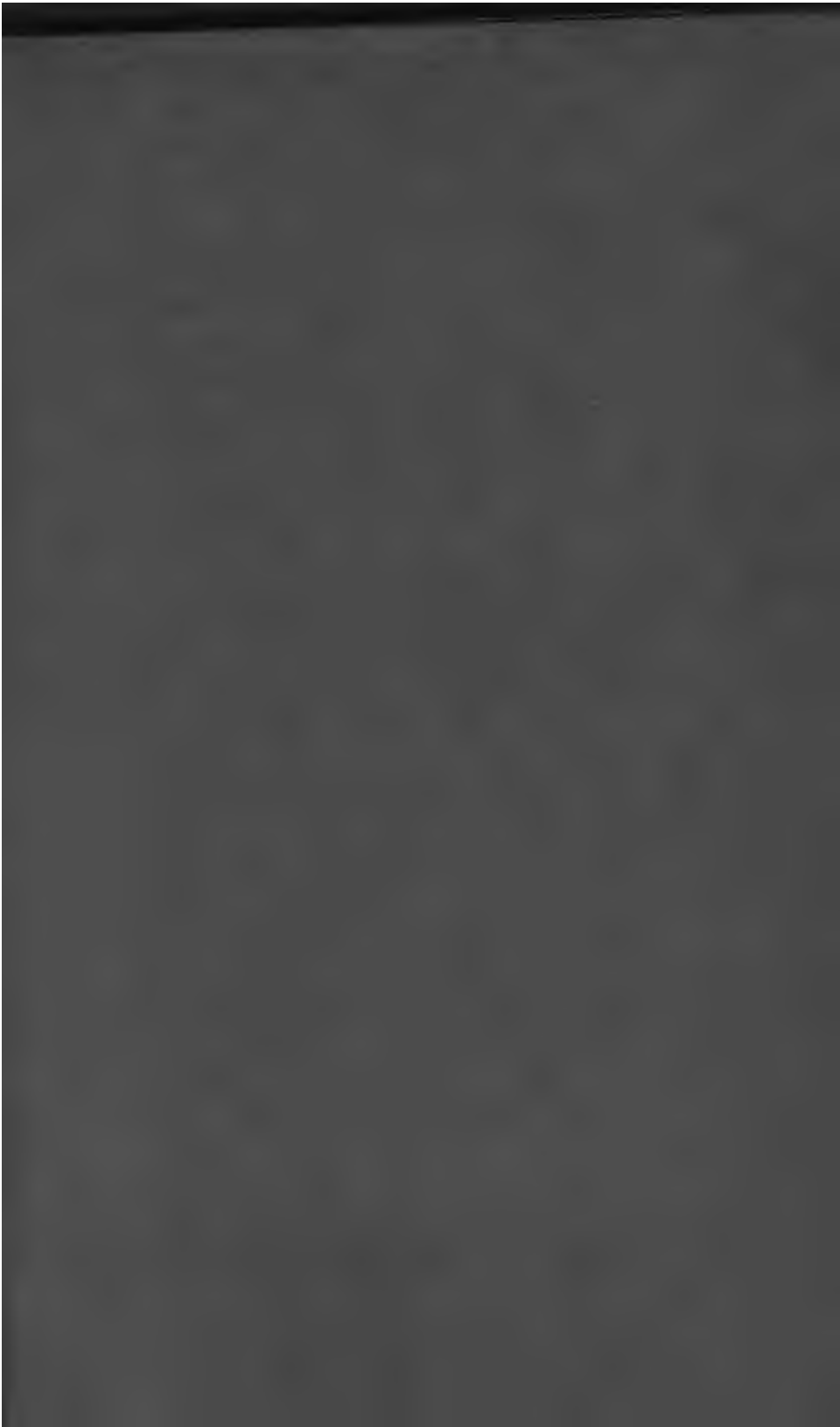
CONFERENCE	President's Salary	General Conference Expenses	Annual Conference Expenses	Supernumeraries	Church Extension	Board of Young Peoples Work	(Colleges and Seminaries and	Ministerial Education	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Other General Interests	Total General Interests
Alabama	1243	115	222	267	356	9	172	223	713	1143	1016	5470
Arkansas	2701		517	303	72		81	122	265	321	2745	7157
Colorado-Tex.	1145		140	40	110		345	40	138	52		2000
Eastern		370	1159	2977	1760	880	5359	938	5418	3513	11056	33430
Georgia	5341		43	181	421	49	251	227	579	559	1236	3546
Indiana		155	1307	1371	4190	602	2664	767	10082	4837	10465	41481
Iowa	255		41	296	1778	117	344	954	2854	1120		7759
Kansas	599		200	364		226	934	206	1831	1519		6111
Kentucky	71		76						10	19		176
Louisiana	1790		182	126	12			79	199	670		3058
Maryland	12357		2035	16506	22303	28	13540	2379	41724	9521		120065
Michigan		2						24	2800	1400		7748
Mississippi	2176		12	140	480	4	41	42	42	56		2400
Missouri			56	68	84		56		400	172		836
Muskingum	6072		832	2550	3207	1365	14358	891	11502	7045		67428
North Carolina	4521		170	542	7752	130	1128	990	12113	6882		86750
North Illinois	430		865	1281	1721	363	1962	416	7687	2871		49430
North Mississippi												27102
Ohio	41		82			12	72	34	246	271		957
Oklahoma	3504		124	1037	1161	702	2749	778	2803	3511		16944
Onondaga	2619		13	50	193	32	220	49	208	263		1100
Pittsburgh			119	254	622	159	1077	580	591	2573		22991
South Carolina	195		269	1492	2333	1202	6667	1638	20291	10029		63957
South Illinois	2199		64	159	30		34	20	498	272		337
Tennessee			265	32	32		10		200	160		3469
Texas	3780		381	22	1515		120	358	488	491		667
Virginia			486	2212	2637	442	1783	671	4999	3492		11125
West Virginia	6107		619									23448
MISSIONS												
Alabama, Col. †	210		291	20						6		565
Arkansas, Col. †	50		8							17		58
Charleston, Col. †	341		374	32	25			44	25			122
Colo.-Tex. Col. †	400		16							4		419
Florida †			15									25
Ft. Smith												44
Georgia, Col.												695
Northwest Texas	1439		117	600	480		102	28	62	108		292
Washington †				500					1350	845		3113
China												418
Japan												
Total	\$59586	\$30621	\$12991	\$26593	\$63376	\$6222	\$68722	\$124561	\$185451	\$684561	\$148417	\$572325



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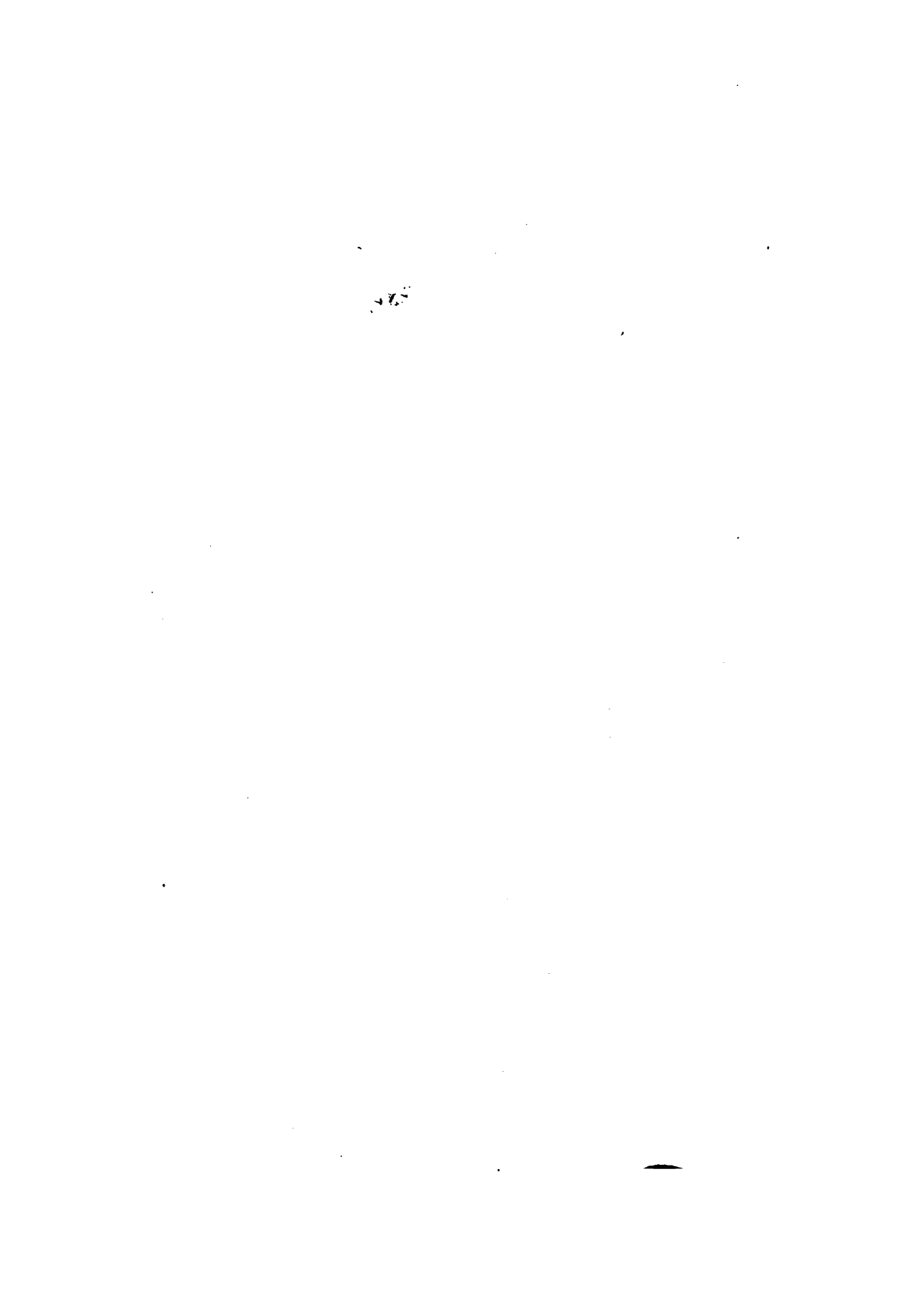
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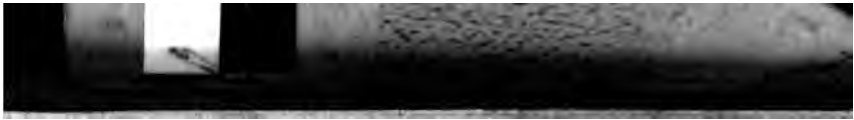












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