

BRUCE DEFENDS EASTERN SHORE

Takes Exception To The Charges Made By Hop- kins Professor.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 30 (AP).—A defense of Salisbury and the Eastern Shore accused of backwardness in spiritual and mental development has been made by William Cabell Bruce, former United States Senator from Maryland.

The charges referred to by Senator Bruce were made by Professor Broadus Mitchell, of Johns Hopkins University, in a report of the lynching of Matthew Williams, negro, at Salisbury last December 4. Professor Mitchell went to Salisbury at the request of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and prepared the report.

"From the recent attacks on the character of our Eastern Shore brothers one might suppose that lynching is peculiar to the Eastern Shore," Senator Bruce said in a long open letter, published today. "The fact is that it has occurred over and over again in many states of the Union wherever the incitement to it has been sufficiently intense and widespread to provoke it."

Senator Bruce then cited a case in Baltimore county, on the Western Shore some years ago in which a man was taken from the Towson jail and lynched for an attack on a woman.