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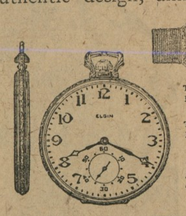
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M. P. CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

Despite early reports that there would be few changes in pastorates of the Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, the Rev. Dr. E. C. Makoskey, president of conference, shifted more than fifty preachers to satisfy the desires of the various charges.

Only two changes were made in the list of Baltimore church appointments. The Rev. T. C. Mulligan, pastor of Payson Street charge, was sent to Cambridge and the Rev. H. C. Burkis was appointed in his place. The charge at Cresaco Park, Back River section, formerly filled by the Rev. William Schmeiser, was given the Rev. J. W. Parris.

The Rev. Dr. S. F. Cassen, of Towson Church, who was succeeded by the Rev. P. W. Crosby.

Among the recommendations made by the board were:

That the following be declared closed churches: Willis Chapel on the Felton Circuit; Mount Lebanon, on the Kempton charge; Faith Church, on the Cannon charge and Kesley Chapel on the Wesley Chapel charge.

That E. A. Sexsmith be appointed superintendent of the Church Extension Society, and that $14,000 be assessed for church extension work.

The board also went on record as favoring the campaign for approximately $150,000 for the erection of a centennary church in Washington to mark the one hundredth anniversary of Methodist Protestantism. David C. Butcser, a member of Rhode Island Avenue Church, Washington, pledged $5,000 to the fund.

Appointments Announced

Among the appointments announced by Dr. Makoskey are as follows:

Baltimore

Christ Church, J. L. Ward.
East Baltimore, E. H. Jones.
Eutaw, J. A. Dudley.
Evergreen, F. D. Reynolds.
Grace, J. N. Link.
Keen Memorial, A. S. Beane.
Linthicum Heights, Louis Randall.
Lowe Memorial, W. A. Melvin.
North Baltimore, W. H. Litsinger.
South Baltimore, B. F. Ruley.
Starr, G. W. Haddaway.
St. John's, L. F. Warner.
Violetville, W. B. Judefind.
West Baltimore, J. M. Gill and Edward Keehner, assistant.
Buckeystown, C. E. Lryden.
Cambridge, T. C. Mulligan.
Cambridge Circuit, D. W. Anstine.
Centreville, G. A. Morris.
Chestertown, N. O. Gibson.
Chincoteague, C. O. Quillen.
Clayton, C. M. Kelser.
Crisfield, J. L. Nichols.
Mariners, I. S. Owens.
Dover and Leipsic, C. M. Adams.
Easton, E. T. Read.
Elizabeth, J. W. Balderstown.
Fawn Grove, Avery Donovan.
Federalsburg, G. E. Leister.
First, Newark, N. J., R. L. Shipley.
Finksburg, C. K. McCaslin.
Harrington, H. Z. B. Jester.
Hurlock, F. S. Cain.
Kennedyville, J. W. Trout.
Laurel Circuit, P. M. R. Schauer.
Libson, J. F. Wooden.
Lynchburg, J, H. Lynch.
Milford, J. F. Bryan.
Oxford, H. W. D. Johnson.

Philadelphia

Pittsville, E. W. Simms.
Pocomoke City, E. L. Bunce.
Salisbury, G. I. Humphreys.
Seaford, N. C. Clough.
Sharptown, A. F. T. Raum.
Snow Hill, G. E. Brown.
Stewartstown, B. A. Bryan.
St. James, L. C. Randall.
St. Michael's, F. M. Clift.
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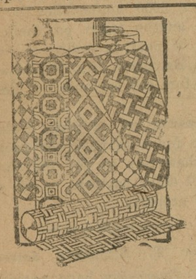


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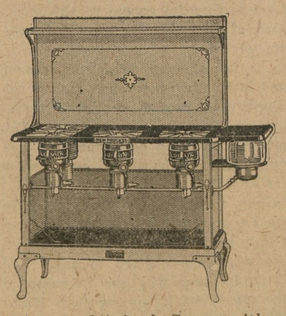
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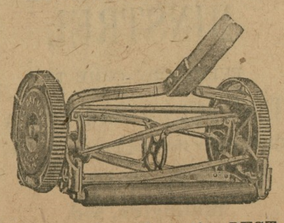


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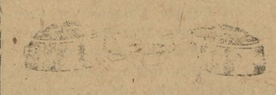


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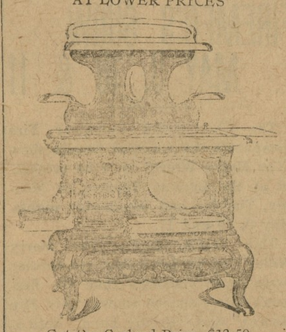


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Old-Fashioned Preaching Needed, Conference Member Says—Gains Are Shown In Sunday School.

Announcement that the membership of the Methodist Protestant Church in the Maryland Annual Conference had decreased in the last two years was followed by discussion as to the probable cause at the meeting of conference Monday in Starr Church.

"Something is wrong with our methods," the Rev. Joseph H. Lynch, of Lynchburg, Va., said.

"If the preachers in this conference were members of a life-insurance company and at the end of the year would report a net loss of several hundred policyholders instead of a net gain the management would fire all of us," Mr. Lynch asserted.

"I am pleading today for the men outside the church. These men do want Christ and they also want the opportunity for service in bringing others to the Saviour. It is time to sound the evangelistic note in our own lives. Swapping or proselyting members is not the right method. We need more of the old-fashioned preaching. We need to tell the people more about 'just Jesus.'"

The Rev. J. A. Dudley, pastor of Eutaw Church, Baltimore, said one reason for the decline was that church quarterly conferences were "paring the rells" to save conference assessments. Pastors were not to blame, he asserted, but the method of conference assessments, which added to the burdens of a charge of it increased in membership. There was a tendency to cut from membership those who no longer were active he explained, instead of encouraging delinquents to renew their activity.

The Rev. R. L. Shipley, of First Church, Newark, N. J., pointed out that "these are shifting times" in theology and otherwise and that the church in the East today was "in the midst of a tremendous change in thought and ideas." He could find no fault, he said, with a church which cut from its membership those who moved from the community and no longer aid in its support.

The discussion was occasioned by a report of the community on statistics headed by the Rev. E. K. Wareheim of Uniontown, Carroll county. Mr. Wareheim explained that the decreases in membership were growing smaller and he expected a change in the next fiscal report.

The report of the committee showed that the full membership had declined in the fiscal year from 34,052 to 33,816, a falling off of 236. The previous year there was a decline of 525.

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