

By the President, by request:

WHEREAS, There will soon be pending in the General Assembly of Maryland a Bill submitting the question of the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquor for beverage purposes to the registered and qualified voters of the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, This measure simply takes the liquor question out of politics and places it in the hands of the people, where it belongs; and

WHEREAS, The sale of liquor and the license system is the cause of untold misery, suffering, vice, crime and death, debauching our homes, corrupting our politics, ruining our manhood, despoiling our womanhood, blighting the lives of thousands of our children and is opposed to all those principles of rectitude and righteousness for which the Church of Jesus Christ stands; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Federated Associations of Methodist Men of Baltimore and Vicinity, composed of representatives from the men's organizations of the Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal South and Methodist Protestant Churches of the City of Baltimore and vicinity, having a voting constituency of not less than twenty-five thousand voters, do hereby send kindly greetings to the members of the General Assembly of Maryland and do most earnestly and urgently request the speedy passage of the State-wide Referendum Bill on the liquor question. As American citizens, we demand the right for the voters of the whole State to decide this question for ourselves; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the President of the Senate of Maryland and the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Signed by the President and Secretary of the Federated Associations of Methodist Men of Baltimore and Vicinity, this 18th day of January, A. D., 1916.

DANIEL BAKER, *President.*
ELMER J. JONES, *Secretary.*

[Which was read and referred to the Committee on Temperance.]

By Mr. Holmead:

Ordered, That the State Printers furnish 200 copies Revised Rules of Senate for the sum of \$47.50; same to be taken from appropriation for State Printing for this session.

[Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.]