

he made a favorable impression by his faithful performance of his duty and impartial rulings upon matters that came before him as the chairman of a number of important committees. He is a bank cashier and a keen and successful business man, and was until recently president of the Maryland Bankers' Association, delivering the annual address before that association at its meeting in Ocean City last summer. He is the only layman who has been president of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church of the United States.

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*State Treasurer:* THOMAS J. SHRYOCK, (Republican,) of Baltimore city.

Thomas Shryock was born in Baltimore in 1851. His parents came from Virginia. Mr. Shryock was educated in the public schools and the Light Street Institute. At the age of sixteen he entered the lumber business with a brother, and at the age of twenty-one he became sole proprietor of the business. He is at present extensively engaged in the lumber business in Baltimore City and in Washington, D. C. Mr. Shryock is a distinguished Free Mason, and has for some years past been Grand Master of Masons of Maryland. He was elected State Treasurer by the Legislature in 1896, and was re-elected in 1898.

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*Attorney-General:* GEORGE R. GAITHER, JR., (Republican,) of Baltimore city.

Mr. Gaither was born in Howard county, Maryland, on February 28, 1838. He began his education in the private schools of Baltimore, and then entered Princeton, graduating in 1878, with the degree of B. A. He subsequently received the degree of M. A. from his Alma Mater. He studied law in the University of Maryland and graduated in 1880, and was admitted to the bar of Baltimore immediately afterward. Since then he has been in the active practice of his profession. He was a member of the New Charter Commission that framed the charter of Baltimore that was enacted by the Legislature of 1898, and was, in November, 1897, appointed by Mayor Malster as one of the Commissioners on the part of Maryland to the Conference for Promoting Uniformity of Legislation amongst the several States. Mr. Gaither was appointed