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Baltimore is living up to its name, and generously responding to appeals made for the flood victims throughout the Middle West. Money, food, clothing of all sorts are being rushed Westward by special trains.

Remembering the calamity which befell Baltimore in 1904, the Board of Estimates has appropriated $25,000 for the relief of the sufferers. This is probably the first city in the country to respond so generously to the appeal. Besides this, the Chamber of Commerce held a special meeting yesterday at which it was decided to send $1,000 to the West. This is to be divided into two equal parts for the sufferers in Ohio and Indiana.

Two carloads of canned goods were dispatched to the Red Cross Relief Supply Station at North Dayton, O., yesterday by members of the Canned Goods Exchange. Many carloads of other foods, clothing and bedding were rushed Westward yesterday by the Federated Charities Red Cross Relief Station, 325 St. Paul street. This was carried by the express companies free of charge.

The Baltimore Chapter of the American Red Cross Society received $4,542.47 in subscriptions ranging from $1 to $500. There were two of this last mentioned denomination from S. M. Green and William H. Grafflin. One of $300 from an anonymous contributor, eight of $100 each, and many of $50 and $25 each.

The Federated Charities received $199.70, in subscriptions ranging from 10 cents to $100. The last mentioned amount was from Hochschild, Kohn and Company. A child sent in the 10 cents, signing it "A Little Contributor."

A JUDGE CONSULTED.

Deeply stirred by the strong and pathetic pleas for help that are being sent out by the stricken cities, the Board of Estimates, in special session yesterday morning, appropriated $25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for their relief. The board held two meetings, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. The second session was called to consider the immediate preparation of an ordinance which will be introduced in the City Council ratifying the action of the board.

Judge Henry Stockbridge, of the Court of Appeals, vice president of the Maryland branch, American Red Cross, attended both meetings, at the invitation of the Mayor. When called upon to discuss the legality of the appropriation Mr. Stockbridge said that he knew of no specific law, federal, state or municipal, covering the sending of aid in such a case as now confronts the country. It has always been customary, he said, for the federal government to rush rations and blankets and other supplies to the stricken community. He mentioned that the blankets and food were sent from the War Department, and that the former have always been merely a loan.

It was recalled by the Mayor, who was the first to suggest an appropriation of $25,000, that a similar sum was donated at the time of the San Francisco earthquake. The Mayor said that the stricken areas were much nearer Baltimore than San Francisco. Other big American cities, he explained, were making appropriations and the Monumental City would be remiss if it did not do its share in helping to relieve suffering humanity. He further stated that Boston had contributed $20,000.

City Solicitor Field interrupted to say that if the Boston donation was taken as a criterion, Baltimore should only be called upon to contribute $10,000.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

"We ought not look at it in that way," said Comptroller Thrift. Then the motion was put and adopted unanimously.

The Mayor suggested to Judge Stockbridge the advisability of calling a meeting of citizens to arrange for the systematic collection of funds for the relief of the sufferers. Judge Stockbridge said that he would go to Washington later in the day to confer with the national officers of the Red Cross Society and would notify the Mayor upon his return whether additional assistance was desired. There had been, he said, ready and spontaneous response on all sides, and he was therefore anxious to confer with the headquarters of the society.

At a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, called by President John H. Gildea, Jr., yesterday afternoon to consider the matter of rendering assistance to the sufferers in the flood zone, it was decided to send $500 to the sufferers in Indiana, and a corresponding amount to the sufferers in Ohio. The following telegram was sent to Charles A. Ashpaugh, president of the Indiana Grain Dealers' Association at Frankfort, Ind., and to E. C. Elkenberry, president of the Ohio Grain Dealers' Association at Camden, O.:

The Baltimore Chamber of Commerce feels deeply with you in the great disaster which has visited your state, and in extending our heartfelt sympathy authorize you to make sight draft on our treasurer for $500, if needed, to be applied to relief of flood sufferers, to be dispensed through such channels as you consider most effective.

JOHN H. GILDEA, JR., president,
Baltimore Chamber of Commerce.

Members of the Canned Goods Exchange acted promptly, and yesterday W. F. Assau, secretary of the exchange, received contributions from the membership aggregating 1,041 two-dozen tins of vegetables of all kinds, which completely filled two large freight cars. These tins were shipped late yesterday afternoon by Mr. Assau to the Red Cross Relief Supply Station at Dayton, O.

Contributions continued to pour in to the office of the local branch of the National Red Cross. B. Howell Griswold, Jr., treasurer, yesterday stated that a number of persons in their zeal to aid the sufferers in the San Francisco earthquake sent contributions through irresponsible sources, and that the result was a series of disgusting scandals. He stated that both the President and Governor has made appeals for supplies to be sent through the Red Cross, which has no solicitors on the street, and which is a responsible agency. Money contributions should be sent to his office in the banking house of Alexander Brown & Co., and less than carload lots of supplies to the office established by the Red Cross in connection with the Federated Charities at 325 St. Paul street. Carload lots of supplies should be directed to the Red Cross Supply agent at Dayton, O., and be sent in from the north, as the town is cut into two distinct sections by the flood, and is only accessible by rail from the northern end.

RED CROSS CONTRIBUTORS.

The following contributions were received by Mr. Griswold yesterday, making the total amount of contributions received by the local branch $4,542.47:

James M. Jacques	$25.00
Collected by Shenandoah Valley National Bank, Winchester, Va.	50.00
The Misses Ridgely	2.00
Mrs. Campbell Mortimer	25.00
Miss Ella Holt	20.00
Lydia M. Steer	5.00
Mabel C. Wright, Aiken, Md.	1.00
Oscar Cunningham, 1216 West Fayette St.	2.00
Edgar Allan Poe	10.00
Hamburger Bros. & Co.	50.00
John C. Knipp & Sons	50.00
Mrs. K. B. Pitt	5.00
Cash	100.00
A. P. S.	25.00
J. H. Collison Company	25.00
Mrs. Margaret P. Johnston	100.00
John Opper, Jr.	15.00
H. R. Preston	50.00
E. Parsons, Sr.	2.47
Mrs. George Carey and Mrs. Josephine Carey Thomas	10.00
Dr. Rupert Norton	50.00
Dr. A. H. A. Mayer	5.00
J. & H. B.	50.00
Mrs. Charles E. Sadtler	5.00
Robert W. Johnson	10.00
C. DeLacy Evans	10.00
J. A. G. Tucker	3.00
Abram Moses	5.00
Margaret A. Steel, 1415 Linden Ave.	5.00
H. F. C.	5.00
The Misses Bainbridge, 1320 Bolton St.	2.00
Ethan Allen Lycett	50.00
A sympathizer	2.00
H. W. S.	2.00
Cash	20.00
L. G. Carte, 216 North Charles St.	2.00
Cash	5.00
Mrs. Ella K. Perin	50.00
Three little children	25.00
Miss E. Davis, 2408 Edmondson Ave.	2.00
Sarah L. Strong	3.00
Yates Stirling	5.00
A. P. K.	10.00
Sanford & Brooks Co.	100.00
I. M. S. and M. M. S.	2.00
Charles F. Evans & Son	2.00
J. Walter Lord	10.00
Wertheimer Bros.	15.00
Karl A. M. Scholtz	10.00
Alfred R. Riggs	5.00
Buyers' Association of Brager's	25.00
W. J. K.	55.00
John H. Thomas	25.00
E. L. Torsch	5.00
Duke Peterson Hardware Company	50.00
National Bank of Baltimore	100.00
Cash	100.00
J. Pembroke Thom	25.00
J. F. Charles Klepper	15.00
Cash	10.00
Cash	300.00
Cash	10.00
Alex. Hamilton	1.00
Wilton Snowden	10.00
William H. Grafflin	500.00
Edgar K. Gans	25.00
Miss Laura Winpenny	25.00
Cash	10.00
Meta Packard	25.00
K. and L.	10.00
Mrs. Seymour Mandelbaum	25.00
Dr. Thomas R. Boggs	11.00
C. N.	1.00
Edward H. Griffin	10.00
M. H. Buehler	25.00
A Friend	4.00
Thomas H. O'Connor	50.00
Clerks of the Merchants-Mechanics' National Bank	60.00
Morris & Co.	25.00
Anna B. Hambleton	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Allan McLane	25.00
Cash	25.00
Frank Ware	10.00
S. M. Green	2.00
Waldo Newcomer	500.00
Mrs. and Miss Earp	10.00
H. Sheridan	5.00
N. G. Sexton	5.00
Mrs. Leon Lauer	25.00
E. W. Scott, Annapolis, Md.	5.00
Eugene Levering	100.00
Joshua Levering	25.00
Archie C. Murray, 1719 Madison avenue	10.00
Employes of The Francis Co.	100.00
M. D. Boms	100.00
E. S. Richardson	5.00
M. E. Hecht	5.00
O. J. Crawford	5.00
Joseph Ottenheimer	5.00
Aaron Nusbaum	5.00
John J. Fraser	5.00
M. D. Boms	5.00
Eli Sonnehill	5.00
Sol Neuhan	5.00
Ben. J. Burgunder	5.00
C. S.	50.00
M. H. M.	2.00
I. & M. Ottenheimer	10.00
Johnson, Boyd & Co.	25.00
N. W. James Lumber Co.	50.00
Mrs. Thomas H. Morris	30.00
Previously acknowledged	$3,698.47
	844.00
	$4,542.47

FEDERATED CHARITIES.

The list of contributions that were received at the Federated Charities until the Charities Building closed last night follows:

Hochschild, Kohn & Company	$100.00
Mrs. M. B. H.	25.00
From Friends	20.00
Mrs. E. E.	15.00
Cash	10.00
Teamster	2.00
D. M. S.	1.00
Cash	1.00
A Friend	5.00
M. S.	12.00
Cash	1.00
Dr. J. B.	1.00
Mrs. Van D.	.25
Mr. C. B.	2.00
A Little Contributor	.10
Cash	2.00
Mr. B.	.50
Cash	.60
R. V. W.	1.00
Total	$199.70

RELIEF STATION BUSY.

The Red Cross Relief Station, at 325 St. Paul street, was the scene of much activity yesterday and the women who were in charge were very busy. Bundles and packages of clothing by the score were received and those who telephoned in to the station that they had packages were soon taken care of, for there were two automobiles, loaned by Mrs. George H. Williams and Mrs. Barker, which quickly brought in the bundles.

Late yesterday afternoon two packers of the Baltimore Bargain House had very thoroughly assorted and packed 10 large cases of clothing and shoes. These were immediately taken in charge by the United States Express Company and are now on their way to the Red Cross agent at North Dayton, O.

The clothing that was sent in all cases was in good condition and some was of the finest quality. There were infants' apparel, as well as women's, men's and children's, and also a great pile of bed clothing.

THE DONORS.

The list of donors of clothing is as follows:

Women's and boys' clothing, Widow's Mite; children's and women's underwear, Mrs. S. E. Hopkins; man's suit, C. P. Van Gundy; blankets and bedding, Mrs. George H. Williams; clothing, Mrs. M. H. Ford; underwear, friend; clothing, friend; men's clothing, friend; groceries, Mrs. H. McKim; men's and women's clothing, Mrs. Barker; women's clothing, Mrs. Housekeeper; clothing and shoes, friend; men's clothing, Mrs. Waithe; men's underwear, Mr. Waithe; men's clothing and shoes, William J. Vettori; five dozen hot water bags, Read Drug Company; clothing, Mrs. Bolgiano; clothing, Mrs. Jencks; bed clothing, Marie Drew; clothing, Mrs. H. L. Bond; new clothing, Miss McMiller; clothing, Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Beck; men's clothing, Mrs. Dodge, Miss Belle, L. Felber & Co.; men's clothing and shoes, friend; clothing, Mrs. Laurence Hernhill, friend, friend; woman's suit, Mrs. Edward Partroy; clothing, Mrs. B. Lowndes; women's clothing, friend, G. Herscholz, Mr. Getz, T. H. Raines, friend, friend; clothing and bedding, Mrs. C. Dertjsen; clothing, Miss Bowdoin; women's clothing, friend; blankets, two packages, friend; children's clothing, George Fist, John Beattie; women's clothing, Mrs. Monroe; barrel salt fish, L. Froelich; four packages clothing, friend, Mrs. S. Frank; two packages clothing, C. F. Meisenhahn; coat and underwear, Mrs. H. P. Gray; blankets, Mrs. D., Eldridge Monroe; men's clothing, friend; overcoat, friend; underwear and clothing, Mrs. Janney; clothing, W. H. Ridgeway, C. A. Goetchling, Mrs. A. M. Kraus, Mrs. G. W. Evans, Officer W. L. Neawas; hat, Miss Belle; clothing, Mrs. Wanief, 1421 Bolton street; clothing and shoes, Harry B. Wolf; clothing, Mrs. Townsend; clothing and shoes, Mrs. Adolph Myer; clothing, Miss Parker, A. T. Hook, friend; one box clothing, friend, Gaithersburg, Md.

Miss Mary Goodwillie is in direct charge of the station and the Misses Marion and Anna Bond, Miss Hagerty and Dr. Walker are assisting her.

MARIE DRESSLER'S BENEFIT.

In spite of the short space of time in which Miss Marie Dressler had to get up the benefit she gave yesterday afternoon for the flood sufferers at the Auditorium Theater, about $200 was received. Miss Dressler and her entire company gave their services without charge and Robert W. MacBride, manager of the Auditorium Theater, gave the theater and his entire staff of employes gave their service without charge. Miss Dressler only decided to give the benefit Wednesday night, when she announced it from the stage. She and her company worked hard trying to sell the tickets, but as it had not become generally known that the benefit had been decided upon, they were not as successful as they should have been.

Mr. MacBride will send a check to Mayor Preston for the amount received from the benefit.

A total of $150 for the relief of the flood sufferers has been received by Mayor Preston and turned over to the Red Cross Society. The contributions are as follows:

J. F. Wiessner Conclave, No. 458, I. O. H.	$100.00
A. C. Schmidt	25.00
Mrs. William Swem	5.00
Mrs. Ella K. Perin (for box benefit performance)	20.00

NURSES OFF FOR WEST

To Aid in Relief of Sufferers in Flooded Territory.

With their service kits packed and wearing badges of their profession, five young women of the Maryland State Association of the American Red Cross Nursing Service left Baltimore yesterday for Washington, where they will join the party of nurses and physicians which left Washington at midnight for Dayton, O., to care for those who are suffering from the flood.

Accompanying the five nurses from Baltimore to Washington was Miss Sarah F. Martin, chief inspector of the Ten-hour Law Bureau, who was released from her duties for the purpose by Governor Goldsborough. It has not been decided whether Miss Martin will accompany the party to Dayton because of her duties in Baltimore. Miss Martin is a graduate of the Massachusetts General Hospital Training School, and since 1886 has been connected with the Robert Garrett Hospital in Baltimore. She would be a valuable adjunct to the party should it be decided that she can be spared from her duties in Baltimore.

Those in the party who left Baltimore yesterday afternoon were:

Miss Vashti R. Bartlett, of Gaithersburg, a graduate of the Johns Hopkins Hospital Training School, who has suffered many hardships while at the St. Anthony's Hospital, Labrador; Miss Elsie Daub, Wheeling, W. Va., a graduate of the Church Home and Infirmary; Miss Charlotte Cox, 640 West North avenue, Baltimore, a graduate of the University of Maryland Hospital Training School; Miss Anna L. Geis, Raspeburg, a graduate of the St. Joseph's Hospital, and Miss Hettie Siefert, a graduate of the Church Home and Infirmary.

Authorized by the United States War Department, Miss Jane A. Delano, who is in charge of the American Red Cross Nursing Service in Washington, sent a telegram to Mrs. Cora McCabe Sargent, who is at the head of the American Red Cross Nursing Association in Baltimore, asking for five nurses to accompany the party to Dayton, O. In response Mrs. Sargent gathered five of her most experienced workers and sent them yesterday to Washington under the care of Miss Martin.

DANCE FOR FLOOD SUFFERERS.

For the benefit of the flood sufferers, the members of the Etude Harmony Circle will hold a dance at Broadway Hall on the night of April 14.

B. & O. GETTING DAMAGE DETAILS

Obtaining Comprehensive Knowledge of Its Extent.

LOSS MAY REACH $3,000,000

CANNOT KNOW ACCURATELY UNTIL WATER RECEDES.

Main Line Between Philadelphia and Chicago Has Not Been Damaged so Seriously as Was Anticipated, and by Tomorrow It is Expected Trains Will Be Running on Their Own Tracks—Local Pa. R. R. Agents Have Not Received Details.

The reports that reached Baltimore and Ohio headquarters up to noon yesterday from the flood districts were being received with great regularity, and the details which they contained enabled the officials who are directing the work of rebuilding the tracks and restoring the service to obtain a comprehensive understanding of the extent of the damage. It was learned that the main line of the Baltimore and Ohio between Philadelphia and Chicago has not been damaged anything like as seriously as was first supposed, and the statement was made that by tomorrow trains would probably be running through to Chicago by the local railroad's own tracks. There were several heavy landslides and a number of extensive washouts on the lines west of Pittsburgh, but the loss of no important bridges has been reported on the line to Chicago.

The tracks between New Castle, Akron and Chicago Junction, O., are still under water for a considerable distance. The Southwestern line is broken by the loss of bridges at Lawrenceburg and White River, no definite information being obtainable, however, as to conditions at the Scioto River crossing at Chillicothe, O. The line by way of Wheeling and Columbus is broken by the loss of the large bridge at Zanesville, the probability being that it will require several weeks to replace the structure. General damage is also known to have been done in other sections of Ohio and Indiana.

The Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton line has suffered particularly in the loss of bridges and embankments in the vicinity of Piqua and Dayton, and the line is badly damaged for many miles in the Miami Valley as well as in the neighborhood of Indianapolis.

From the reports received up to this time Baltimore and Ohio officials hope that the damage will not exceed $2,500,000 to $3,000,000, but until the water recedes and until an inspection is made it will be impossible to place an accurate estimate on the extent of the damage. As rapidly as the water recedes workmen are being put to the task of restoring the tracks and repairing damage.

WORK OF REPAIR.

About 1,000 men are now on the lines west of Pittsburgh, in the vicinity of Youngstown. Trainloads of timbers for bridges, ties, tools and ballast are being rushed into the territory. The bridge shops, where this character of work is handled, are running day and night, preparing material which will be used in replacing the structures that have been lost and damaged. Other gangs of men and camp trains are being forwarded toward Cincinnati to await the recession of the water, and it was stated this morning that more than 3,000 workmen are on the road toward the trouble. Requests have been sent to railroads in the West for the loan of available repair machinery and tools, as well as workmen; and a number of extra pile-drivers will be secured from such sources.

Plans for the spring inspection of the Baltimore and Ohio system by the executive officials were interrupted by the flood; but it was stated yesterday that President Daniel Willard, Vice Presidents Randolph, Shriver and Thompson, Chief Engineer Stuart, General Manager Galloway and other officials will make an inspection of the stricken sections for the purpose of obtaining a definite figure on the damage. They will likely start tomorrow, by which time the restoration will have been gotten well under way.

NO DETAILED REPORTS HERE.

At the offices of the Pennsylvania Railroad in this city it was stated that practically nothing was known concerning conditions along the road in the flood districts other than what was contained in the newspaper dispatches. The floods occurred in the division west of Pittsburgh, and that section of the road is operated under vice presidents located in that city, and consequently all reports are made direct to them, and the work of repair is wholly in their hands. They in turn report to the Philadelphia offices, but no detailed reports are sent to Baltimore. Local officials believe, however, that the damage to the road is considerable, and that the work of repair is being pushed with the greatest expedition. Trains from all Western points arriving in Baltimore are from four to five hours late, owing to connections which they have to make with trains from the West, which, owing to the floods, are forced to make wide detours.

Little damage was suffered by the Western Maryland, and trains on that road operated yesterday on their regular schedules. A washout on the line occurred Thursday on the road between Thurmont and Deerfield, and at Slabtown a large stone wall was undermined and fell across the tracks. The extent of the damage was about $1,000. A crew of about 50 men was sent to the flood zone, and after about eight hours' work succeeded in clearing the tracks. During this time trains of the road were detoured by way of the B. & H. Division, known as the Gettysburg line, but yesterday afternoon the wreckage had been entirely cleared away and the regular route and schedule resumed. Highfield, in the Blue Ridge, suffered somewhat, but the damage around Hagerstown, Frederick and Cumberland was slight, and caused the road no inconvenience.

At the local offices of the Western Union Telegraph Company a message was received from the central offices stating that the service to Ohio and other Western points was much improved. The service in various parts of New York State, particularly in the Adirondack section, was disturbed. Service to the West Virginia and Kentucky and tributary points were subject to interruption. Local officials stated that service to Indiana and Ohio, although improved, was still in an unsettled state. No trains are as yet running in these sections, which impedes the company in its effort to send men to the scene immediately to make the necessary repairs. Messages are being received, however, from Ohio points, and several wires into Chicago are operating. These officials estimate that at least 10,000 employes of the two great telegraph companies are in the field doing what they can to make the necessary repairs, and that the damage to the companies' property will be at least a quarter of a million dollars.

INDEFINITE DELAY.

At the offices of the Postal Telegraph Company it was said that messages for points west of Chicago and Pittsburgh and west of and including Augusta and Birmingham were being received subject to indefinite delay. Messages are being sent through to many points in this district, but it is difficult for agents of the company to locate those to whom they are addressed, since many of them have left their homes in terror of the threatening floods. Communications were established with Richmond yesterday morning.

Have Relatives in Flooded Area.

Joseph B. Perkins, county editor of The American, who resides at Towson, has been unable to hear from his brother, A. T. Perkins, who is in Tiffin, O., and which place is reported to be flooded.

A. T. Perkins is the president of the Webster Manufacturing Company, of Chicago, and also president of the Secor Trunk Company, of Racine, Wis. The Webster Company recently removed its plant from Chicago to Tiffin, and Mr. Perkins and his wife and two children were temporarily residing at the latter place. J. B. Perkins has been unable to hear from the West by telegraph, and his brother's New York office wired him last night that it had not heard from Tiffin since last Saturday.

James H. Bell, a traveling freight agent of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, who lives at Towson, was in Dayton, O., but his wife received a letter yesterday from him which was mailed at Cincinnati. Mr. Bell stated that the flood was rising and he did not know when he would be able to return home.

Mrs. Cook, the wife of County Superintendent of Schools A. S. Cook, of Towson, received a telegram yesterday from her brother, G. E. Earnshaw, who resides near Dayton, O., that he and his wife were safe, but that a place near them was flooded.

FOOD PRICES ADVANCE

Flood Conditions Cause Shortage of New York Supplies.

New York, March 28.—Not a pound of butter was brought into New York today and the price went up four cents a pound. The milk supply also was inadequate, upstate floods making it impossible for shipments to reach the city.

Dealers declare that there is but three days' supply of meat in the city, and unless trains now stalled in the flooded districts reach here early next week New York will face a meat famine. Eggs and other foodstuffs also were advanced in price today.

ANDERSON TALKS TO METHODISTS

ASKS THEIR OPPOSITION TO UNPLEDGED CANDIDATES.

ONE PASTOR IS AGAINST IT

But He Is Voted Down, and the Resolution Introduced on the Question Is Adopted—Conference in Executive Session, During Which Goucher College and Other Topics Are Discussed—Other Business.

Addresses by Superintendent Anderson, of the Antisaloon League of Maryland, and Rev. George P. Eckman, editor of the Christian Advocate, and the introduction of a resolution adverse to the policy of supporting any legislative candidate who refused to make plain his position on the local option question were features of yesterday's session of the Baltimore Methodist Episcopal Conference, which lasted just an hour.

After the usual morning devotional exercise from 8:30 to 9 o'clock, the Conference, as was agreed upon at Thursday's session, went into executive session and it was just 11:30 before the doors were again opened and the public admitted. The Goucher question and an adjustment of the apportionment for retired and superannuated ministers were among the questions discussed in the executive session and it was intimated that matters pertaining to the latter question, which was the basis for some spirited discussion at the Thursday's session, were amicably settled.

In presenting Mr. Anderson to the Conference, Bishop Cranston referred to him as "either the most upright and courageous or the trickiest and most vile, just according to the journal you chance to read." Having been on the railroad all night on his journey from Staunton, Va., where he addressed the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South on Thursday afternoon, Mr. Anderson explained that he felt a little "groggy," but in his usual characteristic way he soon warmed up and had a well defined political and temperance speech under way with the latter issue in the ascendancy.

He attacked the present senatorial situation in Maryland. He said:

"There is one of the candidates who positively refuses to state his position on the matter, while another has declined to do the same thing, and at the same time admits that when the time arrives this question will be a paramount one."

As soon as Mr. Anderson had finished Dr. E. L. Watson, superintendent of the West Baltimore district, introduced a resolution which made direct reference to and pointed out the danger of voting for any unpledged candidates. Immediately following the reading of the resolution Rev. G. C. Bacon took the stand and made a protest against the possible action on the paper, which, as he stated, might drag politics into the deliberations of members of the Conference. But the resolution was adopted. The resolution follows:

"Whereas, the manner in which the temperance people were robbed of a fairly won victory on the local option bill in the last legislature has proved unreliability of unpledged men, we advise all our people that it is unsafe to vote for any candidate for the state legislature, or for election by the legislature to the United States Senate, no matter how respectable, who does not frankly declare his position upon this moral issue, which is so vital to the welfare of the people whose votes he solicits.

"We heartily approve the decision of the Antisaloon League of Maryland, in case the local option bill is beaten by the next legislature, to drop it and start at once for a prohibition amendment to the state Constitution. We believe that the people of this state would follow the example of West Virginia now if they had the chance, and pledge ourselves to the task of destroying the liquor traffic in Maryland at the earliest opportunity.

"We respectfully request the Antisaloon League, which is our agency in this fight against the liquor traffic, to have a prohibition amendment introduced in the coming legislature in order that the legislature may have the whole subject before it and take its choice, so that we will have a record also on the amendment and save two years in the amendment fight if the coming legislature refuses any genuine relief.

"We welcome the prospect of an early test of strength on an issue which will compel the churches to make good and require all good citizens to take sides against a vicious traffic which is already staggering from the effect of the recent glorious temperance victories in Congress. And we assure our agent, the superintendent of the Antisaloon League of Maryland, that we count the attacks of the liquor traffic upon him simply as so many testimonials to his efficiency, and will back him so long as he pushes the fight hard enough to make the enemy complain."

Dr. Eckman, of the Christian Advocate, was introduced and proved to be one of the most interesting speakers heard at this session of the Conference. He was witty and eloquent in his efforts to explain that he was there to add new subscribers to his paper and in many other ways increase the constituency of his paper. Dr. Connor, president of the Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, was presented and made a strong plea for more students and stated that so many of their students got in love and must get married before they finished their course, while others, who claimed to be poor, had to leave the college to earn money to pay their bills. Dr. Jonathan M. Meeker, president of the Centenary Collegiate Institute, of Hackettstown, N. J., made a short address.

Dr. F. T. Tagg, editor of the Methodist Protestant, the official organ of that church, and Dr. Wightman, a retired minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, were introduced to the Conference.

A letter was read from the Y. M. C. A. officials offering the use of any part of the building to the Conference for its committee meetings or for any other purpose it might be able to serve them. This was acknowledged by a rising vote of thanks.

In the afternoon there was an anniversary meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. Dr. Charles Meade delivered the address and Bishop Cranston conducted the service in which Miss Florence was consecrated a deaconess. Mrs. Dr. John Ness was chairman of the meeting. This was followed by the evangelistic meeting, in charge of Dr. Janness. Last night the anniversary of the Sunday School Board of Education was celebrated. Dr. Don S. Colt presided. The address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Edgar Blake.

LAYMEN IN SESSION

Addresses and Devotional Services in Y. M. C. A. Building.

The Laymen's Association of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held its seventeenth annual meeting in the Central Young Men's Christian Association Building yesterday. Committees were named by the delegations from the five districts of the conference which were represented in the gymnasium hall. D. H. Carroll was the chairman.

The morning session was taken up with several addresses. Rev. Lyman H. Hough spoke on The Ministry of the Layman, and How Can We Best Advertise Our Church? was the topic of an address by E. Lyell Gunts, of the Advertising Club. John H. Young, of Cumberland, also spoke.

The afternoon session included a short devotional service. Then followed an address of welcome by Bishop Cranston. John T. Stone spoke in the interest of Goucher, and introduced a resolution which was unanimously adopted. The resolution follows:

Resolved, That this body of laymen realize the necessity for the retention of Goucher, its enlarged and permanent activities in our midst. Let us pray for the success of the campaign and let every member subscribe to the limit of possible self-sacrifice, and to further assist by securing one additional subscriber.

Rum on the Run was the topic of an address by W. H. Anderson, of the Anti-saloon League, in which he clearly set forth the position of the league and its fight for local option in the coming legislature.

A committee composed of Dr. G. Lane Taneyhill, Messrs. Householder and Swartzell drafted a set of resolutions in memory of Dr. D. H. Carroll, who was president of the association until his death during the past year. The resolution was adopted unanimously. It follows:

Whereas, In the wisdom of Divine Providence our esteemed and able president, Rev. David Henry Carroll, has been removed from us,

Resolved, That in his passing to a higher sphere this association has lost an active and influential officer, the Methodist Church a loyal and earnest worker, Dickinson, Goucher and Morgan Colleges and the American University a princely given and the city of Baltimore one of its most progressive and worthy citizens.

Resolved, That this action be recorded in our minutes and a copy of the same be transmitted to the relatives of the deceased.

G. LANE TANEYHILL,
G. W. F. SWARTZELL,
A. E. HOUSEHOLDER,
Committee.

M. J. POLLAK, First Vice President.
WILLIAM HISSEY, JR.,
Recording Secretary.

E. I. Booraem was elected president of the association, and in his speech of acceptance stated that he hoped and fully expected that within the next three or four years to be able to sit on the floor of the Conference with the ministers and have the equal right of church suffrage with them.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

E. I. Booraem, president; D. Ambercrombie, John T. Stone, J. W. Young, J. S. Barker and W. H. Thomas, vice presidents; William Hissey, Jr., Hunter N. Kern and R. C. Beall, secretaries; Philip H. Hoffman, treasurer; members of the executive committee, G. Lane Taneyhill, Dr. J. E. Benson, A. E. Householder, J. L. Ewen and J. M. Gaither.

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE

Steps Taken to Raise Money for Goucher College.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Crisfield, Md., March 28.—Cool, clear weather, with no signs of the terrific storm which swept over Crisfield yesterday and last night, greeted the ministers and delegates of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference this morning. It was feared yesterday that the city was in for a repetition of the heavy storm which struck Crisfield the last time the Wilmington Conference met here, 11 years ago, at which time trees were uprooted, telephone poles blown down and housetops carried away.

The third day's business of the Conference began at 8:30 A. M., with devotional services led by Bishop Berry.

The Laymen's Association held its annual session this morning. The devotional services were led by W. J. Downing, of Salisbury, and about 50 laymen were present.

The Conference was addressed in behalf of Goucher College by Bishop Theodore Henderson, one of the newly elected bishops, who is presenting to the churches the merits of the campaign to save Goucher College.

The Conference appointed a committee to arrange for financial aid to Goucher. The committee is composed of Revs. George E. Reed, Vaughn S. Collins, T. E. Martindale, L. E. Barrett and T. E. Terry. A part of the Laymen's Association meeting was devoted to a discussion of the Goucher campaign, and the laymen appointed a committee to assist the Conference committee in this matter. The laymen's committee is composed of Walter O. Hoffecker, W. J. Downing, Henry C. Downward, Maddison Willing and T. N. Rawlins.

Dr. Clarence True Wilson, of Kansas City, secretary of the National Temperance Society, addressed the body on the temperance question. Dr. Wilson's suggestion was that a campaign be waged to secure signers of a total abstinence pledge. He said that he had secured 49,000 signatures to such a pledge. He announced that Rev. C. A. Tindley, colored had been unanimously selected to lead the temperance campaign among the negroes of the South.

HIGH PRAISE FOR BISHOP WILSON

KILGO SPEAKS WELL OF HIM AT STAUNTON CONFERENCE.

Declares the Baltimore Churchman Is the Greatest Preacher He Knows—Calls Attention to What He Conceives to Be a Remarkable Expression—Ministers Admitted on Trial.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Staunton, Va., March 28.—Among the special features of today's session of the Baltimore Conference, Southern Methodist Episcopal Church, was the presentation of a paper recommending that equal rights with the laity be given the women. Rev. J. B. Henry submitted the paper. Rev. J. J. Prettyman, D. D., offered a substitute, which expressed the greatest appreciation of the women and their work in the church, and said that the present relation of women with the church was more satisfactory than would be that which was recommended in the original paper. Rev. H. P. Hamill, of Blacksburg, made a motion that the substitute be laid aside and the original paper be acted upon at this session.

One feature of today's session was the presence of three bishops—Bishop Kilgo, Bishop Collins Denny and Bishop Wilson, of Baltimore. Bishop Denny presided at a part of the session.

Conference convened at 9 o'clock this morning, Bishop Kilgo presiding. Bishop Collins Denny offered a prayer. Bishop Kilgo said that Bishop Wilson, of Baltimore, was the greatest preacher he knew, calling attention to this expression of that churchman: "I am not so much interested as to what was in Paul's mind when he was writing his letter to the Romans, but I am concerned about what was in God's mind when He was writing through Paul's pen."

Bishop Kilgo called attention to what is known as "liberal theology," and said that liberal theology is no recognition of God's liberty, but is just the opposite. "I want the Holy Spirit," said the Bishop, "to come among us as often as He will, and with His own administration. I have no criticism of His administration in the life of others, and I resent any criticism of his administration in my life. Let us take the bands from the hands of the Holy Spirit and let Him have free course in our churches and in our lives."

On motion of W. H. Woolf, presiding elder of Roanoke District, T. A. Jordan was referred to the committee on conference relations for the supernumerary relation.

Edwin Gwyn Cole, Washington district; Charles Ernest Hall, Winchester district; John W. Rosenberger, Walter Samuel Thomas and R. Carl Maxwell, of Rockingham; Henry C. Marsh and Ward S. Nicholson, of Moorefield district, were admitted on trial in conference. Frederick D. Allison, a local preacher from Moorefield district, was readmitted into traveling connection with Conference. The following traveling preachers were elected deacons: T. M. Swann, Richard L. Whitting, Anthony O. Lyon, George G. Oliver and E. F. Field. Allen A. P. Neel, Robert K. Nevitt and S. Regester Neel were elected to elder's orders.

This afternoon at 4 o'clock Rev. S. C. Hatcher, D. D., of Randolph-Macon College, preached to a large congregation. Tonight at 7:30 o'clock the anniversary of the Conference Board of Missions was celebrated, and Rev. W. W. Pinson, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn., secretary of the General Board of Missions; Dr. C. F. Reid, of the Mission Board, and others made addresses.

STANLEY ROE MURDERED

He Was Formerly a Resident of Easton, Md.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Newark, N. J., March 28.—Clarence A. Hodes was arraigned and held without bail today on a charge of having murdered Stanley Roe, formerly of Easton, Maryland.

Roe, who was the proprietor of a chain of furnished room houses, was shot through the brain yesterday afternoon as the climax of a quarrel about $2.

He and Mrs. Anna A. Kurzman, who had an interest in the chain, called on Mrs. Hodes, at 7 Bleecker street, to collect rent.

The two women nearly came to blows and Roe tried to pacify them.

At that moment Hodes returned, according to the police, and he grappled with Roe, wrested away his revolver and shot him.

Roe's body will be turned over to Joseph J. Mullin, an undertaker.

Some Growing Children

are under size—under weight. Some grow tall and thin, others are backward in studies—pale and frail—*improper assimilation is usually the cause.*

If your children are not rugged and ruddy