CONFERENCES NEAR AT HAND

The M. E. Conference at Crisfield and the M. P. Conference at Centreville To Convene Soon.

DISTINGUISHED AND NOBLE BODIES OF MEN.

The seventy-fourth session of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church will convene in Centreville Apr. 2d next. In the conference's history of seventy-three years this will be but the second time she has enjoyed the hospitality of the town. In 1878, under the pastorage of Dr. J. D. Kinzer the town opened its doors to the ministers of the conference and gave them a most hearty and enthusiastic welcome, and it will do no less this time. Although some who were foremost in those days in dispensing a most cordial hospitality have "slipped away," others have taken their places whose hearts are no less warm and who have inherited the spirit of their fathers.

Last spring, when the suggestion was made that conference be invited here, a committee from Grace Church waited upon the citizens of the town to ascertain whether people generally would co-operate in the enterprise. The response was so hearty and generous and so much in the spirit of the reputation of the Eastern Shore of Maryland for hospitality and good fellowchip, that the church felt at liberty to extend the invitation, and to assure the conference that her second coming among them would find them the same in heart and hand as in the days gone by.

Grace Church enjoys a proud preeminence in that she was the first Methodist Protestant Church organized on the peninsula.

Among her membership have been names that are historic in the annals of the church. In her pulpit, in times past, have stood men who have been foremost in pulpit eloquence. Upon her altars have burned the fires of true devotion, and now having passed her three score years and ten with unsullied honor, and in nowise decrepit from the burden of the accumulating years, she opens the portals of her temple and home for a visit from her mother from whose loins she has sprung. It ought to be and be will a joyous occasion. The community will behold the re-union with a tender appreciation and a hearty interest.

The conference stands for the mutual rights of the ministry and laity. An equal number of lay and ministerial delegates compose its membership. The president is the presiding officer. He is elected annually and the term of office is limited to five years. For sixty years no president has occupied the chair for a period exceeding three years. But during the incumbancy of Rev. J. D. Kinzer, D. D., the usage was broken, Dr. Kinzer serving out the full term of five years. His successor, Dr. A. D. Melvin is just completing the term of five years. So that one of the most important and interesting features of the coming conference is the election of a new president. The appointing power resides in the confereuce, but it has been delegated to the president. The rights of the ministry have been safe-guarded by an appointment of a committee on Appeals, to whom any minister may appeal who feels himself aggrieved by the appointing power. This committee is not often called upon to exercise its prerogative.

The last conference assembled in Easton consisted of 281 ministerial and lay delegates.

The conference has 132 charges with 285 churches and 93 parsonages, valued at $1,304,501.00. Besides this she has a fine college property, located at Westminster, Md., with fourteen splendid buildings, furnished with all modern equipments. A Theological Seminary in a flourishing condition, and an Aged People's Home are also located at the same place.

Money is in hand for the purpose of a building in some convenient location in Baltimore city to be used as a publishing house and book concern.

The membership statistics for the last session held in Easton gave the total numbers as follows: Church, 24,771; Sunday-school, officers, teachers and scholars, 28,073; C. E. Societies, 6,833. The conference raised for all purposes during the year $184,837.39.

The official organ of the church, The Methodist Protestant, under the editorship of Rev. F. T. Tagg, D. D., well-known to many of our citizens, has maintained its reputation as an exponent of high principles for which the conference and the church stands. The church stands. The book concerns of Baltimore and Pittsburg have issued a new hymnal. The book holds its place among the best issued by any church. It marks a departure from common usage in that it is sold to the people at bare cost of issuance—a book of 500 pages and sold for 30 cents per copy. The general getup suffers in no wise because of its amazingly low price. The first edition of 20,000 copies has already been exhausted and a second edition of 10,000 copies is about gone, and the third edition will soon go to press. The growth of the conference within the last twenty years has reached the splendid figures of 50 per cent. In the efficiency of its ministry, the devotion of its laity and the equipment for service the conference was never more happy than at present.

M. E. CONFERENCE AT CRISFIELD.

The near approach of the annual session of the important Ecclesiastical body at Crisfield is a subject of great interest to many thousand people on our Peninsula. The territory of the M. E. Conference includes the state of Delaware, and the counties on the Eastern Shores of Maryland and Virginia. It comprises 195 pastoral charges, 93 in Maryland, 78 in Delaware, and 4 in Virginia.

The ministerial membership of the Conference consist of 185 men, 29 of whom are on the Superanuated, and Supernumary lists. The lay membership of the Conference is 41,800 persons distributed among 394 congregations.

The 394 churches have an estimated value of $2,617,600. There are 144 parsonages estimated value $267,800 Including the Conference Academy, located at Dover, Del., and valued at $60 000 the estimated value of real estate held by the Conference is $1,975,400. There are 396 Sunday Schools with a membership of 50,057. According to reports made at the last Annual Session of the Conference, offerings were made for the year by the people aggregating $295,179.-00, as follows: Pastoral support, $140,-309.00; building and improving churches and parsonages, $63,287,00; on debts, $29,945.00; for Sunday Schools, $19,275.-00; for benevolences, $373,365.00.

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By CLARA GREENOUGH CANBY, for the NEWS Feb 25, '02.

I think when I rest near the fire side glow
And dreamily look at the flames,
That the pictures and fancies which came to me so
Are deeds done by men long ago.

My ancestors blood in me, gives me the sight
Of their strength in the day, so that they fled
And I feel that they live again, raised by the light
That wakens up guests from the dead.

The boat of the viking bold sails o'er the sea,
I can see him there by the prow
His hair long and flaxen and blown wild and free;
And his love of the sea is in me.

I can see him in battles, English and true
The steel in their barrels ringing clear
The love of their country thrilling them thro',
And in me too the love is most dear.

And so the long line passes on in the coals,
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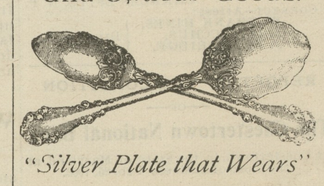

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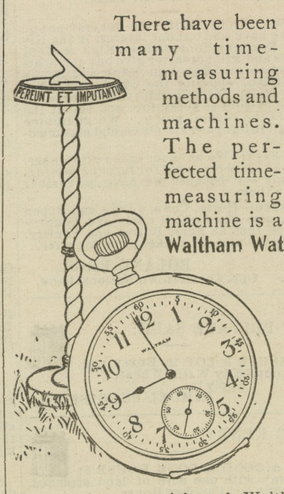

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