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5. FOURTH YEAR—C. W. Prettyman, T. O. Ayers, T. B. Hunter, T. L. Tomkinson and J. A. B. Wilson.

6. FOR LOCAL PREACHERS—CANDIDATES FOR ORDERS—J. B. Quigg, J. Conner, J. A. Brindle.

7. ON MINISTERIAL QUALIFICATIONS—W. H. Hutchin, W. L. S. Murray, N. McQuay, C. F. Sheppard, J. A. Arters.

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DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Twelfth Annual Session of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was opened in the M. E. Church, at Dover, Del., March 17th, 1880.

The Conference was called to order at 9 o'clock, by the President, Bishop E. G. Andrews.

The Bishop read selections from the Epistle to the Philippians, announced the 815 hymn, and led the Conference in prayer.

The roll was called by the Secretary of the last session, and 90 members answered to their names.

T. E. Martindale was re-elected Secretary, and J. D. Rigg, D. C. Ridgway and E. H. Nelson were re-elected assistants.

Half-past eight A. M. and twelve M., were fixed as the hours for opening and adjournment of sessions, the first half hour in each to be devoted to a prayer service.

The farther side of the third window was fixed as the bar of the Conference, and the brethren requested to occupy the designated space.

The usual Standing Committees were appointed. (*See List.*) The Rules of the last session were adopted for the government of the present one. (*See Rules.*)

The report of the visitors to the Wilmington Conference Academy was read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The action by which the Conference at its last session adopted the Constitution of the Preachers' Aid Society, was, on motion, rescinded.

Papers relating to Dickinson College, and the Centenary Biblical Institute, were referred to the Committee on Education; and a letter from Dr. Rust to the Committee on Freedmen's Aid Society.

A draft was ordered on the Chartered Fund for the sum of \$30.00.

The Secretary was requested to publish in the Minutes, a list of the names of members of this Conference, deceased, since the time of its organization.

The report of the President of the Wesleyan Female College was read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

A resolution requesting the Bishop to reduce the number of Districts to three, was read and adopted.

J. France, T. H. Haynes, W. B. Walton and G. A. Phœbus, were elected Conference Stewards, the Secretary being instructed to cast the ballot.

The 10th question, "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*) The brethren were requested to state whether all the collections had been taken.

The Bishop announced the transfer of J. B. Mann to the Central Pennsylvania Conference.

The Board of Stewards was granted leave to retire.

J. W. Pierson was, at his own request, granted a supernumerary relation, without work.

Thomas Mallalieu made some statements in reference to relieving the Milington Church of debt. The subject was referred to the Conference Board of Church Extension.

The notices were given, and Conference adjourned with the Doxology and Benediction, by Charles Hill.

FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Statistical session of the Conference met at two o'clock, J. B. Quigg presiding. The religious services were conducted by R. C. Jones.

The Statistical Secretary called the list of the charges, and the Finance and Statistical reports were passed to the appropriate Committees. The Conference then adjourned, with Doxology and Benediction, by A. D. Davis.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Conference met at 8.30 o'clock, the prayer meeting being in charge of T. L. Tomkinson.

At nine o'clock the Bishop took the chair. The roll of absentees was called, and the attendance noted.

The Journal was read and approved.

The election of Delegates to the General Conference was made the order of the day, for ten o'clock, to-morrow morning.

A communication from the Trustees of Dickinson College was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

The examination of the character of Effective Elders was resumed, when the name of John Hough was called, it was announced that he had died in peace, March 27, 1879.

H. S. Thompson was transferred during the past year to the New Hampshire Conference.

At his own request, W. W. Redman was granted a supernumerary relation, and his case referred to the Board of Stewards.

W. H. Hutchin was appointed to prepare a memoir of the deceased wife of Bishop Levi Scott.

G. A. Phœbus, J. A. B. Wilson and J. P. Otis, were appointed to prepare a suitable Minute in reference to the death of Dr. R. L. Dashiell, Senior Missionary Secretary.

The following brethren were introduced to the Conference: Rev. Dr. Hurst, President of Drew Seminary; Rev. D. C. Babcock, of the National Temperance Society; Rev. C. W. Millen, asst. editor of the Missionary Tidings; Rev. G. S. Gassner, transferred from the Illinois Conference; Rev. A. W. Lightbourne, of the Baltimore Independent Methodist Church; Rev. Dr. Sheldon, of the American Bible Society; Rev. J. H. Lightbourne, of the New York East Conference; J. M. Phillips, of the New York Book Concern; Dr. Elon Foster, of the New York Conference; and Prof. J. E. Rounds of the Centenary Biblical Institute.

Drs. Hurst and Sheldon, and Rev. D. C. Babcock, spoke in the interests of the causes which they represented.

The Conference, by vote, adopted a petition to Congress, praying the appointment of a Committee of Inquiry, in reference to the Liquor traffic.

The Stewards made their annual call.

The Secretaries were instructed to exclude from the Missionary report the names of individual contributions and Sunday School classes.

The report of the visiting Committee to the Wesleyan Female College, was referred to the Committee on Education.

The Reports of the President of the Board of Trustees, and the Principal of the Wilmington Conference Academy, were presented, pending which, Bishop Scott briefly addressed the Conference, and alluded to his recent ill health and loss of sight. The sum of one thousand sixty-three and one-third dollars was subscribed toward the indebtedness of the Academy, with the understanding that no subscription was binding until the whole floating debt was provided for. The time was extended.

The reports of the Presidents of Dickinson College, and Drew Seminary, were referred to the Committee on Education.

Notices were given, and Conference adjourned with Doxology and Benediction, by Bishop Scott.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING.

The Conference assembled at 8.30 o'clock; Wm. B. Gregg conducted the prayer meeting.

The further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The Journal was read and approved.

The case of J. W. Pierson was referred to the Board of Stewards.

Communications in reference to General Conference collections, and the apportionment of the Episcopal Fund, were presented by the Bishop, and ordered to be filed.

The report of the Treasurer of the Centenary Fund was also read and filed. A draft on this fund, for \$180, was ordered in favor of the Board of Stewards.

A Committee was appointed to audit the Church Relief Accounts of the Presiding Elders. (*See Special Committees.*)

A resolution was passed referring all cases of candidates, for Local Orders, to the Committee on Ministerial qualifications. (*See Resolutions.*)

The examination of the character of Effective Elders was resumed. The Fourth and Fifth questions were taken up. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

The time having arrived, the Conference proceeded to elect three delegates to the ensuing General Conference. J. A. B. Wilson, T. L. Tomkinson, R. C. Jones and W. I. Bain, were appointed tellers. Three ballots were taken, and the following were elected: L. C. Matlack, on the first ballot; A. W. Milby, on the second; and Charles Hill, on the third. J. H. Caldwell and R. W. Todd were elected reserve delegates.

A. W. Lightbourne was admitted on trial; his orders as an Elder being recognized.

A resolution in reference to the observance of the Centennial Anniversary of the Sunday School organization, was read and adopted. (*See Resolutions.*)

The subject of securing subscriptions to the Conference Academy, was resumed.

President McCauley, of Dickinson College, and the Rev. M. B. Hyde, of Utah, were introduced.

A Committee was appointed to solicit further subscriptions to the Conference Academy. (*See Special Committees.*) The time was extended.

Rev. D. H. Carroll, of Baltimore Conference, was introduced.

The 3rd question, "Who remain on trial?" was taken up. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

R. E. Carter was announced, as transferred to the South India Conference.

The case of Julius Dodd was referred to the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications.

The 6th question, "Who are the Deacons of the 2nd class?" was taken up. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

The Conference fixed 2 o'clock, on Saturday afternoon, as the time for holding the Memorial and Sacramental services.

Notices were given, and Conference adjourned with Doxology and Benediction, by Dr. McCauley.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Conference assembled at 8.30 o'clock; P. H. Rawlin's led the prayer meeting.

The Bishop took the chair.

The Journal was read and approved.

The report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted. The moneys were ordered to be paid as follows:—Episcopal Fund, Tract, Sunday School Union, Children's Fund and General Conference expenses, to J. M. Phillips; W. F. M. Society collection, within the bounds of Delaware, to the Treasurer of the Philadelphia branch, and that collected on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, to the Treasurer of the Baltimore Branch; Church Extension, to F. A. Ellis; Freedmen's Aid, to J. E. Rounds; Conference Academy, to C. M. Wharton; Conference Educational Society, to the Treasurer; Bible Collection, in the State of Delaware, to the Treasurers of the State and County Societies; and that in Maryland and Virginia, to Wm. H. Cole, and Church Relief, to L. C. Matlack.

The report of the Board of Stewards was made the order of the day, for 11 o'clock, this morning.

The Lay Electoral Conference was invited to visit us at their pleasure; J. O. Sypherd being requested to bear the invitation to them.

L. A. C. Gerry, on behalf of the Lay Electors, was introduced, and announced that our invitation had been accepted, and that they would be pleased to meet with us at 10 o'clock.

The resolution requesting the Bishop to make three Districts, was reconsidered, and after discussion, failed of adoption.

Rev. Dr. Fowler, Editor of the Christian Advocate, and Rev. A. Wallace, Editor of Ocean Grove Record, were introduced to the Conference.

Question 7, "Who have been elected and ordained Elders?" was taken up. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

The 19th question was also taken up. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

The Lay Electoral Conference appeared, and were assigned to a place in the midst of the Conference. The President, J. F. Williamson, made an address, which was responded to by Bishops Scott and Andrews, L. C. Matlack, R. W. Todd, J. H. Caldwell, and Dr. C. H. Fowler.

A joint Committee of the two Conferences was appointed to prepare an address to the people, on the situation and needs of the Conference Academy. (*See Special Committees.*)

The Conference resumed its regular business.

The Stewards made their report, which was adopted, and the moneys distributed.

Dr. Fowler spoke in the interests of the Christian Advocate.

The annual report of the Book Committee was read. Time was extended.

J. W. Phillips addressed the Conference in reference to the Book Concern.

Prof. J. E. Rounds, represented the Centenary Biblical Institute.

Notices were given, and Conference adjourned with Benediction, by Dr. Fowler.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The Memorial Services were commenced at 2 P. M., J. B. Quigg in the chair. The 821st hymn was sung, and T. B. Hunter offered Prayer.

It was resolved that all the memoirs should be read before any remarks were made.

P. H. Rawlins read the memoirs of John Hough and T. J. Williams: that of Mrs. Annie Jewell was read by J. P. Otis: that of Mrs. Addie P. Houston by J. H. Caldwell, and that of Mrs. Elizabeth P. Stengle by W. J. Duhadway.

W. H. Hutchin read a paper upon the death of Mrs. Bishop Scott.

G. A. Phœbus also presented a paper in reference to the death of Dr. Dashiell.

The remarks were made in the order in which the memoirs were read, by J. H. Caldwell, G. A. Phœbus, I. T. Cooper, and Wm. B. Gregg; after which the papers were adopted.

The Sacramental service was then held, G. A. Phœbus being in charge. The Conference adjourned to proceed in a body to the Wilmington Conference Academy.

SIXTH DAY.

MONDAY MORNING.

Conference met at 8.30 o'clock. G. Barton conducted the devotions. At 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair. The journal was read and approved.

The Bishop presented the certificate of ordination of Deacons and Elders.

The Committee on Ministerial qualifications recommended the continuance of Julius Dodd on trial.

The recommendation was adopted.

The 8th question, "Who are the supernumerary preachers," was taken up. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

The case of J. Esgate was referred to a special committee. (*See Special Committees.*)

D. W. C. McIntire was made effective and transferred to the New Jersey Conference.

T. J. Williams was announced as having died March 27, 1879.

John Warthman was transferred to this Conference from the New Jersey Conference.

J. McKendree Brewington was granted a supernumerary relation without work.

The 9th question, "Who are the superannuated preachers?" was taken up. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

Lewes and Middletown were put in nomination as places for holding the next session of the Conference. After representation, Lewes was chosen, and the vote was made unanimous.

Reports of the Board of Church Extension, of the Committees on Women's Foreign Missionary Society, Freedmen's Aid, Sunday Schools, Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union, Tract and Bible Societies, were read and adopted.

The Temperance report was amended and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

The report of the Visiting Committee to the Centenary Biblical Institute was read and filed.

A special session of the Conference was appointed for 3 o'clock, for the purpose of hearing the Missionary sermon, and the transaction of other business.

The effort to pay the floating debt of the Conference Academy was resumed, and seven hundred dollars, the amount necessary to complete the \$3000, were secured.

The following appeal of Geo. S. Hagany, and the decision, were presented by the Bishop, as follows, viz :

To the President of the Wilmington Annual Conference :

The records of the Quarterly Conference of Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, in Wilmington Conference show that, at a session held in said church on the 28th day of June, 1879, Geo. S. Hagany, by his counsel, presented an appeal from the action by which he was expelled from said church. Thereupon the Presiding Elder, for reasons then and there given, declined to admit the appeal, and did not submit the question of the admissibility of the appeal to the vote of said Quarterly Conference. The undersigned, in behalf of said Hagany, hereby appeals from said action of the Presiding Elder, asking the President of this Conference to decide whether the question of admissibility of the appeal should not have been submitted to the vote of this Quarterly Conference.

(Signed),

IGNATIUS T. COOPER,
T. B. KILLIAM,
Counsel for Hagany.

DOVER, DEL., March 22, 1880.

ANSWER.

Under paragraph 163, section 6, which provides that the Presiding Elder shall "decide all questions of law involved in proceedings pending in a District or Quarterly Conference," but "that in all cases the application of law shall be with the Conference,"

I judge that the question of the admissibility of the appeal of Hagany should have been submitted to the vote of the Quarterly Conference of Asbury Church.

And it will be proper and right that at the next session of said Quarterly Conference, the admissibility of the said appeal should be put to vote, unless said appeal is withdrawn.

E. G. ANDREWS.

DOVER, DEL., March 22, 1880.

The time was extended.

Dr. McCauley spoke in behalf of Dickinson College.

Rev. M. B. Hyde represented his work in Ogden, Utah Territory, and a collection of \$100 was taken on behalf of his church.

The Bishop announced the Committee on Centennial celebration of Sunday School organizations. (*See Special Committees.*)

Notices were given, and Conference adjourned with doxology and benediction by L. C. Matlack.

SIXTH DAY.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Conference assembled at 3 o'clock, H. Colclazer in the chair.

Wm. B. Walton read the 8th hymn, and the Conference was led in prayer by Wm. B. Gregg. The 908th hymn was sung, after which Rev. Wm. B. Walton proceeded to deliver the annual Missionary sermon, from Malachi 1, 11:—"For from the rising of the sun, even unto the going down of the same, my name shall be great among the Gentiles."

The service closed by the singing of the hymn commencing "All hail the power of Jesus' Name."

The Conference resumed business. The journal was read and approved. Report of the Committee on Education was read and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

The list of Visiting Committees was nominated and confirmed. (*See List.*)

T. B. Hunter, W. L. S. Murray, G. A. Phœbus and A. W. Milby were re-elected Trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy.

Resolutions commendatory of the Conference Worker, were read, amended and adopted. (*See Resolutions.*)

N. M. Browne and W. H. Hutchin were elected Trustees of Wesleyan Female College.

A committee was appointed to draft resolutions of thanks. (*See Special Committees.*)

The statistical report was read and adopted. (*See Tables.*)

Resolutions in reference to the transfer of J. S. Willis were read and laid on the table.

The Conference, by a rising and unanimous vote, expressed its gratitude to D. C. Ridgway, statistical secretary, for the faithfulness and ability with which he has discharged the arduous duties of his position.

T. E. Martindale and W. F. Harman were elected officers of the [Sunday School Society.

The officers of the Education Society were elected. (*See List.*)

R. W. Todd, C. W. Prettyman, and J. B. Quigg, were appointed to arrange for anniversaries in 1881.

L. C. Matlack, T. S. Williams, and W. T. Vaules, were appointed to secure reduction of railroad fare for next session.

The Committee on Anniversaries was requested to provide for a Sacramental service at the next session.

L. C. Matlack and Charles Moore were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the Riddle Fund.

Conference adjourned with the doxology and benediction by D. C. Ridgway.

SEVENTH DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Conference opened at 8.30 o'clock, Bishop Andrews in the chair. He read a part of the 28th chapter of Matthew, announced the 822d hymn, and led the Conference in prayer.

The journal was read and approved.

Resolutions in reference to holding a Peninsular Convention were read and adopted. (*See Resolutions.*)

A Committee of Arrangements was appointed. (*See Special Committees.*)

Committees of Examination were announced. (*See Committees.*)

The Bishop stated that Wm. J. Stevenson had been transferred to Troy Conference, D. C. Ridgway to the Cincinnati Conference, and C. M. Pegg to the New York East Conference; also, that M. A. Richards had been transferred from the Cincinnati Conference to this Conference, and Geo. W. Miller from the Central Pennsylvania Conference.

Various resolutions of thanks were read and adopted by a rising vote. (*See Resolutions.*)

Francis B. Quigley was admitted on trial.

Resolutions in reference to the transfer of D. C. Ridgway and C. M. Pegg were read and adopted. (*See Resolutions.*)

The journal was approved preparatory to adjournment.

The Bishop addressed the Conference, read the appointments, and Conference adjourned *sine die*, with the doxology and benediction by Bishop Andrews.

T. E. MARTINDALE,

Secretary.

RULES

For the Government of the Wilmington Annual Conference

I. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

1. The President shall call the Conference to order, punctually, at the time determined upon for the opening of its sessions, have each opened by appropriate devotional exercises, and see that all the business pertaining to the Conference shall be brought forward and transacted in a proper and orderly manner, according to the provision of the Discipline and the Rules of the Conference.
2. He shall preserve order in all of the proceedings, holding speakers strictly to the question, and call them to order when they wander from the point, violate the Rules of Order, or use any improper language.
3. He shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference by any two members.
4. He shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for.
5. When two or more members claim the floor at the same time, he shall decide who is entitled thereto.

II. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

1. The Secretary shall keep a fair and correct record of all the proceedings of the Conference, to be read at the opening of each session, subject to correction by the Conference.
2. He shall carefully preserve the journal and papers of the Conference placed in his custody, and shall not allow any person but a member to examine the same, nor allow any one to take a transcript from either, without the permission of the Conference; he shall produce the journals and papers at each annual session, and see that the same be forwarded to General Conference.
3. In an appendix prepared for that purpose, he shall record all reports and documents ordered upon record by the Conference, and all documents so recorded shall be referred to on the journal.

III. DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS.

1. Each member of the Conference will be expected and required to be present at the opening of each session to participate in the devotional exercises, unless unavoidably detained; and no member may absent himself, without leave, from the seat of the Conference.
2. When a member would speak on any question, he shall arise in his place and respectfully address the President; refrain from all personalities and discourteous language; and no member shall speak more than once on the same question until every other member who so desires shall have spoken (except, simply, to explain when misrepresented) nor shall any one speak longer than fifteen minutes without the consent of the Conference.
3. When a member is called to order by the President, or by any member through him, he shall take his seat until the point of order is decided by the President.
4. Any member may call for the division of the question, which shall be granted when, in the judgment of the President, the same will admit of it.
5. When a question has been decided by a vote of Conference, any member who may have voted with the majority, may move for a reconsideration of the same.
6. It shall be in order for any member, during the discussion of any proposition before the Conference, (except in the examination of character,) to move the "previous question," and if such motion be seconded by a majority of the members present, the question shall be immediately put.
7. Any member may demand the "yeas and nays" upon any question, and if ONE-FIFTH of the members present, and voting, shall second such demand, the vote shall be taken.
8. Any member may object to the reading of a paper, and when such objection is made, the reading shall be dispensed with, unless the Conference, without debate, shall otherwise order.
9. No motion, unless seconded, shall be entertained; and all motions and resolutions shall be reduced to writing by the member presenting them, if so desired by the President, Secretary, or any member of the Conference.
10. When a motion is made, seconded and entertained by the President, it shall be in possession of the Conference, but it may be withdrawn at any time by the mover with the consent of the seconder, before a decision is had thereon or an amendment entertained by the President.
11. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except when a member has the floor, when such a motion cannot be made without his consent.
12. In discussing the reports of committees, the chairman of the committee whose report is under consideration, or such member of the same as the committee may agree upon, shall be entitled to close the debate, (except when the previous question is ordered.)

IV. QUESTIONS TO BE TAKEN WITHOUT DEBATE.

- 1.—All motions, simply, to adjourn.
 - 2.—All motions to lay on the table.
 - 3.—Motions for the "previous question."
 - 4.—Demand for the "yeas and nays."
 - 5.—All appeals from decisions of the President.
 - 6.—All motions for extension of time, either of a member on the floor, or the session of the Conference.
 - 7.—All motions to re-commit.
 - 8.—All motions to place documents, reports, or other papers on record.
- All questions that may arise in the course of Conference proceedings, not determinable by these Rules of Order, shall be determined by the President, in accordance with established parliamentary law, subject to appeal to the Conference.

PLANS OF EXAMINATION.

CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

Ancient History,.....	GEO. W. TOWNSEND.
History of Methodism,.....	T. R. CREAMER.
Scripture History, Old and New Testament, Discipline of M. E. Church,.....	G. W. MILLER.
History of the United States,.....	E. L. HOFFECKER.
Logic and Rhetoric,.....	R. E. JONES.

FIRST YEAR'S CLASS.

Wat. Institutes,.....	S. T. GARDNER.
Mental Philosophy,.....	P. H. RAWLINS.
Homiletics,.....	E. E. WHITE.
Church History,.....	J. ROBINSON.
Plain Account of Christian Perfection and Written Sermon,....	W. M. WARNER.

SECOND YEAR'S CLASS.

Statement of Proof of Bible Doctrine,.....	W. E. ENGLAND.
Wats. Institutes, part 2,.....	W. J. DUHADWAY.
Hibbard on Baptism,.....	A. STENGLE.
Moral Science,.....	G. S. GASSNER.
Written Sermons and Books to be read.....	E. P. ALDRED.

THIRD YEAR'S CLASS.

Butler's Analogy.....	W. P. DAVIS.
Wat. Inst., P. 3 & 4,.....	H. COLCLAZER.
Nast's Introduction.....	JOHN E. SMITH.
Argus' Hand Book,.....	R. H. ADAMS.
Whateley's Logic and Sermon.....	W. I. BAIN.

FOURTH YEAR'S CLASS.

Section 1,.....	T. B. HUNTER.
" 2,.....	T. O. AYRES.
" 3,.....	C. W. PRETTYMAN.
" 4,.....	J. A. B. WILSON.
" 5,.....	T. L. TOMKINSON.

Committee and Class meet Monday evening, at 7½ o'clock.

TO EXAMINE LOCAL PREACHERS FOR ORDERS.

Watson's Institute, Part IV, Sacraments and Systematic Divinity...J. B. QUIGG.
Bible Doctrines and leading events in New and Old Testament...J. A. BRINDLE.
Church Government and Common English.....JAMES CONNER.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Have any entered this Conference by transfer or re-admission?*
John Warthman, from the New Jersey Conference; G. W. Miller, from Central Pennsylvania Conference; M. A. Richards, from Cincinnati Conference; D. T. Waddell, from Wyoming Conference.
2. *Who are admitted on trial?*
A. W. Lightbourne, Francis B. Quigley.
3. *Who remain on trial?*
Olin S. Walton, Charles A. Grice, Alfred Smith, J. M. Lindale, Julius Dodd.
4. *Who are admitted into full connection?*
J. Heston Willey, Ed. L. Hubbard, Charles A. Hill, W. S. Robinson, Robert K. Stephenson.
5. *Who are the Deacons of the first class?*
J. Heston Willey, Ed. L. Hubbard, Charles A. Hill, W. S. Robinson, R. K. Stevenson.
6. *Who are the Deacons of the second class?*
W. W. W. Wilson, W. E. Avery, Lewis C. Andrew, Edwin C. Atkins.
7. *Who have been elected and ordained Elders?*
G. W. Townsend, John E. Mowbray, J. McK. Brewington, Theo. A. H. O'Brien, E. C. Macnichol, W. L. P. Bowen, Wilber F. Corkran, Lewis E. Barrett, John M. Collins, Edmund L. Hoffecker, Thomas E. Terry, Albert Chandler.
8. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*
J. Hubbard, I. T. Cooper, G. Barton, J. Esgate, J. L. Taft, E. Miller, W. Merrill, H. Sanderson, J. Allen, J. McK. Brewington, W. W. Redman, J. W. Pierson.
9. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*
J. L. Houston, W. Urie, A. A. Fisher, E. J. Way.
10. *Was the character of each Preacher examined?*
It was.
11. *Have any located?*
None.
12. *Have any withdrawn?*
None.
13. *Have any been transferred? and to what Conference?*
J. B. Mann, to the Central Pennsylvania Conference; D. W. C. McIntire, to the New Jersey Conference; W. J. Stevenson, to Troy Conference; D. C. Ridgway, to Cincinnati Conference; C. M. Pegg, to New York East Conference; T. B. Killiam, to the Wyoming Conference; and H. S. Thompson, to New Hampshire Conference.

14. *Have any been expelled?*
None.
15. *Have any died?*
John Hough, T. J. Williams.
16. *What is the Statistical Report?*
(See Statistical Report.)
17. *What are the claims upon the Conference Funds?*
(See Steward's Report.)
18. *What has been received on the foregoing claims, and how has it been applied?*
(See Steward's Report.)
19. *Where are the Preachers stationed?*
(See list of appointments.)
20. *Where and when shall the next Conference be held?*
Lewes, Delaware. Time to be fixed by the Bishops.
21. *Have any Local Preachers been ordained?*
Charles H. Baker.
22. *Are any of our Literary or Theological Institutions under the control and patronage of this Conference, and what is their condition?*
Drew Theological Seminary, Dickinson and Wesleyan Female Colleges, and the Wilmington Conference Academy. (See Education Report.)
23. *Who are the Conference Board of Church Extension?*
(See Officers of Conference Societies.)

APPOINTMENTS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

L. C. MATLACK, P. E.

P. O. address, 307 W. 7th street, Wilmington, Del.

Bethel, Md.,	S. W. Layfield.
Charleston, Md.,	E. H. Macnichol.
Cherry Hill, Md.,	T. B. Hunter.
Chesapeake City, Md.,	J. W. Hammersley.
Chester, Pa.,	W. B. Gregg.
Claymont, Del.,	supplied by T. F. Plummer.
Christiana, Del.,	John Shilling.
Delaware City and Port Penn, Del.,	W. F. Talbot.
Elkton, Md.,	Vaughan Smith.
Elk Neck, Md.,	G. S. Conaway.
Mt. Lebanon and Cuba, Del.,	W. E. Avery.
Mt. Pleasant, Del.,	G. W. Wilcox.
Mt. Salem, Del.,	T. L. Tomkinson.
Newark and Wesley, Del.,	John France.
New Castle, Del.,	M. A. Richards.
Newport, Del.,	J. D. Rigg.
North East, Md.,	C. F. Sheppard.
Port Deposit, Md.,	N. M. Browne.
Red Lion and Glasgow, Del.,	D. T. Waddell.
Rising Sun, Md.,	J. D. Kemp.
St. George's and Summit, Del.,	J. O. Sypherd.
Wilmington—Asbury,	Charles Hill.
“ Brandywine,	E. E. White.
“ Epworth,	Edward Davis.
“ Grace,	G. W. Miller.
“ Scott,	P. H. Rawlins.
“ St. Paul's,	J. H. Caldwell.
“ Union,	Adam Stengle.
Zion Circuit, Md.,	A. D. Davis.

J. M. Williams, President of Wesleyan Female College—a member of Grace Church Quarterly Conference.

A. T. Scott, Professor in Wesleyan Female College—a member of St. Paul's Quarterly Conference.

EASTON DISTRICT.

T. E. MARTINDALE, P. E.

P. O., Smyrna, Del.

Appoquinimink, Del.,	J. M. Collins.
Cecilton, Md.,	To be supplied.
Centreville, Md.,	J. P. Otis.
Chestertown, Md.,	E. B. Newnam.

Church Hill, Md.,	I. G. Fosnocht.
Easton, Md.,	E. P. Aldred.
Galena, Md.,	J. E. Bryan—one to be supplied.
Greensborough, Md.,	J. E. Smith.
Hillsboro, Md.,	F. C. McSorley.
Kent Circuit, Md.,	E. H. Miller.
Kent Island, Md.,	B. F. Price.
King's Creek, Md.,	C. A. Hill.
Marydel, Md.,	G. W. Burke.
Massey's, Md.,	To be supplied.
Middletown, Del.,	W. L. S. Murray.
Millington, Md.,	W. J. O'Neill.
Odessa, Del.,	W. H. Hutchin.
Pomona, Md.,	I. N. Foreman.
Queenstown, Md.,	Isaac Jewell.
Royal Oak, Md.,	T. E. Bell.
Smyrna, Del.,	T. H. Haynes.
Smyrna Circuit, Del.,	J. A. Brindle.
St. Michaels, Md.,	R. H. Adams.
Still Pond, Md.,	J. B. Merritt.
Suddlersville, Md.,	J. T. Van Burkalow—one to be supplied.
Talbot, Md.,	John Warthman.
Townsend, Del.,	J. H. Willey.
Trappe, Md.,	W. M. Warner.

DOVER DISTRICT.

R. W. TODD, P. E.

P. O., Dover, Del.

Airey's, Md.,	To be supplied.
Barrett's Circuit, Del.,	R. K. Stephenson.
Beckwith and Speddins, Md.,	W. S. Robinson.
Bridgeville, Del.,	R. C. Jones, W. W. Redman, supply.
Cambridge, Md.,	E. L. Hoffecker.
Camden, Del.,	Joseph Robinson, L. E. Andrew.
Church Creek, Md.,	F. B. Quigley.
Denton, Md.,	A. W. Milby, J. M. Lindale.
Dorchester, Md.,	J. E. Kidney, Alfred Smith.
Dover, Del.,	W. P. Davis.
Ellendale, Del.,	Newton McQuay.
Federalsburg, Md.,	W. B. Walton, C. H. Williams, supply.
Felton, Del.,	To be supplied by J. S. Willis.
Frederica, Del.,	J. E. Mowbray.
Galestown, Md.,	E. C. Atkins.
Georgetown, Del.,	Henry Colclazer.
Harrington, Del.,	W. E. England, Julius Dodd.
Hooper's Island, Md.,	To be supplied.
Leipsic and Raymond's, Del.,	W. F. Corkran.
Lewes, Del.,	C. W. Prettyman.
Lincoln, Del.,	E. L. Hubbard.
Milford, Del.,	J. B. Quigg.
Millsboro, Del.,	Valentine Gray.
Milton, Del.,	G. S. Gassner.
Nassau, Del.,	James Carroll.
Seaford, Del.,	T. E. Terry.
Woodlandtown, Md.,	J. W. Peole.
Wyoming, Del.,	A. W. Lightbourne.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

T. S. WILLIAMS, P. E.

P. O., Salisbury, Md.

Accomac, Va.,.....	L. E. Barrett.
Annesessex, Md.,.....	J. A. Arters, G. A. Grice.
Asbury, Md.,.....	T. O. Ayers.
Berlin, Md.,.....	Robert Roe.
Bethel Circuit, Del.,.....	W. M. Green.
Chincoteague, Va.,.....	T. A. H. O'Brien.
Crisfield, Md.,.....	W. J. Duhadway.
Deal's Island, Md.,.....	T. R. Creamer.
Delmar, Del.,.....	S. T. Gardner.
Fairmount, Md.,.....	J. A. B. Wilson.
Frankford, Del.,.....	E. H. Nelson.
Fruitland, Md.,.....	W. L. P. Bowen.
Gumboro, Del.,.....	T. H. Harding.
Holland's Island, Md.,.....	To be supplied by L. P. Corkran.
Laurel, Del.,.....	G. A. Phœbus.
Parsonsburg, Md.,.....	Albert Chandler.
Pokomoke City, Md.,.....	W. I. Bain.
Princess Anne, Md.,.....	W. R. McFarlane, O. S. Walton.
Quantico, Md.,.....	E. H. Hynson.
Roxana, Del.,.....	Joseph Dare.
Salisbury, Md.,.....	G. W. Townsend.
Sharptown, Md.,.....	James Conner.
Snow Hill, Md.,.....	W. W. W. Wilson.
Stockton, Md.,.....	T. J. Prettyman.
Worcester, Md.,.....	To be supplied by G. W. Covington.

REPORTS OF THE PRESIDING ELDERS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

With a very few exceptions, every charge on the Wilmington District has been visited four times by the Presiding Elder; seventeen Sunday Schools have been addressed, twelve protracted meetings were attended, and one hundred and thirty-seven sermons preached by him during the same period.

A gracious season of revival has been enjoyed by the Churches, including the City Charges generally, and also Brandywine, Cherry Hill, Chesapeake City, Chester, Christiana Circuit, Red Lion, Mt. Salem, Newark, New Castle, Newport, North East, Port Deposit, Scott, St. George's, and Zion.

The last named Circuit reports two hundred and twenty-five conversions; Chester and Port Deposit aggregate nearly two hundred more; several of the others exceed fifty each, and the grand total exceeds nine hundred by careful enumeration. Of the twenty-nine charges on the District, two-thirds of them have been highly favored of the Lord this year.

The improved material condition of the District is indicated by the following facts: A second elegant new church building at Mt. Salem has been erected, with only a small burden of debt. The generosity of the members and friends of that Church, through the efficient agency of Rev. C. F. Sheppard, completed the second building within a few months after the destruction of the first, by fire.

The members and friends of Grace Church, within the space of fifteen days, through the personal efforts of Dr. Stevenson, made provision for removing \$66,000 of debt, which, we believe, is an achievement without parallel in the history of American Churches. All this, with increased benevolent collections, prove that Grace is free, and also rich in good works.

The brethren at New Castle have canceled their entire indebtedness, which amounted to over twelve hundred dollars.

At St. George's, a subscription of \$1,600 has been received towards the erection of a new parsonage, which is in process of erection.

The Union Church building in Wilmington, has been improved by the outlay of \$1,500, which has been provided for by prompt and liberal contributions from the people and pastor both.

The initiative steps have been taken on Charleston Circuit for securing a parsonage, and mainly through the agency of the pastor.

The diminution of Church debt in other charges also, although in smaller sums, are tokens of progress in the right direction. A joint effort to cancel all Church debts throughout the Connection before the Centenary celebration in 1884, as suggested by Bishop Simpson, recently, would be a grand memorial service.

A carefully tabulated statement of the number of members in each class, the average attendance, and the number of those who have not attended once during the year, has been prepared from the Leader's Reports at the Quarterly Conferences. The results reached, show that there is an average weekly attendance equal to one-third of the membership; that more than three-fourths of the members attend Class occasionally, and that less than one-fourth of them neglect Class habitually, on the Wilmington District.

The small attendance at Quarterly Conference, the neglect of many Stewards to perform their duties, the want of systematic financial work, and the embarrassment consequent thereon, are noted evils which it is hoped may be speedily corrected by special efforts now in contemplation for the ensuing year.

The health of the Preachers, with one exception, has been generally good. Brother J. W. Pierson's health is so feeble that he will need rest, and, therefore, he desires to have a supernumerary relation given to him.

The year has been one of great satisfaction to the writer. The uniform welcome greetings by his brethren, and among the Churches, has made the work of the Presiding Elder an easy task. Of the \$200 assessed for District parsonage furniture, only \$17 remains unpaid, which will probably be promptly reported. The inmates of the District Parsonage owe special acknowledgments to the committee of ladies from Grace, St. Pauls, Asbury and Union Churches, which the Stewards appointed to secure the needed furniture.

With this general statement the usual statistical report of the Wesleyan Female College is submitted, pursuant to the requisition of the Discipline.

LUCIUS C. MATLACK.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF WESLEYAN FEMALE COLLEGE.

PRESIDENT, REV. J. M. WILLIAMS, A. M.

FOUNDED 1837.

Number of Instructors.....	8
Whole number of Students—Boarders.....	40
Day Scholars.....	40
Whole number.....	80
Graduates since 1855.....	226
Volumes in Library.....	1,500
Value of Apparatus.....	\$1,500
Number of Specimens in Cabinet.....	1,000

L. C. MATLACK, P. E.

EASTON DISTRICT.

DEAR BRETHREN:—It seems but yesterday since Bishop Scott announced my name in connection with Easton District, thereby imposing new duties and new responsibilities; yet four years, bearing with them their record to "Him, whose we are and whom we serve," have passed into eternity. To me they have been years of toil and anxious thought. At times, looking at the responsibility attached to the position of a Presiding Elder, I have felt a shrinking, and have been ready to say, "Who is sufficient for these things?" but obtaining help from God, I have been enabled to continue unto this day.

The health of the Pastors (with but few exceptions) has been good.

Rev. T. J. Williams, who was taken so very ill at our last session as to be unable to return to his home, died at the residence of Brother Robert C. Gorden, in New Castle, on the 27th of March. On the first day of April his remains were interred at Smyrna, Del.; there he rests in "hope of a glorious resurrection." A suitable memoir will be read at the Memorial Service.

It is but just and proper for me to say in this connection, that Brother Gorden and his excellent wife were exceedingly kind and attentive to our Brother during his illness; and when the end came, Brother Gorden and the members of the Fraternity to which our deceased Brother belonged, arranged for the funeral and burial without cost to the family. May the blessing of Him who has said, "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me," be theirs richly to enjoy.

The health of Dr. Urie is still feeble, though in much suffering he is patiently waiting to hear the Master say, "It is enough, come up and see my glory."

Last April Brother T. E. Martindale and wife were called upon to mourn the death of their only son, an interesting little fellow of six years. While the stroke was severe, they found comfort in the words of the Great Shepherd, "Suffer the little ones to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven."

Mrs. Annie Jewell, the wife of Brother Isaac Jewell, passed suddenly from earth on the 23d of February, in prospect of a better inheritance.

There has been a disposition on the part of some Official Boards to reduce the salaries of the Preachers, (which are small enough at best,) so that some of our brethren, at times, have been compelled to feel the inconvenience and embarrassment incident to a meager support, or to supplement this lack by drawing upon their own private funds. I think I know the preachers of Easton District well enough to say, that they have the spirit of self-denial, and would willingly suffer for Christ, even in this direction, if there was a necessity for it. Brethren of the laity, allow me to say by way of parenthesis, if you wish your Pastors to do faithful work, give them a liberal support; many Ministers would preach with new vigor could they escape from the thralldom of debt. Perhaps no man feels so sensibly in his work, the embarrassment and anxiety which debt imposes, as does the Minister of the Gospel. It troubles him by day and by night; it obscures his vision of the Spiritual and the Eternal, mars the beauty of his thoughts, tinges his sermons more or less with gloom, and endangers his reputation; in short, it almost paralyses his usefulness. Again, I would say to the Official Boards, "devise liberal things, and by liberal things ye shall stand." Notwithstanding the embarrassment referred to, the Brethren have gone forward, saying by their action at least, "none of these things move us," and God has greatly blessed their labors, as may be seen from the following showing:

The Church in Smyrna has, for some years past, been groaning under a debt of about *ten thousand dollars*, which greatly crippled them in their efforts to extend the Redeemer's kingdom. About the first of May, a plan to raise the indebtedness was formed, which plan embraced two conditions:

- 1st. No subscription should be binding until the whole amount was provided for, and
- 2ndly. No money should be paid out until the whole thing was an assured success.

To the surprise of even the most hopeful, in a comparatively short time, the money was subscribed *and paid*, so that within three months after the announcement of the plan, the Church *stood free from debt, with money in the treasury*. As an expression of thanks to God for moving the hearts of the people to such liberality, and also in commemoration of the Centenary of Methodism in Smyrna, a praise service was held October 19th, at which time many of the former Pastors, some of them from a great distance, were present, aiding in making the day one of especial interest, and long to be remembered. In view of all the circumstances, the payment of this debt was a most marvelous success, one for which the Church is largely indebted to Rev. T. H. Haynes, pastor, and Brother John H. Hoffecker, of the Board of Trustees.

Methodism was introduced in Talbot County, Maryland, in 1779. In one of the old records is found this entry: "The first Methodist Preacher who visited these parts, was William Watters, about the year 1779. He preached in a barn that stood on the farm now owned by Mrs. Polly Harrison. He held a two-days' meeting. Seven persons were converted and formed a class in St. Michael's." This suggested the thought of celebrating the Centennial of Methodism in Talbot County. Accordingly, at the first Quarterly Conference for the year, held at St. Michael's, a committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the occasion. They performed their work well, and appointed the 13th of August as the time for the celebration. In this Centennial service there were three especial aims prominent.

1st. The gathering the people.

2d. To impress the community with the power of Methodism, by showing what God had wrought in their midst during the past hundred years, through the instrumentality of this branch of His Church; and,

3d. To raise funds for relieving a long standing debt.

In all these particulars, the celebration was a grand success. The people were present *en masse*. Impressions were made as to the power and efficiency of Methodism, which will not be soon forgotten; and the grand sum of \$1,600 was raised, which enabled them not only to pay a debt of \$1,000 on their parsonage, but left a balance, with which they have nicely upholstered their Church. To accomplish this, and other successes, the Pastor, Rev. R. H. Adams, has been untiring in his efforts.

"The Church at Middletown, Rev. T. E. Martindale, pastor, has been greatly improved by lowering the floor of the lecture room, and extending the Church eighteen feet back, so that the present building is 40 by 70 feet. The class and infant class-rooms open into the lecture room, thus affording ample accommodations for a large school, and in each the appointments are complete. The audience-room is both comfortable and elegant; it is carpeted over the entire floor, and has in the rear of the pulpit a large recess in which has been placed a beautiful Hook & Hasting's pipe-organ. The whole building is lighted by a Springfield Gas Machine. The change in the front consists in a neat and graceful steeple about ninety feet high, in which has been placed a large bell, the gift of an unknown friend." The entire improvements cost \$7,400; of this amount \$5,690 have been raised by cash and subscription, leaving a debt of about \$1,800. The congregations are large, and we venture to say that the Church at Middletown has the promise of a bright future.

At Townsend, Rev. J. H. Willey, pastor, the brethren found their place of worship too small to accommodate the congregation, and meet the demands of Methodism at that place. To supply this want, an addition of 18 by 36 feet was made, giving to the house a cruciform appearance. The cost of this, with other improvements, amounted to \$600, all of which has been paid.

Through the untiring labors of Rev. E. L. Hoffecker, a beautiful Church, 34 by 50 feet, has been finished and paid for, on Tilghman's Island, Talbot Circuit, at a cost of about \$3,000.

When we consider the circumstances of this people, we regard this as a grand achievement.

Bond's Chapel, on Kent Circuit, has been greatly improved, at a cost of \$1,500. Piny-Neck, same Circuit, has been enlarged, newly plastered, new floor and seats, at a cost of \$325. The cost of these improvements has been fully provided for. Plans are in operation to build a parsonage at Bakersville, for which purpose James H. Baker, Esq., has donated and deeded a lot to the Board of Trustees, according to the form laid down in the discipline. Initiatory steps have also been taken to erect a parsonage at Rock Hall. For the accomplishment of these several enterprises, the Pastor, Rev. J. Jewell, has been especially active.

Harris' Chapel, on Denton Circuit, has been enlarged and modernized, at a cost of about \$600. Improvements have also been made upon the Church in Denton, rendering it much more attractive, and the expense incurred by the latter has been fully met.

The following obligations, \$116 on Marydel Church, \$100 on Thomas' Chapel, and \$150 on Templeville Church, Marydel Circuit, have been canceled. The Churches on this Circuit are now free from indebtedness. A debt of long standing on the parsonage of Centreville, amounting to \$400, has been liquidated.

Matthias George, Esq., donated to the Centreville charge six acres of land, known as the Wye Camp Ground, deeded to Board of Trustees, as provided by the Discipline—the only condition being that if seven consecutive years shall pass without a camp being held, the property shall revert to said Matthias George, or his heirs.

An obligation of \$300 which rested upon the parsonage on Appoquinimink Circuit, has been canceled.

The Church at Odessa has been upholstered at a cost of \$250, which amount has been provided for in cash and reliable subscriptions.

The Church at Millington, to which I made reference in my last report, has been finished in a beautiful manner, and furnished elegantly. The house was dedicated to God on the 9th of November, by Bishop Haven, assisted by Dr. Mallalieu, of Boston. It will be remembered by the Conference that this house was commenced in 1871. The lecture room was dedicated by Bishop Andrews in 1872, at which time they were not only compelled to suspend operations for want of funds, but found themselves embarrassed by a debt of more than \$3,000; the interest of which has been provided for by our noble-hearted Brother, Thomas Mallalieu. At the last session of the Conference, the Presiding Elders were instructed, by resolution, to present the condition of Millington M. E. Church to the Quarterly Conferences of their respective Districts, on their first round, and to urge the setting apart a day early in the Conference year, for the lifting of a collection in its behalf. This resolution inspired the brethren of Millington with confidence, and, encouraged by their Pastor, Rev. William J. O'Neill, they said, we will finish the house." The entire cost of the Church, including interest on loan or advance, is \$13,631.43; amount received in cash and subscription, \$9,072.84; amount received from the Churches, \$450.73; still leaving an indebtedness to March 1st, of \$4,137.86.

The Sunday School interest has been well sustained on the District.

There is, I think, a decided improvement in Class attendance in many charges on the District, but I regret to say, at some other points, the neglect of this means of grace still continues to a large extent. This may be attributed, I think, to two things:

1st. To a want of greater efficiency on the part of some of the leaders.

2ndly. To the delinquency, in this particular, of some of the more prominent members of the Church.

During the Fall and Winter months the brethren have been earnestly engaged in extra services; revival meetings have been held in every charge on the District, and, in each, souls have been converted and the Churches quickened. Those charges which have been more especially favored with the outpouring of the spirit are, Hillsboro', Denton, Queenstown, Church Hill, Odessa, Middletown, Sudlersville, and Galena. We shall report over one thousand probationers. The collections have been attended to; for the results, I must refer to the reports of the brethren in charge.

With this Conference my work as Presiding Elder ends, and I desire to say, that during my four years in this office, I have received encouraging words and kind acts from my brethren, both in the ministry and in the laity. I believe the utmost kindness prevails.

I recognize the fact, that whatever has been accomplished in the building up, or in extending Christ's Kingdom in the bounds of the District, is attributable to the blessings of the Lord, which has crowned the labors of His servants with success. Therefore, with a heart full of gratitude, we say: "To the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. Amen."

Respectfully submitted.

CHAS. HILL, P. E.

DOVER DISTRICT.

When, at the close of the last session of our Conference, the name of the Presiding Elder of Dover District was announced by Bishop Simpson, not one of us entertained the least suspicion that he would not make his report of another year's struggles and victories at the session of 1880. But, at to-day's roll-call, when our Secretary called the name of John Hough, there was no response.

Scarce had we reached our homes from New Castle, last March, and entered anew upon our great battle for God, ere the wires flashed the startling intelligence through our Peninsula, that one of our number had fallen. There was an opening in the itinerant ranks to be closed up; there were new exigencies to be adjusted; there were bleeding hearts to be healed.

If I may be pardoned the utterance of a word that is merely personal, permit me here to give some expression to feelings growing out of intimate relations to our dear deceased Brother Hough. Having been twice my Pastor—first in my boyhood, and again while I was a Supernumerary member of the Conference—and twice my Presiding Elder, I learned to place a very high estimate upon his sterling Christian integrity and manly honesty, and to value, in no small measure his consistent friendship; and the intelligence of his death wrought in my heart a deep sense of personal bereavement. A fitting tribute to his memory and worth has been prepared by another hand.

With this sad exception, the lives, and, in a good degree, the health of the Preachers of Dover District have been graciously preserved during the Conference year.

On Friday, April 11th, 1879, I received a communication from Bishop Simpson, dated the 10th, which was, in part, in the following words: "Rev. R. W. Todd, Dear Bro.:—You are hereby appointed Presiding Elder of the Dover District in the place of our lamented Brother Hough. You will please enter upon its duties at an early hour." Accordingly, the following week, with no little embarrassment and anxiety, I assumed the responsible charge placed upon me, and entered upon the public labors of the office in the town of Dover, Delaware, where, twenty-six years before, I began the ministry of my boyhood, and where, in the Spring of 1871, after ten years of Supernumerary intermission, was readmitted to the effective ranks.

By my appointment as Presiding Elder, a vacancy was created in the pastorate at Milton. Ere any arrangement could be made to fill this, still another vacancy was occasioned by the transfer of Rev. H. S. Thompson from Camden Circuit to a field in the New Hampshire Conference. After four weeks of fruitless effort and negotiation, Bishop Simpson relinquished into my hands the responsibility of supplying these vacancies. After thoughtfully and prayerfully surveying the field, and securing, as far as possible, the sympathy and co-operation of the laity of the several appointments to be effected by proposed changes, I removed Rev. Jos. Robinson from Felton, and placed him in charge of Camden Circuit, filling his place by committing the work at Felton to Rev. J. S. Willis, a Supernumerary member of the New York East Conference.

Rev. G. S. Gassner, recently transferred from the Illinois Conference and stationed at Ellendale, was taken for the Milton work, and Rev. A. P. Prettyman, a student of the Wilmington Conference Academy, was placed in charge of Ellendale Circuit.

Dover District, in its present geographical relations, was formed in 1873. In arranging its metes and bounds, it cannot be claimed that our Conference fathers had much respect to the question of compactness or symmetry. The only thing, in the heavens above or in the earth beneath, to which it might be likened, is a vast kangaroo, 120 miles long and 40 miles across, at the broadest part of his body. The nose lies at Dover; the ears point up to Little Creek and Leipsic; the short fore-paws reach out to Camden and Wyoming; the body extends down the Delaware Railroad to Seaford; the back touches along the margin of the Delaware Bay, with the caudal appendage protruding southward, from Lewes, through Rehoboth, along the Atlantic to Indian River; while the gigantic lower limbs extend, the one along the Dorchester and Delaware Railroad to the Choptank and thence to its mouth, and the other along the Nanticoke and Blackwater, beyond the "World's End" to the "Bishop's Head!"

In both Church and Sunday School membership, Dover District led, in the beginning, and still leads her sister Districts by several hundreds. It is, however,

a matter of regret, that while, with the least populous territory, her membership is greatest; in the reports of Missionary and benevolent contributions, she occupies the *third* place. From data in my possession, however, there is reason to hope for a healthful advance this year, both in members and in financial results.

The reports of the brethren show that about one hundred and fifty nominal and unconverted members of the Church have been quickened into life; and that more than eleven hundred sinners have been converted from the error of their way during the Conference year.

While the Lord has graciously remembered his servants, and prospered their work, in a greater or less degree, in every field, the following Circuits and Stations have enjoyed extraordinary outpourings, viz: Camden, Ellendale, Millsboro', Lewes, Dorchester, Beckwith's and Church Creek; while Dover, Felton, Harrington, Lincoln, Milton, Georgetown and Bridgeville have been favored with "seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord."

During the year, two neat and comfortable parsonages have been completed and occupied, one at Lincoln and the other at Cambridge.

Two new Church edifices have been erected and dedicated during the year; one on Barrett's Circuit, Rev. W. F. Corkran, pastor, near Bowers' Beach. It is a neat and comfortable structure, 24x40 feet, in Gothic style, with recess pulpit, and cost \$1,000. This was dedicated December 8th, 1879, the entire indebtedness having been covered by subscription. At this point a membership of forty has been gathered without materially weakening Barrett's Chapel. The second Church was built at Galestown, Rev. Jas. Carroll, pastor, who deserves special mention for his energy and devotion in this work, without which it would not have been accomplished. The building is 32x46 feet, with recess pulpit, steeple and bell, and was completed and furnished at the remarkably low cost of \$1,200. It was dedicated, free of debt, February 1st, 1880, and \$50 additional were secured to paint the parsonage.

At Leipsic, and also at Raymond's, on the same charge, improvements and repairs have been made upon the Churches, aggregating in cost \$280.

The Church and parsonage at Dover have been repainted, and the Church refurnished, at a cost of about \$735, all of which has been promptly met.

A debt of \$100 on the Church at Camden has been paid, and \$200 have been raised and expended in very desirable improvements to the parsonage property.

At Wyoming, Brother W. H. Ridgway, a sagacious and large-hearted layman, has purchased and presented to the Church an eligible and valuable lot, as the location of a proposed new Church edifice.

At Milford, through the persistent and inspiriting energy of the Pastor, Rev. J. B. Quigg, supplemented by the faithful co-operation of the congregation, an embarrassing floating debt of nearly \$1,700 has been cleared away, and the Church at that point enters upon a new and better era.

Our people at Greenwood, on Bridgeville Circuit, have suffered inconvenience and loss, and were likely to suffer to a still greater extent, by reason of the inconvenient location of their Church, one and a half miles distant, at St. Johnstown. But measures have been taken to supplement the Church by providing in the village a Chapel for Sunday School, and prayer and class meeting purposes.

The Pastor of Church Creek Circuit, Rev. E. L. Hubbard, has worked hard to regain lost ground in that locality. An opening, having at length been found for effective work at Wolford, a village some two miles from Church Creek, a proposition was made to remove our unoccupied Church from Bucktown to that point, our entire membership at Bucktown having affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Accordingly, at the fourth Quarterly Conference, the necessary steps were taken to legalize the removal, and the brethren interested at once proceeded, with teams and workmen, to carry the proposition into effect. Having arrived on the ground, however, they were met by their Southern brethren with the most earnest remonstrances, and Brother Hubbard was, by *tears*, defeated in his intentions; and, on the entreaties of the estranged children,

agreed that the old homestead should remain. Tears at a mother's grave are most fitting, and deserve sincerest respect. May we not hope that, on soil thus watered, some resurrection flowers may yet spring into fruitful life?

The failure to secure the Bucktown Church did not discourage the stalwart and earnest brethren at Wolford; and, with the implements, men and teams with which they marched to Bucktown, they countermarched to their home forests, and felled and drew to the saw-mill the trees that will soon be constructed into a comfortable Chapel, in which they and their children, through the instrumentality of old Methodism, "shall be taught of the Lord." In this movement members of the three Methodisms of Dorchester are harmoniously united and working together, and propose to merge and forget their distinctive, individual peculiarities, in the homogeneous mould of the Mother Church.

Through the earnest and persevering efforts of Rev. W. B. Walton, preacher in charge of Federalsburg Circuit, an embarrassing debt of \$400 on the Church at Preston, has been swept out of the way, greatly to the relief of our cause at that point.

The pastors and people of Dorchester Circuit have manifested praiseworthy enterprise. At Vienna, the Church has been remodelled and greatly improved by the addition of a recess pulpit, and the erection of a neat steeple, from which a fine bell sends forth the call to worship, while the entire structure has been repainted and refurbished, and the choir provided with a fine Estey Chapel Organ. The improvements, costing nearly \$400, have been effected without debt.

The Church at East New Market is, at present, undergoing repairs and improvements that will add greatly to its beauty and comfort, at a cost of about \$300. It will be re-opened in a few weeks.

The present is the Centennial year of old Barrett's Chapel, it having been erected in 1780. The congregation at that historic place propose, during the present year, to remodel and rebuild this church, providing suitable school and class rooms on the ground floor, and an attractive audience room above. The cost of these improvements will probably be somewhat more than the small membership is able to bear. They will, however, do all that can reasonably be expected, and ought to receive the enthusiastic sympathy and support of our entire Peninsula Methodism. While the handful of Methodistic corn that was once here housed, in what was, in derision, styled a *corn crib*, now "shakes like Lebanon" in all the mountain tops of the earth, let us renew and preserve the old *garner* as a sacred memento of the sowing and reaping of our wonderfully prolific century.

The present year is also the Centennial of the introduction of Methodism into Dorchester County, Maryland. At the last Quarterly Conference of Dorchester Circuit, a committee was appointed to open correspondence with the Pastors of the various Methodist Churches located in that county, and to co-operate with similar committees to be elsewhere appointed, in a suitable recognition and celebration of the notable event.

I am glad to be able to report signs of a revival of interest in, and attendance upon, our class meetings, and that there has been marked improvement in the spirituality of the Church in almost every charge.

From observations made during the year, I am persuaded the Church is *but beginning* to appreciate the vast import of the Sunday School interest. While, at some points, our people exhibit a just estimate and a commendable zeal as to this cause, in most of our rural appointments there is a sad want of that holy enthusiasm the grandeur of the portentous work ought to inspire. It gives me pleasure, however, to make honorable mention of White's Chapel, on Lewes Circuit, and of Salem, on Dorchester Circuit, both country appointments, whose faithful workers *never suffer the fire on their Sunday School altars to die out*, thus demonstrating the absurdity of the stereotyped old whine that it is impracticable to prosecute this great work in the Winter season. I would respectfully commend to the attention of country Superintendents the following plan:

1st. Keep your schools together until Christmas, by arranging for a suitable entertainment of some kind at that season.

2d. Have your annual reorganization and your Missionary anniversary in the latter part of January, or sometime in February, and these interesting exercises will sledge you over the snow and ice to the open and secure harbor of Spring time.

The statistics of our Quarterly Conference records reveal the fact that an average of only 51 per cent. of our official members attend the Quarterly Conference sessions—being so low, in several instances, as 20 and 25 per cent.; and it is a significant fact that, in these charges where the delinquency is greatest, there the Church is farthest behind in everything requisite to her financial and spiritual prosperity. Where the leaders in our Israel habitually absent themselves from the business meetings of the Church, they will naturally come to know, or care, but little about the Churches's interest; and there being no one else to care for them, they necessarily languish from sheer neglect. What the Church most needs at some points, is an honest revival that will radically convert the sinners in her official high places. The Churches languish, the Pastors are disheartened, all the wheels of Church enterprise drag heavily, sometimes, because a dozen chief laymen refuse to give to God's business *two* of the 2101 hours contained a quarter of a year. No man can suffer by faithfulness to God's cause, and an honest conscience should demand of official delinquents either that they perform faithfully their responsible trust, or resign their work into more willing hands.

The Wilmington Conference Academy is located at Dover, Delaware. It is of high grade, and while it admits, as boarders, gentlemen only, it is open to young ladies, as day scholars, not a few of whom are availing themselves of its advantages.

This institution was founded in 1872; the buildings were completed and occupied in 1874. The original buildings were burned March 10th, 1876. It was rebuilt and reoccupied in 1877.

R. H. Skinner, A. M., is Principal, who is ably assisted in the work of instruction by a highly competent corps of seven professors and teachers.

No. of students enrolled in the Preparatory Department,	-	-	44.
No. of students enrolled in the Academic Department,	-	-	70.

Total No. of students in the Institution, - - - 114.

The Wilmington Conference Academy has graduated thirty-nine persons, four of whom are in the itinerant ministry, and two in the local ranks. The grounds, buildings and furniture have an estimated value of \$50,000. The Academy has no endowment. There are 450 volumes in the library, to which constant additions are being made, and also a valuable philosophical and chemical apparatus. The Cabinet contains several hundred mineral and geological specimens.

Income last year, from board, tuition, &c.,	-	-	\$608.72.
Income from Educational collection,	-	-	938.68.

Total income last year, - - - \$1,547.40.

There is a bonded indebtedness upon this institution of \$15,000, and a floating debt of \$10,853.34. The highest efficiency of the Institution, as well as the honor and prosperity of Methodism on our beautiful Peninsula, demands the speedy liquidation of at least this floating indebtedness; in which case it is believed that the income from rent, and the annual educational collection, will pay the interest on the bonds, and provide a surplus for the gradual extinction of the debt.

The value of the Wilmington Conference Academy to Peninsula Methodism cannot be estimated, and we owe it to our cause, at the present session of our Conference, by one vigorous and united effort, to place our Academy where the hand of Providence can ever, hereafter, wield its immense forces in the interest of our holy cause.

It is a fact of most gratifying significance that, in the benefits of the gracious revival with which Dover has recently been visited, the students of our Academy have largely participated.

I would respectfully suggest that the members of this body, by correspondence, from time to time, furnish such information to Professor Skinner as may aid him in crowding our Academy with students.

In conclusion, it givest me sincerest pleasure to be able to state, that my relations with all the Pastors have been of the most confidential and endearing nature; that my intercourse with the laity, both officially and socially, has been most fraternal and pleasant, and that the many kind services rendered me in my work, by both preachers and people, have placed me under obligations I can never hope to repay, save in the grateful remembrances of a brother's loving heart.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. W. TODD, P. E.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

POPULATION AND MEMBERSHIP.

Population.....	65,000
Membership.....	6,500

PREACHERS, OFFICIALS, APPOINTMENTS.

Number of Itinerant Preachers.....	26
“ “ Local “.....	37
“ “ Officials.....	588
“ “ Appointments.....	24
“ “ Churches.....	26

CHURCH BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT.

New Churches built—Wesleyville, Snow Hill Circuit.....	
Bethesda, Gumboro “.....	
Massey's, Quantico “.....	3
Churches finished—Mt. Olive, Annessex “.....	
Nelson's, Parsonburg “.....	2
Churches unfinished—Asbury, Asbury Charge.....	
Deal's Island.....	2
Churches Remodeled—Bowen's, Snow Hill Circuit.....	
Conover's, “ “ “.....	
St. Peter's, Annessex “.....	3
Church debts liquidated—Christ, Fairmount Charge.....	
Line, Gumboro Circuit.....	2
Parsonages built.....	1
“ owned.....	12
“ rented.....	10

NUMBER OF MITE SOCIETIES.

Onancock—Amounts collected.....	
Snow Hill, “ “.....	74 00
Salisbury, “ “.....	52 00
Frankford, “ “.....	59 94
Asbury, “ “.....	125 00
Annessex, “ “.....	72 91
Laurel, “ “.....	56 00
Crisfield “ “.....	100 00

T. S. WILLIAMS, P. E.

Reports of Committees.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—In presenting to you our Seventh Annual Report, we respectfully ask attention to the appropriations recommended by us, and to the grants made by the Parent Board, during the year, also to our financial condition with respect to that Board.

At our stated meeting in May, we found ourselves restricted beyond anything we had formerly experienced, on account of the meagreness of the Conference Collection for Church Extension. It seemed that the head, trunk, and limbs of this child of Methodist highest vigor were regarded by us as fitted only for the dissecting room, and that we had concluded, with as much haste as respect to our feelings would suffer, to reduce it to the condition of a skeleton. Out of the fifteen hundred dollars, asked of this Conference, our receipts, being two-thirds of the amount raised, were only three hundred and ninety-six dollars. Never before, during our history, have we been compelled to make such an exhibit.

Applications for aid, made in due form, came before us, which we could not recommend on account of the state of our Treasury.

We did, however, recommend, and the Parent Board granted the applications of the Society at Houston's, Delaware, and at White's Chapel, on Annessex Circuit. That for Houston's Chapel being \$150.00, was paid by the Parent Board, last July.

Through the energy of one of our brethren, the Rev. T. O. Ayers, the whole amount necessary for the debt on White's Chapel, was raised on the day of dedication, and the pastor, having been thus successful, recalled the application.

Our present account with the Parent Board is as follows:

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE.

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1879.			
Jan'y 1st,	By balance from 1878.....	\$116	26
	By amount authorized by the General Committee, viz., \$1000.		
	Asked \$1500, received \$594, result.....	396	00
Dec. 31st,	By loans returned.....	300	00
1879.		CONTRA.	
July, 2nd,	To Houston, Delaware.....	\$150	00
Dec. 31st,	Balance, (\$300 for loan).....	662	26
		\$812	26
1880.	Asked, \$1500.		
	Authorized, \$1000.		

It will be seen by the foregoing that \$300.00 loaned by the concurrence of the Wilmington Conference Board, out of the amount we were authorized to use in 1878, to the Church at Stanton, Delaware, has been returned; and, by Rule 17, of the General Committee, it now stands to the credit of the Wilmington Annual Conference, to be further loaned within our Conference territory. It cannot be used as a donation, but may form the nucleus for such an increase as shall in

the near future be available to the relief of Churches within our bounds. Deducting this from the amount placed to the credit of the Conference, we have now \$362.26 available for donation, which will be further augmented by the collections soon to be reported.

THE CHURCH EXTENSION ANNUAL is supposed to be in the hands of the preachers, but there are few among our laymen who have gained any definite and practical knowledge concerning the plans and methods of the Board of Church Extension. While called to deal with a new feature of our work, as a Conference, we respectfully submit so much of these plans, to be published in our Annual Minutes, as shall be necessary to impart the needed instruction to the laymen of our Conference.

I. *The amount allowed to us for distribution within our bounds is in pro rata proportion to the amount raised.* To illustrate: if we are asked to raise \$1500, and are authorized to appropriate to home uses \$1000, then on the raising of the said \$1500, we may use the \$1000 allowed us; but if we raise only \$500, we can have for distribution only \$333.33 $\frac{1}{3}$. The scale of *pro rata* distribution is fixed annually by the General Committee of the Board of Church Extension. At present our Conference is entitled to two-thirds of the amount raised by us.

II. *The Conference Board of Church Extension is not vested with executive but advisory powers.* The Parent Board may endorse or reject any or all recommendations of the Local Board, nor can the latter recommend any application for aid, which shall be greater than the sum of money standing to the credit of the Conference.

As we have for the first time in our history as a Conference, a *Loan Fund*, which we hope to see largely increased, it is deemed wise to explain its nature to all our people. We therefore call attention to

III. *The Loan Fund.* No part of this Fund may be donated for any purpose, or used for current expenses.

Said Fund may be loaned to any Church or Society within our bounds, without interest, in small sums, or with interest, as occasion may require.

In recommending a loan to any Church or Society, the Conference Board thereby endorses the security offered, making all amounts accruing to the credit of the Conference liable for the payment of such loan.

A loan may not be made for a longer period than five years, nor in sums exceeding five thousand dollars, to any Church or Society.

No loan may be made with the expectation of replacing it by a subsequent donation.

The Conference Board of Church Extension may recommend the increase of the Conference Loan Fund by adding thereto any part of the collection authorized to be used by them.

Believing that in almost every part of our territory relief may be immediately given to embarrassed Churches or Societies by a small loan, accompanied in some instances by a like donation, we most heartily commend this feature of our work to the Methodists of the Peninsula, and respectfully ask the capitalists among us to make special donations to the Wilmington Conference Loan Fund.

Your Conference Board of Church Extension does not consider its duty accomplished, in simply looking carefully after the interests of the cause we represent, within our own bounds. The third part of your collections, which go into the Fund for general Church Extension, is designed to aid in planting the Church in regions new, and remote from us. It is our duty to plead in the interest of the *Africo-American* in the South, towards whom Rome is stretching forth her gloved hand, and while concealing the blood-stains, captivates the eye with beads, and crosses, and genuflexions. The signs of the times demand the exodus of Romanists from the habitations of the South, by the building up of Methodist gospel homes, for the colored people thereof. It is our duty to plead in the interests of our western, south, and northwestern territories, into which, perhaps, during the year 1880, thousands of Ireland's starving poor will be settled, together

with the ever increasing flow of emigration from our Atlantic shores. They need, they must have, we must help to give them, a Church home.

Let us then, as a portion of the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, understand our work, and do it for His sake. And to God be the glory forever.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg leave to make the following report:

It is gratifying to note the fact that the cause of Education continues to be an object of supreme concern among our people, and that it still enlists the warm sympathies and active benevolence both of the ministry and laity of our Church. It is especially encouraging to know that the interest of our people increases in behalf of the several institutions located within the territory over which our Conference supervision in part or whole extends. The first and oldest of these is

DICKINSON COLLEGE.

She is the *Alma Mater* of many of the noble men who are now standing on the walls of our Zion, proclaiming the glad tidings of salvation by faith, and of others who, having finished their work, have gone to their reward. Among the latter, we mention the honored name of one of her ex-presidents, the beloved, the tried and faithful Dashiell. The Institution is still in the enjoyment of vigorous life, and in the full tide of a successful career. Its friends are now looking forward to its centennial celebration in 1883. It is hoped that ere the coronal of a hundred years shall grace her venerable head, the new building for scientific purposes will be completed. Such of the students as may desire the advantages of physical training and development, now have an excellent opportunity for military drill, a competent officer having been appointed for that purpose, by the President of the United States, and a number of young men in the College have enrolled themselves for instruction under him.

Resolved, That having undiminished confidence in Dickinson College, and in the capacity of its Faculty, we do most earnestly commend it to the patronage of our people.

WESLEYAN FEMALE COLLEGE.

This Institution presents an encouraging report. The attendance of boarders for the current year has been full fifty per cent. in advance of the attendance last year; that of the day scholars has about equaled last year's. The work done, according to the statements of the President and Visiting Committee, is fully up to the curriculum embraced in the catalogue. The religious turn of the school has been remarkable. All the boarders, except three, have become Christians, and a number of the day scholars have also been converted. The class and prayer meetings are well attended, the latter being conducted by the young ladies themselves. There were three graduates last June, and there are three in the present session class. We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That rejoicing in the signs of prosperity and growth of this valued and honored school, we commend it to the patronage of those who desire to place their daughters where they can secure a high grade of educational advantages in the surroundings of a Christian home.

Resolved, That we renew and emphasize our invitation to the president, Rev. J. M. Williams, A. M., to visit our congregations, and present to the people the interests of the College.

DREW THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

This institution is in the thirteenth year of its history. It is now doing the full work for which it was founded, notwithstanding its whole Endowment Fund was swept away in 1876, by the failure of its founder, Daniel Drew. It has graduated 192 students, who are now distributed over the home and foreign fields of the Church. There are at present 105 students, 7 of whom are from the Eastern

States; 60 from the Middle States; 7 from the Southern States; 22 from the Western States; 7 from the Foreign Mission fields, and one from the District of Columbia. The course of study requires three years, and there are 33 members of the Senior class; 30 in the Middle class; 31 in the Junior class, and 11 pursuing special studies. The Endowment Fund amounts to \$280,000. The revenue yielded by it is designed to furnish gratuitous instruction to young men called to preach the Gospel.

Resolved, That we regard Drew Seminary as one of the noblest and most efficient Institutions of the Church, and therefore commend it to the confidence, support, and earnest prayers of our people.

CENTENARY BIBLICAL INSTITUTE.

During the present year this Institution has been attended with marked success. A minister of the Baltimore Conference has offered to donate a lot of land worth \$8000, and \$5000 in cash, provided a sufficient amount shall be raised to erect such a building as is needed.

Resolved, That we commend this Institution to the sympathy and benevolent support of our people.

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE ACADEMY.

During the past two years the attendance of students has steadily increased, term after term. The property is rented by the Principal, on a plan by which the Trustees receive rent in proportion to the patronage. The first year they received \$600, and the present year will make the rental at least \$1000. We can not too strongly urge the ministers of this Conference to exert themselves to secure students for the Academy, which we have established for the benefit of our people. We desire to express our high appreciation of the Faculty, and especially of the efficient management of the Principal, R. H. Skinner, A. M. What is most needed at present is a united effort on the part of the ministry and laity to extinguish the floating debt of the Academy. We therefore submit the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the Wilmington Conference Academy, being the child of this Conference, claims our special care, protection and support.

Resolved, That the ministers of the Conference, and the people of Dover, having taken on them so much of the floating debt as to raise the sum of \$8000, we most earnestly appeal to the laymen, throughout the Conference, to raise the remaining part of the same—the sum of \$4000.

REPORT OF TRACT COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Tracts submit the following report:

WHEREAS, The publication and gratuitous distribution of Tracts is a convenient and inexpensive method of disseminating saving truth; and

WHEREAS, This method has been pursued for many years with most advantageous and satisfactory results; therefore,

Resolved, That we heartily advise Pastors and Tract Committees to employ this truly great agency in the work of saving souls, with more than wonted zeal; especially recommending the unsparing use of Tracts among those who neglect the ordinary means of grace.

REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee beg to report the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we have unabated confidence in the American Bible Society, and that we deeply appreciate the influence of its agents within the bounds of our Conference.

2. That in view of the tendency of modern thought, and for other reasons, it is peculiarly important to keep the minds of our people in sympathy with the

study, and circulation of the word of God, as an antidote to skepticism, a source of moral power, and a regeneration of the masses; and that, therefore, the Bible should be retained in the Public Schools, as an unsectarian book of instruction in sacred history and moral truth.

3. That the expansion of Church work demands an increased effort to extend and promote Bible study, in order to prevent the many excellent helps to a better understanding of Scripture from superseding a personal use of the Bible itself. We therefore recommend that it be used attentively in connection with the ordinary lessons in the Sabbath School service.

4. That we regard with great pleasure the beneficial results of the circulation of the Scriptures upon our foreign Missionary work, as well as upon the home interest of the Church; an instance of which is found in the publishing of the New Testament in Athens, to be read in Ancient Greek, and protected by Government authority.

5. That the collection for the Bible Cause be taken in the early part of the Conference year.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

It is with pleasure that we record the interest that is taken in nearly every part of our Conference in Sabbath School work. There are a few things, however, to which we would call especial attention.

While the great excellence of the International system of lessons is admitted, and, while taken as a whole, it is doubtless the best thing in its department that has ever been devised, yet experience has fully demonstrated that to make it a real advantage this system must be used with fidelity and skill. We believe there is too much truth in the charges preferred against it, that in many instances it is crowding the bible and the catechism out, and is imparting a very superficial and fragmentary knowledge of christian doctrine, and of the scriptures.

While your committee look with grave apprehension upon the evils alluded to, they wish it recorded as their unanimous opinion, that the International system, is by no means responsible for those evils. That where there is a disposition to use the bible in the school, the Berean system honestly and faithfully employed, will encourage and aid in its use, that there is any inclination to use the catechism, the Berean system will readily make room for it, that where there is the slightest desire to acquire a consecutive and thorough knowledge of the bible, the Berean series will render very efficient and constant aid. Your Committee, therefore, that the International system may be used with skill and advantage, would suggest the imperative necessity of constant and thorough preparation of the lessons upon the part of pastors, superintendents and teachers, as well as pupils, that in preparing and teaching the lesson there be constant use of the bible, and that such an arrangement of the time be made as shall give a portion of it to the reading of the bible at every session, by the entire school, and as shall make it possible to bring our dear old friends the catechism out of their hiding places, and to use them, thus teaching our children the doctrines of religion as held by our Church.

2. We would also state that while there is a very noticeable improvement in the sentiment of Sunday School music, yet a still greater improvement could be made by substituting for much of it the Hymnal of our Church, which by its grand hymns that have been fully tested, and which children readily learn and love to sing, has been found well adapted to sowing precious seed of the Master's Kingdom.

3. In addition to this, we feel that we must call attention to the fact that in supplying our schools with reading matter there is need of the greatest care. We are assured from the highest authority that the books and periodicals of our own publishing house may be safely placed in the hands of our children. It is impossible to say the same thing of some of the publications furnished by other houses, and sometimes found in our schools. Nearly in the language of the address of

of our book agents we would say: "We cannot see how any Methodist preacher or superintendent can turn over his school to outside parties, for instruction, whose sole motive is money making. It would be quite as reasonable to employ outside and irresponsible pastors for our pulpits because they claim they can be obtained cheaper than our own.

Your Committee believe that these points are grave and should receive careful and prayerful attention, in order that larger and better work in our Sabbath Schools may be done for God, and that throughout our borders all our children may be taught of the Lord, and that great may be the peace of our children.

LADIES AND PASTORS' CHRISTIAN UNION.

The Committee on the "Ladies and Pastors' Christian Union," respectfully report the following,

WHEREAS, The "Ladies and Pastors' Christian Union" has proved an arm of strength in carrying forward the word of the Church, and bringing the Gospel to many who otherwise would be without it, inducing many to attend those services, bearing christian greetings and sympathy, and help to the sorrowing and needy, and in various other ways aiding the pastor in his work for souls. And WHEREAS, we have learned from the Parent Society, that they desire Mrs. T. L. Tomkinson to look after its interests within the bounds of our Conference, therefore,

Resolved, I. That we hereby heartily endorse the written desire of the Parent Society in having Mrs. T. L. Tomkinson look after and care for its interests within the borders of our Conference.

Resolved, II. That we reaffirm our profound conviction of the great usefulness of these societies as rallying centres for the working women of the church, and as an invaluable adjunct to the pastorate, and that we recommend the formation of such societies wherever practicable.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We believe that the time has come for the most rigorous and outspoken agitation of the cause of Temperance. No christian can be slack in this matter and not fail in his duty to his God and to his fellow man. We must talk, preach, and practice Temperance.

We have listened with great interest and profit to Miss Francis E. Willard, and we bid her God speed in her efforts to make felt the voice of woman on this most vital interest.

Your Committee presents the following resolutions.

I. We are in hearty sympathy with the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, now organized in twenty-three States of the Republic, and will heartily aid in its advancement. We urge the organization of these local societies in every charge, and recommend all our ministers, and ladies interested in this great cause to send to Miss F. E. Willard, 53 Bible House, N. Y., for plans of organization and methods of work, and to the same address for "Our Union" the woman's temperance paper, sixty cents per annum.

II. Sunday School instruction on the 13th, Sunday, all the year around, and the introduction of Temperance lessons into our public schools (as in the city of New York) are methods which we thoroughly endorse.

III. We appeal to the wives and mothers of our peninsula to lead not their husbands and sons into temptation by the use of wines or liquors on their tables, whether as a beverage or as a culinary ingredient.

IV. We recognize in the National Temperance Society and Publication House, an exceedingly valuable agency in furnishing temperance information. We heartily commend their books and publications.

V. While we declare ourselves in favor of entire prohibition, we yet look with great favor upon local option laws, and upon any legislation that lessens the rum-traffic in our midst. We pledge our hearty coöperation with all phases of temperance work.

VI. We believe public sentiment is the track which guides the political machine, and that it is our duty as christians to *straighten the track*.

VII. We request the Bishop and his council to appoint a member of this Conference to preach a Temperance Sermon on the evening preceding the first session of the next Conference.

Resolved, That a Committee of five ministers and five laymen, residents of Delaware, be appointed by this Conference to take such steps as may be necessary to inaugurate the needed organization and effort to secure Local Option, in the State of Delaware.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Committee to audit the accounts of the Presiding Elder's Distribution of the "Church Relief Fund," report the following:

Amount received by them through collection, \$450 36

DISBURSED BY

Dr. Mattlack, Presiding Elder of Wilmington District.	
1st. To Charlestown Circuit,	\$50 00
2d. To Christiana Circuit,	80 00
	----- \$130 00
By Chas. Hill, P. E. of Easton District,	
1st. To Appoquinimink Circuit,	\$125 00
By R. W. Todd, P. E. of Dover District,	
To Church Creek Circuit,	100 00
By Thos. S. Williams, P. E. of Salisbury District.	
To Sharptown Circuit,	100 00
	----- 455 00

Overpaid by the Presiding Elders, 4 64
We find the above is correct as per vouchers.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Your Committee on W. F. M. Society, desires make to the following report: While we have listened to the facts as presented by the Secretaries, Miss Hart and Mrs. Stevens, we are more than ever impressed that our sisters have not run before they were sent, but have only entered the great and effectual door which has been providentially opened for them. There was a time when we stood by, looked on, questioned and even feared that the work of the W. F. M. S., would be detrimental to the success of the Parent Board, but experience has shown us, that the workings of this society, have helped rather than hindered our regular missionary collections. Therefore, we recommend the immediate organization of auxiliaries whenever and wherever feasible, the resuscitation of those which may be inactive; and the vigorous and zealous prosecution of the purposes of the Society in all our charges. We also recommend the Heathen Woman's Friend, as a paper full of missionary intelligence and worthy of the support of every worker in the great field already white unto harvest. We offer our heartiest sympathy to our sisters, and will count it a pleasure to be of service to them in any way consistent with the requirements of the constitution of their society.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

Your Committee beg leave to report that the work of this society continues to be an important factor in our Church aggression. While christianity demands increased interest and liberality at our hands, for this society, it is equally demanded by patriotism. The Romish Church, whatever her purpose may be, is reach-

ing eager hands toward this class of our citizens, with promises of help and education. And making large out-lays of men and money, for the fulfilment of her stipulations.

If we would retain this population for Protestantism and Patriotism, our people must be taught to abandon their prejudices against the cause, and checkmate the movements of Rome, not with sentiment, but with CASH.

The love of God, the love of man, and the love of country, demands it.

The society needs \$75,000 this year, in order to the successful prosecution of its work. Our Conference is requested to raise \$1,100 of this sum, which, in view of the exigencies of the case, is an extremely moderate requirement.

A brighter day is dawning for that important auxiliary of this society, the Centenary Biblical Institute, through the liberality of Rev. John F. Goucher, of the Baltimore Conference, who promises a donation, equal to \$13,000, for a new building to cost \$18,000 upon condition of its completion by September 1st 1880. \$2,500, of the required sum is yet to be secured. This grand opportunity should not be forfeited for lack of a sum so small. We trust that men of ability within our own bounds, will come up to the help of Lord in this case.

In conclusion we beg leave to make the following recommendations.

1. That the sum of \$1,100 be apportioned to the various charges by the Presiding Elders.
2. That the amount be paid over to President Rounds of the Centenary Biblical Institute.
3. That each pastor preach or lecture on the object and work of this society, sometime during the first half of the Conference year, and do his best to raise his apportionment of this collection.

RESOLUTIONS.

PENINSULA CONVENTION.

1. *Resolved*, That the Wilmington Annual Conference, in Conference assembled, judge and declare it expedient and proper, at the beginning of the second decade in our Conference history, to hold another Peninsula Convention of our Church.
2. *Resolved*, That as the first Convention inaugurated the educational movement and effort of this Conference, so a second Convention may accelerate and stimulate the measures deemed necessary to complete success, and place us beyond all embarrassment or liability to further difficulty.
3. *Resolved*, That in order to such a Convention, a committee consisting of one minister and one layman from each District, and three others at large, be appointed to make necessary arrangements.
4. *Resolved*, That the said Convention be held in Dover in the month of June ensuing.
5. *Resolved*, That the Quarterly Conference of the Circuit and Station of this Conference, be requested to elect one Lay Delegate, who, with the Pastor, shall represent the charge in said Convention.

DEACONS AND ELDERS' ORDERS.

WHEREAS, The polity of the M. E. Church permits the ordination of Local Preachers to Deacons and Elders' Orders, and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we should exercise a jealous regard for the honor and efficiency of the Ministerial office; and,

WHEREAS, There are other than intellectual qualifications required for the acceptable and useful exercise of that office; therefore,

Resolved, That the case of all candidates for Local Orders be referred to the Committee on Ministerial qualifications, with instructions to enquire, particularly, as to the fitness of the candidates and the needs of the work.

CENTENNIAL S. S. ANNIVERSARY.

WHEREAS, The Bishops have recommended the observance of the Centennial Anniversary of Sunday School organizations, and have designated the 20th day of May for that purpose; therefore,

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop of the Wilmington Annual Conference appoint a committee of one minister and one layman from each Presiding Elder's District, as early as practicable, to report a plan of united action throughout the Conference.

THE CONFERENCE WORKER.

WHEREAS, *The Conference Worker*, published by our Brother C. H. Sentman, is a valuable auxiliary to our Conference work; and,

WHEREAS, Its editors have stood up in their manliness in opposing wrong in our Church, and have showed commendable enterprise by their persistent effort to establish a repertory for Conference news; therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby tender the paper our warmest sympathies, and pledge ourselves to assist to extend its circulation, and recommend it to our people.

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE ACADEMY.

Resolved, By this Annual and Lay-electoral Conference, in joint meeting assembled, that a committee be appointed, consisting of three members of each Conference, to prepare an address to the people of our Church, on the condition and needs of the Wilmington Conference Academy.

MRS. SARAH A. SCOTT.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Great Head of the Church to remove from the home of our beloved Bishop Scott, the wife and partner of his life, and whereas her Church relations were held within the bounds of this Conference, therefore,

Resolved, That the pastor of our beloved Sister Scott, Rev. W. H. Hutchin, be requested and appointed to prepare a memoir, to be published in the Conference Minutes.

REV. R. L. DASHIELL, L.L. D.

Inasmuch as the late Rev. R. L. Dashiell, L. L. D., was both by birth and choice, one of our honored brothers; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare a paper, recognizing our attachment to, and sense of bereavement over, the loss of our Brother, the late Senior Missionary Secretary.

REV. D. C. RIDGWAY AND C. M. PEGG.

WHEREAS, Our loved and valued Brother, Rev. D. C. Ridgway, is about to leave us by transfer to a distant Conference; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That in the removal of our brother this Conference has lost a devoted and successful minister.

2. *Resolved*, That we assure our brother of our kindly feeling and the high regard which we entertain for him, and that should he, in the providence of God, be returned to us, we will extend to him a hearty welcome.

3. *Resolved*, That we commend him to the affectionate regard and highest consideration of the brethren of the Cincinnati Conference and of the Church to which he shall be appointed.

This resolution was also made to apply to Rev. C. M. Pegg.

MISSIONARY SERMON.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered, to Rev. Wm. B. Walton, for his very able and logical Missionary sermon, and we hope to see it published in one of our Church periodicals.

THANKS.

WHEREAS, The members of this Conference, since their coming into the town of Dover, have been hospitably entertained by persons of our own and other communions; therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby express our grateful appreciation of the sincere kindness which has characterized the families in which we have found liberal comforts during our session.

Resolved, That our thanks are tendered to the P. W. & B., the Delaware, and other Railroads within our bounds, for reduced rates to and from the seat of Conference.

Resolved, That Bishop E. G. Andrews has won our warm admiration by his able Gospel preaching, and by the genial courtesy which has characterized him as our Presiding Officer, and that his frequent presence within our bounds would prove of great advantage to our Church.

Resolved, That we renew our expressions of appreciation for our Secretaries, who, with tireless diligence, have devoted themselves to their work.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to Trustees for the free use of the Church, to the Choir for entertaining music, and to the Sexton for his constant attention.

IN MEMORIAM.

REV. JOHN HOUGH.

Rev. John Hough was born in Yardleyville, Bucks County, Pa., November 1st, 1821, and died at the house of Jacob Hendrickson, his brother-in-law, near Trenton, N. J., March 27th, 1879.

He was of Quaker parentage, and was unacquainted with the doctrines and usages of Methodism until after he was twenty years of age. About that time he went to Pennington Seminary, and while there at school, was brought under its teachings, and soon after converted to God. He at once connected with the church, faithfully discharging the duties which it imposed upon him.

Having been licensed as a local preacher, he was called out in 1846 to fill a vacancy on Halifax circuit, within the bounds of the Philadelphia Conference. He served that charge for four months. In the spring of 1847, owing to the crowded condition of the work, there were no admissions into the Conference, and he was again employed by the elder, serving on Milington circuit. In 1848 he was received on trial into the Philadelphia Conference, in connection with a class of sixteen, among whom were Alfred Cookman, Wm. H. Brisbane, George Maddox, and one or two others, who preceded him to the land beyond.

He was sent this year to Denton circuit, having as his colleague Rev. John Bell; 1849 to Centreville circuit; 1850 he was ordained deacon and sent to Chestertown circuit; 1851 to Milford circuit; 1852 he was ordained elder and sent to Georgetown circuit. On the 6th of April 1852 he was married to Miss Rebecca E. Dukes, who now mourns his sudden death. In 1853 he was returned to Georgetown circuit; 1854-5 Lewistown circuit; 1856-7 Salisbury circuit; 1858-9 Princess Anne circuit; 1860 again on the Georgetown circuit; 1861-2 Dorchester circuit; 1863-4 Greensborough circuit; 1865-6-7 we again find him in charge of Denton circuit; 1868-9 Galena circuit; 1870-1 Talbot circuit; 1872-3-4-5 presiding elder of Easton District; 1876-7-8 presiding elder of Dover District, to which field he was returned at the last session of the Conference, but death overtook him before he reached his home. His ministry extends over a period of thirty-two years and four months. Twenty-five years he spent on circuits, and seven years presiding elder; and whether pastor or elder, he was always faithful in the discharge of the duties of his office.

As a preacher, though he could not be called brilliant, he was nevertheless always good, sound in doctrines and clear in his statements of truth. He sought to instruct the mind and reach the heart, so as to lead the people to the Saviour of men. He was earnest in his delivery and forcible in his application.

He was a man of firm convictions and clear conception of right; never shrinking from the discharge of duty.

Evil of every character found in him a strong opponent, while right and truth found a bold defender. One of the last speeches he made before leaving his home for Conference was at a temperance meeting, in which he dealt some sturdy strokes at the demon of intemperance.

His last speech on the Conference floor was on Monday before his death. It was in support of resolutions, of which he was the author, pledging the ministry not to attend or participate in campmeetings where the Christian Sabbath was permitted to be desecrated by promiscuous sales. The brethren will not soon forget his looks as he stood before them that day, and the earnestness with which he addressed them, urging them to maintain the sanctity of God's holy day.

His death was sudden and unexpected. He had himself been looking forward to long life. But how soon he is cut down!

Leaving the seat of Conference on Tuesday, March 25th, in company with his wife, he proceeded to visit his relations near Trenton, N. J.

On Wednesday, 26th, in the afternoon, in usual health, except a slight headache, of which he had been complaining for a week or two, he rode into Trenton accompanied by his wife, sister and niece, visiting various places of interest. About 5 o'clock they started homeward. On the way he complained of his head, and in reply to a question addressed to him, answered in measured tones, "I can't tell you what I want to." This was his last intelligent sentence.

The home of his sister was soon reached, a physician summoned, but he sank into a deep slumber, from which he could not be awakened. After a night of great suffering, as indicated by the agony depicted in his countenance, he died at 4½ o'clock on the morning of March 27th. His disease was pronounced by the attending physician to be congestion of the brain. His remains were taken to Smyrna, Del., where he lived, and on Sabbath following, his funeral obsequies were held in the M. E. Church, Rev. Chas. Hill, presiding elder of Easton District, preaching the funeral sermon, from the text, "Enoch walked with God, and was not, for God took him," after which his body was borne to the cemetery near by the town and deposited in the grave to await the resurrection of the just—a large number of the ministers of the Conference joining with his sorrowing family in the sad procession. The esteem in which he was held was manifested by the vast concourse of people, of all denominations, who attended his funeral. A good and true man has fallen.

REV. T. J. WILLIAMS.

Rev. Thomas J. Williams was born in the town of Darby, Delaware County, Pa., on the 7th of August, 1826, and died March 29th, 1879. His age at the time of his death, consequently, was 52 years, 7 months, and 22 days.

His father, Rev. Enos R. Williams, was for a long time an honored member of the Philadelphia Conference, and though Brother Williams' early education and training was by so devotedly a christian father, he was not converted until after he had reached his majority, and was a married man. His wife was Miss Sarah Enos, of Smyrna, Del.

In the winter of 1849, in the old Eighth street church, Philadelphia, under the ministry of Rev. Mr. Shields, he was converted to God and joined a class of that church. Shortly after, however, he removed his membership to Wharton Street church, where he was licensed to preach in 1851, the Rev. T. J. Thompson, presiding elder, and his father, preacher in charge of the station. The same year, in connection with other members of Wharton Street, he organized a Sabbath School, and held meetings over a hose-house on Eighth street, from which sprang the Scott M. E. Church, of Philadelphia. In the spring of 1854, there being a vacancy on Greensborough circuit, Md., he was called out by presiding elder McCoombs and sent as junior preacher to that charge. Rev. S. W. Thomas

was his colleague. At the session of the Conference in the spring of 1855, he expected to be admitted on trial in the Philadelphia Conference.

There being no married men admitted, he took his recommendation to New Jersey, and was employed by the presiding elder at Presmont, N. Y., within the bounds of the Newark Conference. He remained in this charge for two years. In the spring of 1857 he was admitted on trial in the Newark Conference.

In 1857-8 he was stationed at Verona, N. J.; 1859 at East Newark, N. J. At the close of his first year at East Newark, he was transferred by Bishop Ames to Missouri, to which field he expected at once to remove, but owing to the distracted condition of the country, he did not go until the fall. His first charge in Missouri was Newark, to which place he was returned in 1861. During this year he was compelled to leave his work on account of the war troubles. He entered the army and was appointed Chaplain of the 39th Missouri Regiment.

At the close of the war he again entered the regular work of the church, and in the spring of 1866 was stationed at Simpson Chapel, (now Trinity Church), St. Louis, Rev. Dr. Sorin being his presiding elder. In 1867-8 he was again stationed at Newark, Missouri; 1869-70 at Edina, Missouri; 1871-2 at Chilicothi, Missouri; in 1873 he was transferred by Bishop Scott to this Conference and stationed at Cambridge, Md., where he remained three years; 1876-77 he was at Seaford, Del.; 1878 Millington, Md., where he finished up his work.

At the last session of our Conference, finding his health broken down, he asked for and obtained a supernumerary relation.

The last sermon he ever preached was in Smyrna, Del., in December 1878. On that occasion it was evident to all that he was failing in health, yet he was unwilling to believe that his work was done. After his return to his home from a visit among his friends at Georgetown and elsewhere, he attempted once more to fill his pulpit but had to take his seat before he had proceeded far in his sermon. During the months of January and February, such was his condition, and so severe his sufferings, that his friends entertained but little hope of his ever reaching another Conference. But for two or three weeks before Conference, his health seemed to improve and his strength rapidly to return, and inspired by the hope that he would soon be well again, he nerved himself and went to New Castle on Monday before the opening of the session to meet the class of which he was one of the examining committee, performing the work assigned him. For the first three days of the session he was regularly on the Conference floor meeting, and enjoying the association of his brethren. On the evening of the third day, he was again suddenly stricken down at the house of Mr. Robert Gordon, with whom he was stopping, and where, after suffering severely for more than a week, he died.

He was a good man—a man of prayer—and was devotedly attached to the ministry, laboring often beyond his strength. His sermons clear and forcible, and always good. In their delivery he was earnest, seeking to reach the hearts of the people and bring them to Christ.

Death found him ready. On the 20th of February, the writer, in company with the lamented Hough, visited him at his home in Millington. He was confined to his bed and quite weak. He talked of his work and of his desire to continue at his post of duty. In answer to an inquiry in regard to his spiritual enjoyment, he answered, "I am all right. I am on the Rock. No fears whatever. It would be foolish in me to turn away from Christ now after having followed him so long."

His ministerial life, after entering the Conference, extended over a period of twenty-two years, and he died in the fifty-third year of his age. His

father was in his fifty-third year when he was stricken down, and his ministry was for about the same number of years.

Brother Williams' remains were taken to Smyrna, Del., on Tuesday, April 1st, and, after appropriate services at the church, were interred in the cemetery near by the town. Rev. T. H. Haynes preached the funeral sermon from Matthew xvii: 1, 2, 3, 4 verses. Remarks were also made by Dr. Sorin, presiding elder Hill, and others.

Many of his brethren in the ministry joined his grief-stricken wife in the sad procession to the grave.

MRS. SARAH A. SCOTT.

Mrs. Sarah Ann Scott, wife of Bishop Levi Scott, sank quietly into the sleep of death at her home near Odessa, Del., at 3:13 A. M., November 25, 1879. Her departure was unexpected and startling, although she had been confined to her bed with severe agues for more than two weeks. Her venerable and beloved husband was at first stunned by the suddenness and weight of the blow; but he bowed to the stroke as one who knew the hand that had smitten him.

Mrs. Scott was the daughter of Ralph H. and Grace Smith, and was born in Philadelphia, Pa., January 10, 1806. She was converted and was received into St. George's M. E. Church, Philadelphia, in the year 1823. In 1830, November 22, she was married to him who now, like Abraham, mourns and weeps for his Sarah.

A serious and protracted illness in Chestertown, Md., in the year 1834, wrecked her health. For more than thirty years she was confined to the house the greater part of the time, and indeed for a large portion of the time to her bed. She was a great sufferer, and only the One who hears the midnight plaint of those who cry to him for relief, can tell how much she suffered; yet, in the midst of all her afflictions, she was never heard to charge God foolishly, nor to murmur at his dispensations.

Although for more than thirty years unable to kneel, she was yet frequent and fervent in prayer because she valued the privilege, and placed the highest estimate upon its efficacy. Her religious experience was well and firmly based. She had an unquestioning trust in the Bible, without note or comment, as the word of God. She had an unquestioning trust in the atonement and intercession of Christ as the ground of salvation. She had an unquestioning assurance of her own safety in Christ. Her Church attachment was strong and permanent. She was loyal to Methodism and its methods. She expressed often much concern lest the Methodist Episcopal Church should drift into worldliness. She had no sympathy with extravagance in churches or in dress. She was loyal to the itinerancy, and was never known to express, directly or indirectly, a desire to go here or there, and was on principle opposed to all interference with the appointing power. She was conscientiously faithful in reproving sin wherever she detected it.

The Sunday preceding her decease ushered in the golden year of her wedded life, and her children and friends were anticipating the celebration of the "golden wedding" when another year should have passed. Seven times the crown of motherhood graced her brow, which never lost its fair beauty. Five of the children are with her, and two remain to weep their loss.

She passed out of great suffering into greater rest in the seventy-fourth year of her age, severing, for time, contact with hearts whose affection for her had grown and strengthened with the continuance of her afflictions.

During her last illness her husband said to her: "My dear, I am afraid that if you do not take some nourishment, you will become so weak that you will not be able to rally."

"Well," said she, with a sweet smile, "then I shall see my precious Emma and the children."

It was the privilege of her pastor to meet with her frequently during the months preceding her departure, and the association was very beneficial. He misses with a keen regret the bright smile and the cordial welcome with which she invariably received him. She had room in her heart for all itinerant preachers, and listened with intense interest to the recital of their toils, trials, and triumphs.

In recent years, no matter how much she suffered, if able, when her husband was expected to return from an Episcopal tour, she was the first to meet him at the open door. Even if the hour was far in the night, and the traveler returned weary, she stood in the open door-way with the lifted lamp lighting up the pathway, pouring a welcome into his eager feasting eyes, drowning the weariness in the delightful greeting. To day she appears as standing in the open portal of a happier and an eternal home, a diviner radiance falls upon her placid brow and transfigures her form, while a smile inexpressibly sweet is an encouragement to the weary heart-sore ones, and the promise of a welcome which grows nearer and nearer as the intervening days sweep one by one into the past.

The interment was at Union M. E. Church, near Smyrna, Del., Friday afternoon, Nov. 28, 1879. Before the funeral procession left the residence, the hymn, "Nearer, my God, to thee," read by L. C. Matlack, D. D., was sung by the choir, when Bishop Simpson led in prayer.

As the physician of Bishop Scott had forbidden him to go the church, because of the inclemency of the weather, Dr. Matlack remained with him, while the long line of carriages passed slowly out of sight.

A large audience was already assembled in the church, and numbers were unable to obtain admission. Deep solemnity characterized the services, which consisted in part of hymns selected from the favorites of Mrs. Scott, and sung with taste by the choir, and the reading of a brief memoir by the pastor of the deceased. The address was made by Bishop Simpson, and those who were present are not likely ever to forget it. The other portions of the services were conducted by President Williams, of the Wesleyan Female College, and Revs. Shilling, Martindale, Willey, Rawlins, Haynes, and Bryan.

MRS. ADALINE P. HOUSTON.

Mrs. Adaline P. Houston, daughter of Benjamin and Anna Maria Price, was born in Kent Co. Md., in the year 1820. She was educated at the Academy in Elkton and partly in Baltimore. She was a woman of fine culture and rare endowments of mind; but her chief ornament was a meek and quiet spirit. She was converted at the age of seventeen, and united in marriage with Rev. James L. Houston, in 1838. She shared with him the trials and privations as well as the blessings incident to the life of an itinerant minister, endearing herself to the people of his charge, and performing at all times the duties of her station with conscientious fidelity. Her convictions of religious truth were clear and strong. During the later years of her life, she was in delicate health, for the last year, a great sufferer. But she bore her sufferings with patience and entire resignation to the will of God. She contemplated death with the greatest calmness and composure. Among her last expressions were the words of Paul to Timothy, "I have fought a good fight, and have kept the faith;" Her husband added, "Yes, and henceforth there is a crown of life laid up for you," "It is not the crown that I am thinking of," said she, "but it is to be with my Saviour." It was thus that she finished her course on the 13th of November 1879.

MRS. ELIZABETH P. STENGLE,

Wife of Rev. Adam Stengle, and daughter of Geo. W. and Nancy Mason, was born in Accomac Co., Va., July 30, 1848, and died at Crisfield, Md., February 18, 1880.

She was converted very early in life under the ministry of Rev. T. L. Tomkinson. She immediately joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, in whose fold she remained until admitted to the better fold on high. She was married Dec. 7, 1864, to him who now mourns her death, being then but little more than sixteen years of age. Her short life was thus equally divided between the comforts and delights of her childhood home, and the mingled joys, toils and anxieties of her own household.

It was in her home that the many virtues with which she was endowed, both by nature and grace, most conspicuously appeared. She possessed a most affectionate and confiding disposition in which every member of her family shared. Her devotion to her husband, and her solicitude for his success, were intense. She held herself ready at all times to make personal sacrifices to facilitate his work; and he cherishes the sweet recollection that, during the fifteen years of their married life, she never gave him an unkind word.

The fidelity, meekness and fortitude with which we bear our life-experiences are among the surest and brightest testimonials to our christian character; and with these graces our sister was richly endued. She had a humble, trusting spirit, that,

"In the hour of grief or pain,
Could lean upon its God."

These lovely features of her character were never more apparent than in her last illness, which was protracted through several weeks, and during which, as she said, she was very happy. She showed no alarm when the subject of her approaching dissolution was alluded to, but expressed herself as "perfectly willing to die," being drawn back only by her solicitude for the training of her children.

On the night preceding that on which she died, she sang in concert with her husband, and, in clear tones, that beautiful hymn:

"Forever here my rest shall be,
Close to thy bleeding side;
This all my hope and all my plea,
"For me the Saviour died."

But the world was now fast fading from her sight, and on the next morning, at three o'clock, she requested the light to be turned up. It was done, but she soon renewed her request. Her husband, perceiving that the shades of death were falling upon her, said, "Lizzie, the Lord is your light, and he will guide you safely through," to which she replied: "I know it and I am trusting in him." In a few moments she said, "I am so sleepy—just let me sleep awhile," and she fell asleep to awake not again until, at the trumpet's call, she awakes in the likeness of her Lord.

Interesting funeral services were held in the Church at Crisfield, after which her remains were borne to Baltimore, and interred in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

MRS. ANNIE M. JEWELL.

Mrs. Annie M. Jewell, wife of Rev. I. Jewell, also the loving and accomplished daughter of Wm. S. and Catherine N. Goslin, was born in Federalsburg, February 7th, 1846, and died in the same place February 23d, 1880.

From childhood she gave evidence of being in possession of a rare character—after-life demonstrated it fully. The formation of character with her was a pedestal upon which she based her eternal hope and joy, Christ and his blood being the chief corner-stone. Trusting in God, she swerved not from that which was right. She was emphatically a Methodist. For the M. E. Church she toiled and sacrificed. Physically she was not strong; in mind, energy, will, principle and faith in Christ, she was strong.

The faculty of perception with her was unusually clear and potent; in judging individuals, or things, it very rarely, if ever, failed her. She was loved in her family as an obedient daughter and as an unailing sister, to an extent not often witnessed. The purity of her character, and the nobleness of its aim, gave her victory over all her difficulties.

She loved her Bible, read it, studied it, and prayed over it. Scores of promises are marked in it by her own hand. Often has she been heard to say, "O, what a precious book this is." Her path was that of the just, shining more and more unto the perfect day. Without a cloud the morning of eternity rose upon her immortal vision. Faith in Christ triumphed gloriously.

On the 24th of April, 1879, she was married to Rev. I. Jewell. This act was not consummated until much careful thought and anxious prayer had been exercised. Persuaded she was doing right, she left her bright home and loving family to join her husband in his work, saying, "By God's help I hope to comfort, aid, and, if possible, help you to be more successful in winning souls for God." It was a short career, only ten months, but long enough to win many friends on Kent Circuit, where she labored with her husband.

The last love-feast she attended will be long remembered by many, when she said, "From a child I have felt the loving arms of Christ around me. This morning I am so pleased that I can testify to His great power to save. He saves me fully, and *now*."

Suffering great pain for two days and three nights, she felt God was her support and comfort. Ere she passed away she said to her sorrow-stricken husband and family, "I want to go out in quiet." Then she said to her brother, "Brother, pray with us, ere I go." A scene here ensued which we cannot describe. It was a scene of heavy sorrow and grief, in which their hearts prayed, "If it be possible, let this cup pass." It was a bitter cup, of which all had to drink. Amid this, their intense sorrow, she quietly bade her family and many friends "good bye," saying, "It is not dark here; all is well, all is well."

"Death is another life. We bow our heads,
And going out, we enter straight
Another golden chamber of the King's,
Larger than this we leave, and *ovelier*."

REV. R. L. DASHIELL, LL. D.

The Rev. Robert Lawrenson Dashiell, LL. D., late senior Missionary Secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, though officially a member of another Conference, was, both by birth and in heart, one of us. He was born in Salisbury, Md., June 26th, 1825. There was laid the foundation of his education for this world, for the church, and for Heaven. There, when a youth he was converted, and to that community, so greatly beloved by him, he came in the after years of his life to greet them with his smiles, and to enjoy the love of home.

As a Methodist, too, he had a very pleasing record, being descended from that happy family in whose house was formed and nurtured the first society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the town of Milford.

Personally, he attained to greatness in the Church of his choice, while such was the purity of his life, the glowing affection of his nature, and the generosity of his soul, that in all the honors bestowed upon him, we felt ourselves to be honored, and in all his responsibilities we felt the responsibilities of kinsmen's hearts.

In his death we are stricken;

"But 'tis God who hath bereft us,
He can all our sorrows heal."

ROLL OF THE DEAD

OF THE

WILMINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

NAMES.	DATE OF DEATH.	PLACE OF DEATH.
Rev. John E. Elliott,	November 8th, 1868,	Snow Hill, Md.
" Thomas J. Quigley, D. D.,	October 19th, 1870,	Laurel, Del.
" Daniel Titlow,	February 7th, 1871,	Philadelphia, Penna.
" Amos A. Ewing,	November, 1871,	Cecil County, Md.
" Alfred Cookman,	....., 1871,	Newark, N. J.
" James Augustus Massey,	July 9th, 1872,	Royal Oak, Talbot Co., Md.
" John Brandreth,	October 3d, 1872,	Frankford, Del.
" Thos. Jefferson Thompson, D. D.,	November 29th, 1874,	Wilmington, Del.
" Robert E. Kemp,	March 6th, 1875,	Greensboro, Md.
" Wesley Kenney, D. D.,	June 24th, 1875,	Smyrna, Del.
" Henry Sutton,	March 23d, 1876,	Philadelphia, Penna.
" George A. Campbell,	September 7th, 1876,	Frankford, Del.
" John W. Weston,	April 23d, 1877,	Wilmington, Del.
" John D. Curtis,	July 25th, 1877,	Wilmington, Del.
" David R. Thomas,	February 13th, 1878,	Wilmington, Del.
" Joshua Humphris,	January 23d, 1879,	Salisbury, Md.
" Francis M. Chatham,	May 29th, 1878,	Berlin, Md.
" Edward G. Irwin,	March 12th, 1879,	Wilmington, Del.
" John Hough,	March 27th, 1879,	near Trenton N. J.
" Thomas J. Williams,	March 29th, 1879,	New Castle, Del.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1880.

To say that your Board of Stewards, feel a deep and lively interest in the work committed to their care, is but feebly to express the fact.

Being sensible of their responsibility and mindful of the confidence imposed in their judgment, they have addressed themselves to their work, carefully, patiently, prayerfully.

Regarding these moneys collected for God's feeble ones, as sacred; an equitable distribution to the several beneficiaries has been studied with religious care, and each one's claim weighed in an even balance. While *mercy* has plead in some instances until the big tears stood in manly eyes, *justice* cried stop, there are other cases of equal need.

Of how much embarrassment could you relieve your Board, if each one would bring up the amount assessed. Then all complaint would cease, as to one having too much and another too little.

This I think, brethren, comes of your not being stewards,

Be gentle, brethren, in your criticisms of the Board, remembering that your day is coming.

And now we take great pleasure in informing you that the amount in hand for distribution exceeds the amount of last year, \$223.94, and yet with this excess and the improved condition of the finances, let it be said to the credit of the Board that not one cent has been touched for expenses.

The amount for distribution is from the following sources :

We take pleasure in reporting from the districts as follows :

	Apportioned.	Raised.	Excess.	Deficit.
Wilmington.....	\$1,475 00	\$1,527 84	\$52 84	
Easton.....	1,185 00	1,066 50		118 50
Dover.....	970 00	788 00		182 00
Salisbury.....	725 00	527 75		197 25

Total from collections.....	\$3,910 09
Chartered fund.....	30 00
Centenary fund.....	180 00
Interest on Riddle Legacy.....	120 00
Interest on Bates' Mortgage.....	141 00

Total for distribution this year.....	\$4,381 09
Excess over last year.....	\$223 94
Apportionment for this year.....	\$4,355 00

The preachers will find that the assessments for the coming year, will not vary much from those of last year, and that we have kept our word and not gone upon a charge because it paid up or exceeded its assessment.

We hope the brethren will take kindly the word of advice we now offer :

1. Make this collection a *specialty*, for the disabled preachers *must be* cared for.
2. Make your *money* even and your *checks* even. Pennies confuse our brethren.

We are ready to distribute the funds as follows :

DISTRIBUTION OF CONFERENCE FUNDS, MARCH 20th, 1880.

Date of Claim.	Term of Service.	NAME OF CLAIMANT.	POST-OFFICE.	Estimates of Quarterly Conferences.	Amount received by each Claimant.
SUPERANNUATED.					
1875	43yr	James L. Houston.....	Wilmington, Del.....	\$500 00	\$ 225 00
1878	18yr	A. A. Fisher.....	Federalsburg, Md.....	350 00	250 00
1878	37½	E. J. Way.....	53 East Broadway, Baltimore.....		100 00
1879	40yr	William Urie.....	Smyrna, Del.....	100 00	50 00
SUPERNUMERARY.					
1847	12yr	George Barton.....	Church Hill, Md.....	300 00	225 00
1877	35yr	John Allen.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.....		250 00
1878	44yr	E. Miller.....	Sudlersville, Md.....	250 00	150 00
1880	22yr	W. W. Redman.....	Wyoming, Del.....		125 00
1880	44yr	John W. Pierson.....	Wilmington, Del.....		56 09
WIDOWS.					
1846	6mo	Hester A. Henderson.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	200 00	150 00
1844	3yr	Drucilla Willetts.....	Berlin, Md.....		50 00
1857	19yr	Mary Hazzard.....	Lewes, Del.....	100 00	150 00
1864	9yr	Eliza J. Magee.....	Church Creek, Md.....	200 00	300 00
1865	10yr	Carrie B. Dennison.....	Wilmington, Del.....	400 00	300 00
1868	2yr	Martha J. Purner.....	Salisbury, Md.....	300 00	175 00
1873	14yr	Rebecca M. Brandreth.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	500 00	225 00
1876	49yr	E. W. Thompson.....	Smyrna, Del.....	150 00	50 00
1876	42yr	E. J. Kenney.....	".....	300 00	300 00
1877	24yr	Ann Sutton.....	Dover, Del.....	100 00	100 00
1878	39yr	Sarah C. Curtis.....	Wilmington, Del.....	300 00	225 00
1878	15yr	Laura E. Weston.....	".....	400 00	300 00
1878	21yr	Mary S. Thomas.....	".....	300 00	200 00
1879	21yr	Annie Irwin.....	".....	400 00	300 00
1879	10yr	Annie D. Chatham.....	Smyrna, Del.....	200 00	225 00
1879	31yr	Rebecca E. Hough.....	Smyrna, Del.....	100 00	100 00
1879	22yr	Sallie E. Williams.....	Georgetown, Del.....		100 00
Total.....					\$4381 09

COLLECTIONS.

Wilmington District.				Easton District.			
CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Apportionment last year.	Am't Collected this year.	Apportionment next year.	CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Apportionment last year.	Am't Collected this year.	Apportionment next year.
" St. Paul's.....	150 00	150 00	150 00	Smyrna Circuit.....	50 00	37 00	50 00
" Union.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	Townsend.....	20 00	25 00	20 00
" Scott.....	30 00	25 00	30 00	Appoquinimink.....	30 00	20 00	30 00
" Grace.....	250 00	350 00	250 00	Middletown.....	60 00	60 00	60 00
" Epworth.....	6 00	6 00	10 00	Odessa.....	55 00	55 00	55 00
" Brandywine.....	25 00	18 00	25 00	Cecilton.....	50 00	40 00	50 00
Mt. Salem.....	40 00	40 00	40 00	Galena.....	35 00	35 00	35 00
Newport and Stanton.....	35 00	35 00	35 00	Millington.....	35 00	49 00	35 00
Chester.....	30 00	30 00	30 00	Still Pond.....	75 00	75 00	75 00
Mt. Lebanon.....	25 00	25 00	25 00	Massey's.....	5 00	.....	.....
Mt. Pleasant.....	40 00	25 00	25 00	Chestertown.....	75 00	75 00	75 00
Claymont.....	.....	15 00	15 00	Kent.....	55 00	55 00	55 00
New Castle.....	40 00	40 00	40 00	Sudlersville.....	45 00	45 00	45 00
R. Lion, Kirkwood & Glas.	30 00	27 00	30 00	Church Hill.....	30 00	20 00	30 00
Christiana.....	25 00	25 00	25 00	Centreville.....	50 00	60 00	50 00
St. George's & Summit.....	35 00	35 00	35 00	Queenstown.....	15 00	3 00	15 00
Delaware City.....	25 00	20 00	25 00	Kent Island.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Bethel.....	50 00	34 34	35 00	Easton.....	45 00	45 00	60 00
Chesapeake City.....	30 00	30 00	35 00	St. Michael's.....	50 00	30 00	50 00
Newark and Wesley.....	35 00	35 00	35 00	Royal Oak.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
Cherry Hill.....	35 00	35 00	35 00	Talbot.....	25 00	12 00	25 00
Elkton.....	65 00	65 00	65 00	Trappe.....	30 00	30 00	30 00
North East.....	40 00	41 00	40 00	Hillsborough.....	30 00	20 00	25 00
Elk Neck.....	10 00	10 00	10 00	Greensboro.....	40 00	43 00	40 00
Port Deposit.....	75 00	75 00	80 00	King's Creek.....	15 00	10 00	15 00
Rising Sun.....	50 00	46 50	50 00	Denton.....	60 00	40 00	50 00
Zion.....	55 00	55 00	55 00	Marydel.....	25 00	25 00	25 00
Charlestown.....	20 00	5 00	20 00				
	\$1475 00	\$1527 84	\$1490 00		\$1185 00	\$1066 50	\$1180 00

Dover District.				Salisbury District.			
CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Apportionment last year.	Am't collected this year.	Apportionment next year.	CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Apportionment last year.	Am't collected this year.	Apportionment next year.
Leipsic and Raymond's..	30 00	25 00	30 00	Fruitland.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
Camden.....	50 00	50 00	50 00	Delmar.....	25 00	15 00	20 00
Wyoming.....	30 00	7 00	30 00	Laurel.....	50 00	50 00	50 00
Felton.....	25 00	25 00	25 00	Lewisville.....	15 00	5 50	15 00
Frederica.....	50 00	50 00	50 00	Parsonsburg.....	15 00	6 25	15 00
Barrett's & Milford Neck	15 00	15 00	15 00	Gumborough.....	25 00	15 00	25 00
Milford.....	65 00	32 00	65 00	Frankford.....	25 00	25 00	25 00
Harrington.....	60 00	60 00	60 00	Roxanna.....	40 00	13 00	40 00
Lincoln.....	25 00	8 00	25 00	Berlin.....	25 00	16 00	25 00
Ellendale.....	25 00	15 00	25 00	Snow Hill.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Georgetown.....	30 00	24 00	30 00	Chincoteague.....	10 00	4 00	10 00
Milton.....	35 00	20 00	35 00	Pocomoke City.....	.....	4 00	25 00
Lewes.....	40 00	40 00	40 00	Stockton.....	40 00	10 00	20 00
Millsborough.....	20 00	21 00	20 00	Accomac.....	35 00	25 00	35 00
Bridgeville.....	100 00	100 00	100 00	Crisfield.....	30 00	30 00	30 00
Seaford.....	30 00	14 00	30 00	Annamessex.....	40 00	23 00	40 00
Federalburg.....	50 00	40 00	50 00	Asbury.....	30 00	30 00	30 00
Galestown.....	10 00	10 00	10 00	Fairmount.....	60 00	60 00	60 00
Dorchester.....	60 00	35 00	60 00	Princess Anne.....	65 00	31 00	50 00
Cambridge.....	35 00	35 00	35 00	Deal's Island.....	50 00	32 00	50 00
Beckwith's & Spedden's..	25 00	25 00	25 00	Holland's Island.....	10 00	10 00	10 00
Church Creek.....	15 00	10 00	15 00	Quantico.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Woodlandtown.....	10 00	2 00	10 00	Sharptown.....	15 00	8 00	15 00
Hooper's Island.....	10 00	.....	10 00				
	\$970 00	\$788 00	\$970 00		\$725 00	\$527 75	\$715 00

Apportionment for Missionary, and other Collections.

Wilmington District.						Dover District.					
CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Missions.	Church Extension.	Freedmen's Aid.	Episcopal Fund.	Church Relief.	CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Missions.	Church Extension.	Freedmen's Aid.	Episcopal Fund.	Church Relief.
" St. Paul's.....	600	100	85	16	12	Leipsic & Raymond's	30	5	4	5	3
" Union.....	500	90	65	15	10	Camden.....	100	15	12	14	6
" Scott.....	175	35	25	12	7	Wyoming.....	30	5	4	4	3
" Grace.....	1,500	200	175	35	25	Felton.....	50	10	6	6	3
" Epworth.....	20	10	8	2	3	Frederica.....	120	20	16	16	10
Brandywine.....	50	30	8	8	6	Barrett's Circuit.....	40	7	4	5	3
Mt. Salem.....	150	15	25	16	8	Milford.....	140	18	12	12	6
Newport.....	100	10	10	14	8	Harrington.....	120	15	12	12	6
Chester.....	50	10	8	10	8	Lincoln.....	40	8	4	5	3
Mt. Lebanon & Cuba	40	10	8	8	6	Ellendale.....	20	5	4	4	3
Mt. Pleasant.....	30	10	8	10	8	Georgetown.....	60	10	6	8	4
Claymont.....	13	5	4	2	3	Milton.....	75	10	6	8	8
New Castle.....	100	15	10	16	10	Lewes.....	100	15	12	12	12
Red Lion & Glasgow.	60	10	8	10	8	Millsborough.....	10	5	4	4	4
Christiana.....	50	10	8	10	8	Bridgeville.....	350	20	16	16	16
St. George's & Summit	60	12	10	15	10	Seaford.....	75	13	12	12	10
Del. City & Port Penn	40	10	8	10	8	Federalburg.....	100	15	10	10	6
Bethel.....	60	12	10	10	8	Galestown.....	40	10	4	5	3
Chesapeake City.....	50	12	10	10	8	Dorchester.....	100	15	12	12	6
Newark & Wesley.....	100	12	10	12	8	Cambridge.....	50	10	6	8	3
Cherry Hill.....	60	12	10	12	8	Beckwith's & Sped'n's	40	10	4	5	3
Elkton.....	200	25	20	12	8	Church Creek.....	20	5	4	5	3
North East.....	120	20	15	10	8	Woodlandtown.....	20	5	4	4	3
Elk Neck.....	10	5	5	5	4	Airey's.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Port Deposit.....	230	40	35	15	10	Denton.....	100	18	12	12	6
Rising Sun.....	120	15	10	12	8	Hooper's Island.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zion.....	175	25	20	15	10	Nassau.....	20	6	4	5	3
Charlestown.....	45	10	10	10	6						
	\$5,405	\$870	\$718	\$353	\$250		\$2,250	\$300	\$204	\$225	\$120

Easton District.						Salisbury District.					
CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Missions.	Church Extension.	Freedmen's Aid.	Episcopal Fund.	Church Relief.	CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Missions.	Church Extension.	Freedmen's Aid.	Episcopal Fund.	Church Relief.
Smyrna Circuit.....	80	15	14	8	6	Asbury.....	50	15	7	6	3
Townsend.....	15	3	8	3	2	Annamessex.....	80	20	15	10	8
Appoquinimink.....	30	6	9	5	3	Berlin.....	50	15	8	6	4
Middletown.....	250	25	20	12	10	Bethel.....	40	5	3	4	2
Odessa.....	175	20	20	12	10	Chincoteague.....	20	5	5	5	2
Cecilton.....	100	20	18	10	7	Crisfield.....	60	15	8	8	5
Galena.....	80	15	16	8	5	Deal's Island.....	65	15	8	8	5
Millington.....	100	15	16	10	8	Delmar.....	60	15	8	8	5
Still Pond.....	140	25	20	12	6	Fairmount.....	125	20	10	15	5
Chestertown.....	200	30	20	12	6	Frankford.....	60	15	8	10	4
Kent.....	75	12	10	12	5	Fruitland.....	50	10	5	5	2
Pomona.....	75	12	10	12	5	Gumborough.....	75	10	10	10	5
Sudlersville.....	100	15	20	8	6	Holland's Island.....	20	5	3	3	2
Church Hill.....	60	10	14	10	5	Laurel.....	115	20	12	12	8
Centreville.....	125	15	16	5	5	Parsonsburg.....	20	5	3	5	3
Queenstown.....	30	5	6	10	3	Princess Anne.....	120	20	12	12	8
Kent Island.....	60	10	14	12	5	Pocomoke City.....	30	10	5	5	3
Easton.....	125	25	20	12	8	Quantico.....	75	15	10	8	5
St. Michael's.....	125	25	15	5	8	Roxanna.....	70	15	10	10	5
Royal Oak.....	30	5	8	5	3	Salisbury.....	65	10	7	6	3
Talbot.....	40	5	8	10	4	Sharptown.....	20	5	5	3	2
Trappe.....	75	10	14	5	6	Snow Hill.....	100	15	12	12	7
Hillsborough.....	30	10	10	5	4	Stockton.....	30	5	4	5	2
Greensboro.....	100	15	15	15	6	Worcester Circuit.....	20	3	4	4	1
King's Creek.....	25	5	4	5	2						
Marydel.....	50	10	15	8	4						
	\$2,670	\$388	\$381	\$247	\$151		\$1,500	\$303	\$192	\$184	\$103

SALISBURY DISTRICT.—GENERAL STATISTICS, No. 1.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.										SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.										CHURCH PROPERTY.					SPECIAL.					
	MEMBERSHIP.					BAPTIST.					SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.					CHURCH PROPERTY.															
	Probationers.	Members.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.	Adults.	Children.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Scholars 15 yrs & over.	Scholars under 15, except Infant Class.	Scholars in Int. Class.	Average attendance of Teachers & Scholars.	Library Books.	Total Expenses of the Schools this year.	S. S. Advocates taken.	S. S. Journals taken.	Officers & Teachers Ch. Membr's or Probationers.	Conversions.	Churches.	Probable value.	Parsonages.	Probable value.	Amount raised for Building Churches and Parsonages.	Indebtedness on Chrs and Parsonages.		No. of Advocates taken.				
Salisbury	24	153	1	3	1	9	2	22	130	50	55	25	91	151	18	18	45	11	2	5,000	1	1,500	24	80	51						
Fruitland	66	260	2	4	27	4	45	269	63	137	69	137	101	305	6	6	44	51	2	2,800	1	1,500	80	80	5						
Dalmar	47	240	2	3	7	5	50	320	140	100	80	250	220	30	0	0	40	25	2	3,750	1	1,500	75	40	5						
Laurel	7	207	2	3	13	1	22	150	40	65	60	100	220	30	0	0	22	39	1	9,000	1	1,500	150	40	21						
Lewisville	39	258	2	4	11	47	29	293	108	178	30	195	275	30	0	0	26	44	4	2,700	1	1,000	250	25	6						
Parsonsburg	10	233	5	2	9	3	20	375	100	100	100	100	100	30	0	0	10	14	4	2,700	1	1,000	250	25	2						
Gumborough	100	300	1	2	8	52	6	50	375	100	90	200	400	40	0	0	10	14	4	2,700	1	1,000	1,000	300	2						
Roxanna	25	430	1	4	13	4	54	300	150	60	90	200	400	40	0	0	10	14	4	2,700	1	1,000	1,000	300	2						
Frankford	50	520	1	14	16	56	6	70	320	137	107	76	235	330	17	10	10	92	82	20	4,200	1	1,000	25	20	24					
Berlin	37	246	2	1	37	4	32	250	120	100	30	175	350	20	0	0	28	45	4	2,000	1	1,000	125	0	13						
Chincoteague	11	374	1	8	12	4	42	250	75	104	71	165	325	37	0	0	41	62	4	2,000	1	1,000	36	0	10						
Pocomoke City	20	160	2	2	8	4	26	150	20	95	50	145	175	45	0	0	9	9	1	1,000	1	1,500	150	34	75						
Stockton	125	275	6	41	26	4	30	300	175	100	25	150	100	30	0	0	20	15	7	1,500	1	1,500	36	100	10						
Accomac	28	360	1	3	30	3	30	225	40	135	50	175	200	50	0	0	30	30	1	2,000	1	2,000	400	62	5						
Annamessex	49	180	1	5	24	7	25	225	40	135	50	175	200	50	0	0	30	30	1	2,000	1	2,000	400	62	5						
Asbury	304	1	3	34	15	100	50	100	50	100	40	75	100	15	0	0	40	50	12	11,000	1	1,000	710	75	0						
Farmount	17	260	1	5	1	23	180	40	100	40	100	130	100	70	0	0	20	30	1	5,000	1	1,000	1,000	75	0						
Princess Anne	80	516	6	12	27	8	70	454	160	141	17	292	215	237	0	0	29	31	6	13,000	1	1,000	1,600	600	0						
Deal's Island	15	145	1	3	34	1	20	150	50	30	8	100	175	66	0	0	19	30	5	3,300	1	1,000	700	0	2						
Holland's Island	44	1	1	1	13	1	6	48	25	15	8	40	70	100	5	5	16	16	1	400	1	1,400	1400	2000	6						
Quantico	251	1	3	3	30	4	32	165	60	105	10	150	240	11	69	5	32	50	25	5,700	1	1,000	1400	70	2						
Sharptown	23	368	2	3	4	20	3	200	465	73	50	8	1353	5052	147	15	40	40	9	6,000	1	1,000	1400	70	2						
	823	6419	36	98	100	645	83	818	5344	1637	1771	1000	3153	4925	1014	38	119	259	672	944	361	82	1339	923	13	16,000	10,745	500	5162	75	248

SALISBURY DISTRICT.—GENERAL STATISTICS, No. 2.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.										BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																													
	ESTIMATES.					RECEIPTS.					MISSIONS.					BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																								
	For support of For Bishops.	Presiding Elder.	Senior Preacher.	Junior Preacher.	Church Relief.	Amount received for support of Bishops.	Presiding Elder.	Senior Preacher.	Junior Preacher.	Parsonage Rent.	Conference Claimants.	From Church.	From S. School.	Total for Miss.	Women's For. Miss.	Board of Church Extension.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid Soc.	Education.	Conference Education Society.	Bible.	General Conference.																		
Salisbury	5	00	25	500	5	00	25	500	5	00	25	500	5	00	25	500	5	00	25	500	5	00	25	500																
Fruitland	5	00	40	800	1	00	7	50	7	00	40	800	1	00	7	50	7	00	40	800	1	00	7	50																
Dalmar	10	00	70	1000	1	00	7	50	7	00	70	1000	1	00	7	50	7	00	70	1000	1	00	7	50																
Laurel	4	00	32	400	1	45	4	20	331	71	800	60	18	20	00	25	65	25	40	25	60	2	40	10																
Lewisville	5	00	40	500	1	00	5	00	500	00	5	50	2	20	00	25	50	25	40	25	50	2	40	10																
Parsonsburg	7	50	700	2	00	5	00	650	00	55	25	00	47	14	51	62	00	3	00	33	00	3	00	3																
Gumborough	10	00	65	600	2	80	4	00	45	00	16	00	3	00	21	00	30	00	33	00	3	00	3	00																
Frankford	5	00	40	500	1	00	5	00	500	00	40	80	20	00	100	00	30	00	30	00	3	00	3	00																
Roxanna	5	00	40	500	1	00	5	00	500	00	40	80	20	00	100	00	30	00	30	00	3	00	3	00																
Berlin	12	00	70	700	2	00	12	00	700	00	40	80	20	00	100	00	30	00	30	00	3	00	3	00																
Chincoteague	5	00	20	400	1	00	5	00	400	00	4	00	17	00	30	00	1	00	1	00	1	00	1	00																
Pocomoke City	40	500	30	600	2	00	3	00	475	00	4	00	17	00	30	00	1	00	1	00	1	00	1	00																
Stockton	10	00	60	600	2	00	10	00	600	00	35	00	80	00	20	00	20	00	20	00	2	00	2	00																
Accomac	55	700	40	600	2	00	3	00	700	00	100	30	00	20	00	30	00	5	00	5	00	5	00	5																
Annamessex	10	00	55	750	2	00	6	00	45	00	30	00	31	00	30	00	31	00	30	00	25	25	25	25																
Asbury	6	00	48	700	2	00	6	00	700	00	75	00	50	00	30	00	30	00	30	00	25	25	25	25																
Farmount	12	00	75	700	2	00	12	00	800	00	100	30	00	50	00	14	90	9	00	13	00	13	00	13																
Princess Anne	8	00	55	700	1	00	8	00	700	00	100	30	00	50	00	50	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2																
Deal's Island	3	00	25	200	3	00	3	00	250	00	10	00	20	00	20	00	50	00	50	00	5	00	5	00																
Holland's Island	6	00	25	700	1	00	6	00	700	00	40	00	50	52	00	50	62	00	5	00	5	00	5	00																
Quantico	3	00	20	450	5	00	1	00	200	465	73	50	8	13	53	15	47	15	40	15	40	15	40	15																
Sharptown	154	50	1193	14550	450	51	50	137	25	1089	75	10,962	44	699	455	75	699	53	576	59	1101	12	120	40	60	45	23	60	23	15	29	95	59	40	35	45	48	05	49	61

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.—NO. 1.

DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS.				SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.										CHURCH PROPERTY.								
	Probationers.	Members.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.	Adults.	Children.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Schools of all ages.	Scholars 15 years and over.	Scholars under 15 except Inf. Class.	Sch's in Inf. Class.	Average attend. of Teach. & Sch's.	Library Books.	Total expenses of Schools this year.	S. S. Advs. taken	S. S. Journals.	Off. & Tech. Ch. Mem's or Probs.	Schools or Probs.	Conversions.	Churches.	Probable value.	No of Parsonages.	Probable value.	Unappropriated for Building & Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages.	Chr. Adv. taken.
Wilmington.....	859	6,239	43	86	177	490	62,110	7,627	2,506	2,692	2,606	5,381	13,821	3,735	495	497	1,934	1,386	337	93	93	\$85,000	13	\$52,200	\$3,455	\$23,837	324
Easton.....	108	685	23	9	60	447	9,107	693	298	228	1,029	3,020	8,918	2,194	331	304	1,514	1,460	447	81	81	259,700	19	46,300	18,101	11,275	357
Dover.....	158	734	24	9	104	525	8,116	2,986	3,174	1,500	1,500	5,372	8,023	4,104	306	458	937	1,425	441	96	96	192,500	14	22,600	6,173	7,782	267
Salisbury.....	823	6,419	56	98	100	645	83,818	5,344	1,037	1,771	1,005	3,153	4,925	1,014	119	259	672	944	301	82	82	133,925	13	16,000	10,725	5,162	244
Total this year.....	3,885	26,734	136	353	441	2,307	334,424	27,226	9,227	9,831	5,570	17,734	36,889	9,048	1,251	1,718	5,604	5,215	1,747	304	304	1,171,125	59	120,100	39,454	48,056	75
Total last year.....	4,170	25,819	147	415	407	2,239	330,424	20,661	9,349	9,115	5,602	17,623	35,936	8,704	1,253	1,618	5,078	5,577	1,747	304	304	1,136,810	58	121,950	39,743	47,966	50
Increase.....	285	915	11	62	20	68	4	29	1,065	716	508	89	753	343	272	100	16	16	101	1	1	34,315	1	1,850	8,711	19	131
Decrease.....																											

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.—NO. 2.

DISTRICTS.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.										BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.											
	ESTIMATES.					RECEIPTS.					MISSIONS.					Total.						
For Support of	Presiding Elder.	Senior Preacher.	Junior Preacher.	Church Relief.	Amount raised for Epis. Fund.	Presiding Elder.	Senior Preacher.	Junior Preacher.	Parsonage Rent.	Conferees.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Woman's For'n Missionary Society.	Board of Church Extension.	S. S. Union.	Tract Society.	Freedom's Aid Soc.	Education.	Conference Educa-tion Society.	Bible.	General Conference.	
Wilmington.....	\$304	\$1650	\$2,090	\$3,501	\$174	\$53	\$261	\$78	\$1,599	\$1,481	\$50	\$3,314	\$96	\$4,497	\$6	\$3,595	\$31	\$290	\$101	\$101	\$60	\$53
Easton.....	241	1,535	1,850	575	62	207	10	1,506	33	1,026	20	1,770	55	1,047	103	85	50	85	50	62	30	49
Dover.....	226	1,250	1,400	1,225	66	25	186	69	1,356	788	00	1,103	44	686	68	187	50	60	30	39	75	44
Salisbury.....	154	1,195	1,450	450	51	50	137	25	1,089	455	75	370	59	1,101	12	120	40	60	45	23	60	23
Total this year.....	925	\$630	70,590	16,600	354	28	794	22	5,330	68	1,883	10	4983	80	3917	38	5,659	82	98	24	128	18
Total last year.....	925	5399	71,095	16,000	450	36	815	71	4,807	45	3,053	35	4,362	00	3,554	10	3,937	50	888	09	908	19
Increase.....	50	230	50	1105	1200	96	88	21	49	62	00	1722	46	972	31	371	99	55	85	05	22	53
Decrease.....																						

\$2.00 additional was received from Harrington Circuit.

ALPHABETICAL ROLL OF MEMBERS.

WITH THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

[The letters designate the present relation. P., Probationers; D., Deacons; E., Elders; Sp., Supernu-merary; S., Superannuated. The figures in the first column indicate the time of admission on trial. Those in the last column the year of appointment.]

1872	Adams, R. H.	E.	St. Michael's, Talbot Co., Md.	3
1864	Aldred, E. P.	E.	Easton, " "	1
1841	Allen, John	Sp.	539 Marcey Av., Brooklyn, N. Y.	
1877	Andrew, Lewis E.	D.	Camden, Kent Co., Del.	1
1877	Atkins, E. C.	D.	Galestown, Dorchester Co., Md.	1
1870	Arters, J. A.	E.	Hopewell, Somerset Co., Md.	1
1877	Avery, Walter E.	D.	Rockland, New Castle Co., Del.	3
1870	Ayers, T. O.	E.	Crisfield, Somerset Co., Md.	2
1870	Bain, Wm. I.	E.	Pocomoke City, Worcester Co., Md.	1
1876	Barrett, L. E.	E.	Onancock, Accomac Co., Va.	1
1835	Barton, Geo.	Sp.	Church Hill, Queen Anne Co., Md.	
1856	Bell, Thos. E.	E.	Royal Oak, Talbot Co., Md.	2
1876	Bowen, W. L. P.	E.	Fruitland, Wicomico Co., Md.	3
1876	Brewington, J. McK.	Sp		
1043	Brindle, James A.	E.	Smymna, Kent Co., Del.	1
1860	Browne, N. M.	E.	Port Deposit, Cecil Co., Md.	2
1857	Bryan, James E.	E.	Galena, Kent Co., Md.	3
1873	Burke, Geo. W.	E.	Marydel, Caroline Co., Md.	1
1845	Caldwell, J. H., D. D.	E.	305 West 7th St., Wilmington, Del.	3
1865	Carroll, James	E.	Nassau, Sussex Co., Del.	1
1876	Chandler, Albert	E.	Parsonsburg, Wicomico Co., Md.	2
1828	Colclazer, Henry	E.	Georgetown, Sussex Co., Del.	1
1876	Collins, J. M.	E.	Blackbird, New Castle Co., Del.	1
1862	Conaway, Geo. S.	E.	Elk Neck, Cecil Co., Md.	1
1868	Conner, James	E.	Sharptown, Wicomico Co., Md.	1
1835	Cooper, I. T., D. D.	Sp.	Camden, Kent Co., Del.	
1876	Corkran, W. F.	E.	Leipsic, Kent Co., Del.	1
1873	Creamer, T. R.	E.	Deal's Island, Somerset Co., Md.	2
1854	Dare, Joseph	E.	Roxana, Sussex Co., Del.	3
1869	Davis, A. D.	E.	Zion, Cecil Co., Md.	2
1869	Davis, Edward	E.	1009 Pine street, Wilmington, Del.	1
1869	Davis, Wm. P.	E.	Dover, Kent Co., Del.	3
1876	Dodd, Julius	P.	Harrington, Kent Co., Del.	1
1871	Duhadway, W. J.	E.	Crisfield, Somerset Co., Md.	1
184	England, W. E.	E.	Harrington, Kent Co., Del.	1
1866	Esgate, James	Sp.	Boston, Mass.	
1859	Fisher, A. A.	S.	Federalburg, Caroline Co., Md.	
1873	Foreman, I. N.	E.	Pomona, Kent Co., Md.	1

1868	Fosnocht, I. G.	E.	Church Hill, Queen Anne Co., Md.	2
1856	France, John	E.	Newark, New Castle Co., Del.	2
1856	Gardner, S. T.	E.	Delmar, Sussex Co., Del.	2
1874	Gassner, G. S.	E.	Milton, " " "	2
1839	Gray, Valentine	E.	Millsboro, " " "	2
1873	Green, Wm. M.	E.	Bethel, " " "	2
1857	Gregg, Wm. B.	E.	Claymont, New Castle County, Del.	2
1876	Grice, Chas. A.	P.	Hopewell, Somerset Co., Md.	1
1851	Hammersley, J. W.	E.	Chesapeake City, Cecil Co., Md.	1
1871	Harding, Thos. H.	E.	Gumboro, Sussex Co., Del.	1
1848	Haynes, Thos. H.	E.	Smyrna, Kent Co., Del.	3
1845	Hill, Charles	E.	222 Walnut St., Wilmington, Del.	1
1878	Hill, Charles A.	D.	Easton, Talbot Co., Md.	1
1876	Hoffecker, E. L.	E.	Cambridge, Dorchester Co., Md.	1
1833	Houston, J. L.	S.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1878	Hubbard, E. L.	D.	Lincoln, Sussex Co., Del.	1
1850	Hubbard, James	Sp.	Laurel, " " "	1
1869	Hunter, T. B.	E.	Cherry Hill, Cecil Co., Md.	3
1868	Hutchin, Wm. H.	E.	Odessa, New Castle Co., Del.	2
1859	Hynson, E. H.	E.	Quantico, Wicomico Co., Md.	1
1870	Jewell, Isaac	E.	Queenstown, Queen Anne Co., Md.	1
1872	Jones, R. C.	E.	Bridgeville, Sussex Co., Del.	2
1872	Kemp, J. D.	E.	Rising Sun, Cecil Co., Md.	1
1869	Kidney, J. E.	E.	New Market, Dorchester Co., Md.	2
1871	Layfield, L. W.	E.	Chesapeake City, Cecil Co., Md.	2
1879	Lindale, J. M.	P.	Denton, Caroline Co., Md.	1
1880	Lightbourne, A. W.	E.	Wyoming, Kent Co., Del.	1
1876	Macnichol, E. C.	E.	Charlestown, Cecil Co., Md.	2
1864	Martindale, T. E.	E.	Smyrna, Kent Co., Del.	1
1840	Matlack, L. C., D. D.	E.	307 West 7th St., Wilmington, Del.	2
1868	McFarlane, W. R.	E.	Princess Anne, Somerset Co., Md.	1
1873	McSorley, F. C.	E.	Hillsboro, Caroline Co., Md.	3
1873	McQuay, Newton	E.	Ellendale, Sussex Co., Del.	1
1859	Merrill, Wm. B.	Sp.	Fairmount, Somerset Co., Md.	1
1853	Merritt, J. B.	E.	Still Pond, Kent Co., Md.	2
1842	Milby, A. W.	E.	Denton, Caroline Co., Md.	1
1834	Miller, E.	Sp.	Sudlersville, Queen Anne Co., Md.	1
1869	Miller, E. H.	E.	Edesville, Kent Co., Md.	1
1876	Mowbray, John E.	E.	Frederica, Kent Co., Del.	3
1871	Murray, W. L. S.	E.	Middletown, New Castle Co., Del.	1
1871	Miller, G. W.	E.	Del. Avenue, Wilmington, Del.	1
1870	Nelson, E. H.	E.	Frankford, Sussex Co., Del.	3
1866	Newnam, E. B.	E.	Chestertown, Kent Co., Md.	2
1876	O'Brien, T. A. H.	E.	Chincoteague Isl., Accomac Co., Va.	2
1859	O'Neill, Wm. J.	E.	Millington, Kent Co., Md.	2
1872	Otis, J. P.	E.	Centerville, Queen Anne Co., Md.	1
1853	Phœbus, Geo. A., D. D.	E.	Laurel, Sussex Co., Del.	2
1836	Pierson, John W.	Sp.	Wilmington, Del.	1

1870	Pool, John W.	E.	Woodlandtown, Dorchester Co., Md.	1
1868	Prettyman, C. W.	E.	Lewes, Sussex Co., Del.	1
1874	Prettyman, T. J.	E.	Stockton, Worcester Co., Md.	2
1836	Price, B. F.	E.	Kent Island, Queen Anne Co., Md.	1
1850	Quigg, J. B.	E.	Milford, Kent Co., Del.	2
1880	Quigley, Francis B.	P.	Church Creek, Dorchester Co., Md.	1
1869	Rawlins, P. H.	E.	813 Lombard St., Wilmington, Del.	1
1858	Redman, W. W.	Sp.	Bridgeville, Sussex Co., Del.	1
1867	Rigg, J. D.	E.	Newport, New Castle County, Del.	2
1867	Robinson, Joseph	E.	Camden, Kent County Md.	2
1878	Robinson, W. S.	D.	Cambridge, Dorchester, Md.	1
1873	Roe, Robert	E.	Berlin, Worcester Co., Md.	1
1873	Richards, M. A.	E.	New Castle, Del.	1
1845	Sanderson, H.	Sp.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1858	Scott, A. T.	E.	East 4th Street, Wilmington, Del.	1
1859	Sheppard, C. F.	E.	North East, Cecil Co., Md.	1
1869	Shilling, John	E.	Christiana, New Castle Co., Del.	1
1879	Smith, Alfred	P.	E. Newmarket, Dorchester Co., Md.	1
1872	Smith, John E.	E.	Greensboro, Carloline Co., Md.	1
1840	Smith, Vaughan	E.	Elkton, Cecil Co., Md.	2
1870	Stengle, Adam	E.	5th & Jefferson Sts., Wilmington, Del.	1
1878	Stephenson, R. K.	D.	Frederica, Kent Co., Del.	1
1860	Sypherd, J. O.	E.	St. George's, New Castle Co., Del.	2
1833	Taft, J. L.	Sp.	Norristown, Pa.	1
1857	Talbot, W. F.	E.	Delaware City, Del.	1
1876	Terry, Thomas E.	E.	Seaford, Sussex Co., Del.	1
1853	Todd, R. W.	E.	Dover, Del.	2
1860	Tomkinson, T. L.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1876	Townsend, George W.	E.	Salisbury, Wicomico Co., Md.	2
1832	Urie, William	S.	Smyrna, Del.	1
1859	Van Burkalow, J. T.	E.	Suddlersville, Queen Anne Co., Md.	2
1879	Walton, Olin S.	P.	Princess Anne, Somerset Co., Md.	1
1848	Walton, Wm. B.	E.	Federalburg, Carloline Co., Md.	2
1853	Warner, Wm. M.	E.	Trappe, Talbot Co., Md.	3
1840	Way, E. J.	S.	53 East Broadway, Baltimore, Md.	1
1866	White, E. E.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	3
1872	Wilcox, G. W.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1878	Willey, J. H.	D.	Townsend, New Castle Co., Del.	3
1868	Williams, J. M.	E.	602 French St., Wilmington, Del.	1
1857	Williams, T. S.	E.	Salisbury, Wicomico Co., Md.	2
1869	Wilson, J. A. B.	E.	Fairmount, Somerset Co., Md.	1
1877	Wilson, W. W. W.	D.	Snow Hill, Worcester Co., Md.	2
1877	Warthman, John	E.	St. Michael's, Talbot, Co., Md.	1
1877	Waddell, D. T.	E.	Red Lion, New Castle Co., Del.	1

LOCAL PREACHERS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

The figures indicate the date of license. The letters indicate the present relation. The last column indicates the Post Office.

	L.	Booth, M. A., M. D.	.....	Newport, Del.
1877	L.	Bosee, Alfred	.....	Chesapeake City, Cecil Co., Md.
1866	L.	Brickley, W	.....	Zion, " "
1871	L.	Carter, C. R., M. D	.....	Cherry Hill, " "
1855	L.	Cann, J	.....	Lewisville, Chester Co., Pa.
	L.	Dodd, D	.....	Wilmington, Del.
		Ford, John	.....	North East, Cecil Co., Md.
		Frier, Thomas	.....	Cherry Hill, " " "
		Flinn, V. J	.....	Newport, New Castle Co., Del.
1866	D.	Green, Daniel	.....	" " " " "
1871	L.	Grant, J. W	.....	Cherry Hill, Cecil Co., Md.
		Garrett, Levi	.....	Wilmington, Del.
		Galloway, W	.....	" " " " "
	L.	Hendrickson, H. W	.....	" " " " "
1880	L.	Hall, A. W	.....	Newark, New Castle Co., Del.
		Hanna, J. C	.....	Port Deposit, Cecil Co., Md.
	L.	Hiesly, Harry E	.....	Newark, New Castle Co., Del.
1874	L.	Hodson, J	.....	Wilmington, Del.
1828	L.	Jenness, Levi	.....	Woodlawn, Cecil Co., Md.
1862	L.	Kershaw, W	.....	Elkton, " " " " "
		Kane, W. J	.....	Summit, New Castle Co., Del.
1866	E.	Logan, S	.....	Charlestown, " " " "
	L.	Miller, Joseph	.....	Mechanicsville, " " " "
	L.	Miller, W. T	.....	" " " " "
	D.	Mulford, R	.....	Summit, New Castle Co., Del.
1866	L.	McLaughlan, J. F	.....	Wilmington, New Castle Co., Del.
1862	L.	Mendinhall, Eli	.....	" " " " "
		Moore, Charles	.....	" " " " "
		McCoy, J. H	.....	Glasgow, " " " " "
1859	E.	Plummer, T. F	.....	Wilmington, " " " " "
1876	L.	Rodgers, R. L	.....	" " " " "
1855	E.	Simmons, John	.....	" " " " "
1876	L.	Sentman, C. H	.....	" " " " "
		Smith, W. H	.....	McClellanville, " " " " "
		Smith, Robert	.....	Rockland, " " " " "
	L.	Scott, J. T	.....	New Castle, " " " " "
	L.	Smith, Geo. P.	.....	Elkton, Cecil Co., Md.
	L.	Stimmel, W. C	.....	Wilmington, Del.
		Tull, W. T	.....	" " " " "
		Taylor, W	.....	" " " " "
		Thatcher, A	.....	" " " " "
		Todd, L. E	.....	" " " " "
1871	L.	Vanhorn, W	.....	" " " " "
		Wilson, John	.....	" " " " "
		White, John	.....	" " " " "

1878	L.	White, W	.....	Wilmington, Del.
		Wright, A. J	.....	" " " " "
	L.	Weldon, G. W	.....	" " " " "
		Williamson, J. F	.....	Newark, New Castle Co., Del.

EASTON DISTRICT.

1858	L.	Benson, E. T	.....	Royal Oak, Talbot Co., Md.
	E.	Burton, F	.....	Chestertown, Md.
	L.	Baker, C. H	.....	" " " " "
	L.	Christopher, Isa	.....	Easton, Md.
1850	E.	Clark, J. M	.....	Slaughter's, Kent Co., Md.
	E.	Clements, J	.....	Crumpton, Md.
	L.	Carroll, J. S., M. D	.....	Sassafras, Kent Co., Md.
1872	D.	Dill, J. K	.....	Templeville, Md.
1876	L.	Dunbracco, J. M	.....	Crumpton, " "
		Genn, Nathan	.....	Greenboro, " "
		Gudgeon, Alx	.....	Chestertown, " "
	L.	Horney, J. E	.....	Denton, " "
	L.	Jones, James	.....	Union Corner, Caroline Co., Md.
	D.	Kendall James	.....	Fairlee, Kent Co., Md.
	D.	Leary, George	.....	Edisville, " " "
1877	L.	McLean, R. D	.....	Easton, Md.
	L.	Morris, C. R	.....	Sassafras, Kent Co., Md.
1846	D.	Numbers, Thomas	.....	Millington " " " "
1847	L.	Price, D. A	.....	" " " " "
1856	L.	Perkins, J. A	.....	Chestertown, Md.
		Rich, J. A	.....	Denton, Md.
		Raymond, G. S	.....	Smyrna, Del.
1856	D.	Smith, J. V	.....	" " " " "
	L.	Sparks, Sol	.....	Ingleside, Queen Anne Co., Md.

DOVER DISTRICT.

		Bell, Jos. H	.....	Galestown, Dorchester Co., Md.
	L.	Brace, G. V	.....	Ellendale, Sussex Co., Del.
1867	E.	Bradley, R. D	.....	Preston, Caroline Co., Md.
	L.	Betts, W. H	.....	Millsboro, Sussex Co., Del.
	D.	Creamer, D	.....	Airies P. O., Dorchester Co., Md.
	L.	Conaway, R. H	.....	Cambridge, " " " "
	L.	Clifton, G. W	.....	Lincoln, Sussex Co., Del.
1870	L.	Cahoon, W. R	.....	Dover, Kent Co., Del.
1877	L.	Corkran, P	.....	" " " " "
1877	L.	Corchran, F. J	.....	Madison, New Jersey.
1856	L.	Dawson, E., M. D	.....	Frederica, Kent Co., Del.
	D.	Downham, Jno	.....	Canterbury, " " " "
1871	D.	Donoho, S. M	.....	Woodlandtown, Dorches. Co., Md.
18—	L.	Evans, W	.....	Lewes, Sussex Co., Del.
1875	L.	Gullett, W	.....	Little Creek, Kent Co., Del.
1877	L.	Guthrie, W. B	.....	Dover, " " " " "
1833	D.	Hazzard, W	.....	Seaford, Sussex Co., Del.
		Hudson, Geo	.....	" " " " "
	D.	Hudson, Jas, W	.....	Millsboro, " " " "
1863	L.	Hall, Houston	.....	Milton, " " " "
	D.	Harris, W	.....	Bridgeville, " " " "
	E.	Hazzard, Robt	.....	Hurlock Sta., Dorches. Co., Md.
1875	D.	Johnson, L. E., M. D	.....	Woodlandtown, " " " "

- L. Johnson, W. P. Millsboro, Sussex Co., Del.
 Johnson, I. D. Leipsic, Del.
 1860 D. Kenney, J. L. Federalsburg, Md.
 L. Lane, W. H. East New Market, Dor. Co., Md.
 1854 L. Minner, Sam. Felton, Kent Co., Del.
 L. Millman, Jesse Ellendale, Sussex Co., Del.
 1879 L. Mowbray, A. S. Fowling Creek, Caroline Co., Md.
 D. Morgan, W. W. Concord, Sussex Co., Del.
 L. Morgan, S. M., Jr. Middleford, " " "
 D. Price, R. J., M. D. Vienna, Dorchester Co., Md.
 1877 L. Pilchard, S. N. Dover, Del.
 L. Packard Edson Linkwood, Dorchester Co., Md.
 1873 D. Prettyman, A. P. Dover, Del.
 1872 L. Roach, E. J. Georgetown, Sussex Co., Del.
 L. Roop, F. A. Seaford, " " "
 L. Sullivan, J. F. Federalsburg, Caroline Co., Md.
 1874 D. Simmons, Chas. Harrington, Kent Co., Del.
 D. Wright, D. R. Bethlehem, Caroline Co., Md.
 1836 E. Williams, R. W., M. D. Connersville, Dorchester Co., Md.
 Wright, A. J. Felton, Del.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

- 1862 L. Beauchamp, J. Fairmount, Somerset Co., Md.
 1861 D. Bowen, Z. Mount Vernon " " "
 1846 L. Covington, G. W. Pocomoke City, Worces. Co., Md.
 L. Conner, N. C. Marion, Somerset Co., Md.
 L. Connelly, J. H. Bethel, Sussex Co., Del.
 1877 L. Daniel, J. T. Deal's Island, Somerset Co., Md.
 1878 L. Dix, W. S. Pocomoke City, Worces. Co., Md.
 1860 L. Foxwell, B. F. Princes Anne, Somerset Co., Md.
 L. Hitch, E. Laurel, Sussex Co., Del.
 L. Hill, M. L. Delmar, " " "
 L. Hodson, T. S. Crisfield, Somerset Co., Del.
 L. Holland, W. H. Marion, Somerset Co., Md.
 1877 L. Hopkins, G. Monie P. O., " " "
 1858 L. Jones, J. Gumboro, Sussex Co., Del.
 1871 L. Kenney, J. T. Chincoteague, Accomac Co., Va.
 1864 D. Lawson Hance Crisfield, Somerset Co., Md.
 D. Leatherbury, P. A. Onancock, Va.
 D. Mann, Jas. H., M. D. Sharptown, Wicomico Co., Md.
 Miller, Jas. Fruitland, Md.
 L. Passwater, W. B. Westover, Somerset Co., Md.
 L. Porter, Jno. S. Princes Anne, Somerset Co., Md.
 D. Pitts, J. R. Berlin, Worcester Co., Md.
 L. Robinson, Jno. Sharptown, Md.
 1867 L. Reed, S. P. Berlin, Md.
 1856 E. Reed, J. T. Frankford, Sussex Co., Del.
 1858 L. Scott, J. H. Mount Vernon, Md.
 1871 L. Tindall, W. J. Laurel, Sussex Co., Del.
 1869 D. Tubbs, W. R. Roxanna, Sussex Co., Del.
 1863 D. Tilghman, N. J. Laurel, " " "
 L. Tyler, Jno. Crisfield, Somerset Co., Md.
 1852 E. Webb, Sam. Fruitland, Md.
 1868 L. White, H. P. Dames Quarter, Md.
 1867 L. Wilson, Isaac Monie P. O., Somerset Co., Md.
 1852 White, S. Q. Salisbury, Md.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

DOVER, DEL., March 19th, 1880.

The Third Electoral Conference of Laymen of the Wilmington Annual Conference, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, met at the seat of the Conference, in Dover, Del., March 19th, 1880. Brother I. T. Matthews called the Conference to order, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and proposed for temporary chairman, Brother J. F. Williamson, and as temporary Secretary, P. F. Causey.

The chairman opened the Conference with reading of Scriptures by Rev. T. F. Plummer, singing and prayer. The chairman appointed as Committee on Credentials, Bros. Thos. E. Records, Wm. H. Foulk, Jas. E. Carrol, L. E. P. Dennis, and Alex. Kelly.

The chair appointed as Committee on Permanent Organization, Bros. Dr. A. G. Sudler, Thos. Cavender, I. T. Matthews, Dr. R. J. Price, and Levi Garrett.

The chair appointed as Committee on Resolutions, Bros. R. M. Cooper, Dr. I. Jump, C. F. Richards, I. M. Eliason, and W. B. Thompson.

On motion, the roll as per Districts was called, and the Delegates presented their credentials to the Committee of the same.

While the several Committees were out, the chairman addressed the Conference in excellent remarks upon his visit as a Lay Delegate to the General Conference of 1876, held in Baltimore, Md. He was followed by remarks upon the subject by Bro. Thos. Mallalieu, a delegate to the same General Conference.

The Committee on Permanent Organization reported as follows:

President—John F. Williamson.

Vice Presidents—Wm. H. Foulk, Walter H. Thompson, Dr. I. Jump, and A. J. Wood.

Secretary—P. F. Causey.

Assistant Secretary—Dr. R. J. Price.

After report of the Committee, the Conference adjourned to meet at 2 P. M. The Conference re-assembled at 2 P. M., and opened with prayer by Rev. H. Colclazer.

Committee on Credentials reported the following as entitled to membership. (*See Roll of Members.*)

Committee on Resolutions submitted their report, and upon motion, was laid on the table.

The following resolution, upon motion, was laid on the table:

Resolved, That this Lay Conference is opposed to the introduction of Lay representation in the Annual Conference, and hereby instruct the Lay Delegates, representing us in the General Conference, to oppose any measure looking to that end.

On motion, the Conference proceeded to elect two delegates and two alternate delegates to the General Conference, and that a majority of all the votes cast shall constitute an election.

The chair appointed as tellers, the following Brethren: Bros. Levi Garrett, Dr. I. Jump, T. H. Harper, and A. J. Wood.

After several ballots, the following Brethren were elected as Lay Delegates: I. T. Matthews and T. B. Coursey; and Bros. J. F. Dawson and P. F. Causey, were elected as alternates.

On motion, the Conference received the Committee from the Board of Trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy.

Ex-Gov. Saulsbury was introduced to the Conference, and submitted a report of that institution.

Dr. Caldwell, Rev. J. B. Quigg, and F. A. Ellis, then made appeals in behalf of the Wilmington Conference Academy.

On motion, a Committee was appointed to apportion the amount desired of this Conference, the sum of \$4000, among the Lay Delegates. Said Committee being Bros. C. F. Richards, I. T. Matthews, Dr. A. G. Sudler, Alex. Kelly, and Wm. H. Foulk.

On motion, the Conference adjourned to meet at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Conference re-assembled at 7½ o'clock, P. M., and was opened by prayer by Bro. Levi Garrett.

Committee on Conference Academy claims made their report, and after considerable discussion, was adopted. (See Report of Committee.)

On motion, the report of the Committee on Resolutions was taken up and passed by paragraph, as follows: (See Resolutions.)

The following resolution, offered by Bro. L. A. C. Gerry, was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Rev. C. H. Sentman, a Local Minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of the Wilmington Conference, publishes a paper called the "Conference Worker," devoted to the interests of the Wilmington Conference and Church. Therefore,

Resolved, That we give it our hearty approval, and pledge ourselves to increase its circulation, as far as possible.

On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered our hosts, the railroad companies, and friends, and a collection taken for the sexton. Said collection being taken, amounted to \$6.76.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 8½ o'clock, A. M., Saturday morning, March 20th.

Conference met Saturday morning, March 20th, 1880, at 8½ o'clock, A. M. Brother Vandegrift led in prayer.

On motion, it was ordered that the Minutes of this Conference be printed in the Minutes of the Annual Conference.

Bro. O. Sypherd communicated an invitation from the Annual Conference, to visit that body. Invitation accepted, with thanks, and Bro. L. A. C. Gerry instructed to report the same to the Annual Conference, designating 10 o'clock, A. M., as the hour to meet them.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to give notices for the Lay Delegates, respecting their appropriation for the Wilmington Conference Academy, to the Presiding Elders of their respective Districts.

After the adoption of the Minutes, as read, the Conference adjourned, *sine die*.

P. F. CAUSEY, *Sec.*

DR. R. J. PRICE, *Ass't.*

DOVER, DEL., March 19th and 20th, 1880.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, Various opinions have been expressed upon the subject of Presiding Eldership, some favoring its entire abolishment, on the score of economy, others entertaining the opinion that it is one of the most important features of our beloved Church polity, and others still desiring the election of Presiding Elders,

by the Conference, instead of the present mode of appointment, by the Presiding Bishop. This convention, believing that such superintendence is indispensable to the success of Methodism, but that the number of Presiding Elders may be diminished, without at all impairing the usefulness of said Superintendence, and that a mode of appointing said Presiding Elders might be devised more acceptable to the Church than the present; now, therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That our devotion to the Methodist Episcopal Church is undiminished, and the experience of passing years has but increased and intensified our loyalty, both to its doctrines and discipline.

Resolved, 2nd, That as Laymen, we deprecate the tendency to frequent and unnecessary changes in the Discipline.

Resolved, 3rd, That in the opinion of this Electoral Conference, the Wilmington Conference should be divided into not exceeding three Presiding Elder Districts.

Resolved, 4th, That we hereby tender to the members of the Wilmington Annual Conference, the most cordial assurance of our esteem and confidence, and pledge our hearty co-operation in all their efforts to promote the interests of the Church of Christ, both spiritual and temporal.

LIST OF DELEGATES TO THE WILMINGTON ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Asbury.....	John Wise.	Mt. Salem.....	Levi Garrett.
Bethel.....	Thos. Cavender.	Mt. Pleasant.....	Geo. W. Welden.
Brandywine.....	Eli Mendenhall.	Newark & Wesley....	J. F. Williamson.
Charlestown.....	S. Logan.	New Castle.....	A. E. Davidson.
Cherry Hill.....	W. J. Grant.	Newport.....	Abram Chandler.
Chesapeake City.....	Jos. H. Brooks.	North East.....	R. L. Thomas.
Christiana.....	Geo. W. Groves.	Port Deposit.....	L. A. C. Gerry.
Chester.....	Judge S. Clayton.	Red Lion and Glasgow....	Adam Doyett
Claymont.....	T. F. Plummer.	St. George's & Summit....	Dr. L. Frank Ellison.
Elk Neck.....	R. Hart.	Scott.....	W. H. Foulk.
Elkton.....	E. H. Ellis.	St. Pauls.....	Louis E. Todd.
Epworth.....	W. R. Galloway.	Union.....	R. H. McDanels.
Grace.....	Alex. Kelly.	Zion.....	John Cann.
Mt. Lebanon.....	R. Smith.		

EASTON DISTRICT.

Townsend.....	D. B. Maloney.	Talbot Circuit.....	Joseph Horney.
Galena.....	W. H. Hyland.	Cecilton.....	G. A. Vandergrift.
Hillsborough.....	J. K. Skinner.	Kent Island.....	L. W. Bryan.
Kent Circuit.....	J. H. Baker.	Sudlersville.....	Dr. A. E. Sudler.
Smyrna Charge.....	W. W. Nilson.	Queenstown.....	K. J. Carter.
Appoquinimink.....	I. Staats.	Denton.....	Henry Blackiston.
Smyrna Circuit.....	R. M. Cooper.	Millington.....	Thos. Mallalieu.
St. Michaels.....	Jas. Benson.	Centerville.....	I. E. Bailey.
Easton.....	W. H. Thompson.	Chestertown.....	T. W. Eliason.
Trappe.....	W. H. Valiant.	Massey's.....	A. G. H. Davis.
Royal Oak.....	Jas. A. M. Denney.	Marydel.....	Jos. R. Dill.
Still Pond.....	Jos. H. Harper.	Church Hill.....	Wm. Hurlock.
Greensboro.....	Jos. E. Carroll.	Middletown.....	A. G. Cox.
Odessa.....	G. L. Townsend.	Kings Creek.....	H. P. Hopkins.

DOVER DISTRICT.

Ellendale.....	J. H. Peck.	Bridgeville.....	Wm. Harris.
C. Creek.....	I. M. Richardson.	Harrington.....	W. T. Sharp.
Seaford.....	Thos. N. Williams.	Camden.....	S. Postles.
Lewes.....	Thos. E. Records.	Cambridge.....	T. H. Medford.
Millsboro.....	I. W. Hudson.	Lincoln.....	A. W. Small.
Georgetown.....	C. F. Richards.	Frederica.....	Weightman Sipple.
Milford.....	D. S. Causey.	Barrett's Chapel.....	Jos. W. Grier.
Dover.....	Dr. I. Jump.	Leipsic and Raymond.....	D. Pleasanton.
Milton.....	C. L. Morris.	Wyoming.....	Thos. Gorden.
Federalburg.....	John W. Brown.	Felton.....	A. J. Wright.
Vienna.....	Dr. R. I. Price.	Beckwith.....	L. Cannon.
Galestown.....	J. H. Bell.	Woodlandtown.....	John Longrell.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Fruitland.....	J. H. A. Dulaney.	Salisbury.....	A. J. Wood.
Snow Hill.....	I. T. Matthews.	Asbury.....	N. C. Stirling.
Laurel.....	Thos. Bacon.	Princess Anne.....	B. H. Foxwell.
Pocomoke City.....	E. F. Causey.	Gumboro.....	I. N. Heara.
Bethel.....	Levin W. Bell.	Roxana.....	Wm. Brasur.
Sharptown.....	Dr. Joseph H. Mann.	Quantico.....	T. B. Moore.
Frankford.....	Charles Gum.	Parsonsburg.....	S. M. Riley.
Delman.....	M. M. Ellis.	Chincoteague.....	S. N. Smith, M. D.
Accomac Circuit.....	P. A. Letherbury.	Stockton.....	W. H. Rowley.
Crisfield.....	L. E. P. Dennis.	Deal's Island.....	J. T. Daniel.
Annessex.....	I. L. Porter.	Holland's Island.....	Peter Parks.
Fairmount.....	D. W. Miles.	Berlin.....	J. E. Wise.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONFERENCE ACADEMY CLAIM.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Conference be directed to notify each lay delegate, through his Presiding Elder, that this Conference has undertaken to raise \$4,000 of the Conference Academy debt, and each lay delegate is constituted an agent to collect the amount apportioned to his charge.

APPORTIONMENT OF DISTRICTS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT, \$1,000.

Asbury.....	\$50 00	Mt. Lebanon.....	\$15 00	Newark.....	\$35 00
St. Paul's.....	50 00	Mt. Pleasant.....	15 00	Cherry Hill.....	35 00
Union.....	45 00	Claymont.....	10 00	Elkton.....	60 00
Scott.....	30 00	New Castle.....	50 00	North East.....	60 00
Grace.....	100 00	Red Lion.....	20 00	Elk Neck.....	15 00
Epworth.....	10 00	Christiana.....	20 00	Port Deposit.....	50 00
Brandywine.....	10 00	St. George's.....	45 00	Rising Sun.....	25 00
Mt. Salem.....	45 00	Delaware City.....	35 00	Zion.....	35 00
Newport.....	25 00	Bethel.....	35 00	Charlestown.....	15 00
Chester.....	25 00	Chesapeake City.....	35 00		

EASTON DISTRICT, \$1,000.

Smyrna.....	\$40 00	Still Pond.....	\$50 00	St. Michael's.....	\$40 00
Smyrna Circuit.....	50 00	Chestertown.....	40 00	Royal Oak.....	20 00
Townsend.....	40 00	Kent.....	30 00	Talbot.....	40 00
Appoquinimink.....	30 00	Sudlersville.....	40 00	Trappe.....	30 00
Middletown.....	40 00	Church Hill.....	30 00	Hillsboro.c.....	30 00
Odessa.....	50 00	Centreville.....	40 00	Greensboro.....	30 00
Cecilton.....	40 00	Queenstown.....	20 00	King Creek.....	30 00
Galena.....	40 00	Kent Island.....	30 00	Denton.....	35 00
Millington.....	60 00	Easton.....	40 00	Marydel.....	35 00

DOVER DISTRICT, \$1,000.

Leipsic&Raymond.....	\$40 00	Felton.....	\$40 00	Frederica.....	\$50 00
Camden.....	60 00	Barrett Chapel.....	30 00	Harrington.....	60 00
Wyoming.....	50 00	Milford.....	30 00	Lincoln.....	40 00
Ellendale.....	40 00	Georgetown.....	50 00	Milton.....	40 00
Lewes.....	50 00	Millsboro.....	45 00	Bridgeville.....	50 00
Seaford.....	40 00	Federalburg.....	40 00	Galestown.....	30 00
Cambridge.....	40 00	Beckwith & Sped.....	30 00	Church Creek.....	20 00
Woodlandtown.....	30 00	Dorchester.....	40 00		

SALISBURY DISTRICT, \$1,000.

Salisbury.....	\$45 00	Fruitland.....	\$30 00	Delmar.....	\$45 00
Laurel.....	50 00	Lewisville.....	35 00	Parsonsburg.....	35 00
Gumboro.....	45 00	Frankford.....	45 00	Roxana.....	45 00
Berlin.....	45 00	Snow Hill.....	45 00	Chincoteague.....	45 00
Pocomoke City.....	45 00	Stockton.....	35 00	Accomac.....	45 00
Crisfield.....	50 00	Annessex.....	45 00	Asbury.....	45 00
Fairmont.....	50 00	Princess Anne.....	45 00	Deal's Island.....	40 00
Holland Island.....	20 00	Quantico.....	40 00	Sharptown.....	20 00

ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. WILLIAMSON,
IN JOINT SESSION OF THE
ANNUAL AND LAY CONFERENCES,
BISHOP ANDREWS PRESIDING.

MR. PRESIDENT AND BRETHREN: I have been instructed by the Electoral Conference of Layman, which has just completed its labors, to inform you, that we have performed the duty imposed upon us by the Discipline, in that we have elected the requisite number of Delegates and reserve Delegates to the approaching General Conference, and we think we have elected Brethren who will reflect credit upon the Conference.

We also desire to present a copy of resolutions adopted by the Lay Conference. (See Resolutions.)

And now Mr. President and Brethren, permit me to say, that we have come not only to present these Resolutions, but to extend to you our most cordial christian greeting, as Brethren beloved.

The Resolutions expressing our loyalty to the Church and our esteem for, and confidence in, you, Brethren of the Ministry, were adopted without one dissenting voice.

These Resolutions are no cold, formal expression of mere sentiment, but they are, the warm, loving, fervent out-gushings of honest and sympathizing hearts, warmed and mellowed by the grace of God. Hearts, in which are found no sentiment but that of loyalty to the church, and a burning zeal to promote the interests of the Kingdom of our Lord and his Christ.

And Sir, it is not surprising that feelings such as these should take possession of our hearts, standing as we do to day on this classic ground in the annals of Methodism, almost within sight of the hallowed spot, where rests the mortal remains of the sainted *Whatcoat*, and gathered, as we are from the soil upon which our beloved Methodism gained many of its grandest conquests and won many of its most glorious victories. The soil upon which Asbury, Coke, Garretson, and a host of God's chosen champions planted the germ of that Methodism at Barrett's, the Bohemia Manor, Kent, and many other points on this Peninsula, the germ, which by God's blessing has grown from the grain of mustard seed, into the great and glorious tree, the Methodist Episcopal Church, into which, not only we, but the nations of the earth, are coming to find shelter under its ample and health-growing branches.

Without attempting to enumerate the host of strong men and bright lights given to the church from our territory, I know I will be pardoned for naming as ours, a sainted Scott, a brilliant Hurst, and a beloved and lamented Dashiell.

But lest I occupy too much of your time, and weary you with these references, allow me to say, again, that we mean all we say in that resolution, which pledges us to a hearty co-operation with you, Ministers of Christ and our Pastors, in all your efforts to promote the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom in all of its departments, whether spiritual or temporal.

On a former occasion, similar to the present, I took occasion to compare the Ministry and Laity of the Methodist Episcopal Church to two placid and beautiful streams which had been flowing side by side for a century or more, until then they had reached the point of confluence since that time they have not flowed so distinctly side by side, but have lovingly and paternally mingled their waters, and the result has been not a ripple has disturbed the surface of that united stream, but it has grown deeper and wider, and flows on with increased power to carry the blessings of the Gospel to the very ends of the earth, and may it ever flow on until holiness shall not only be spread over all the land, but until the victorious banner of the Kingdom of Christ shall triumphantly wave over the whole earth, and until all nations every where shall rejoice in the blessings of a full and free salvation.

And in conclusion, I feel like saying to you, brethren, with the Poet,

“ Together let us sweetly live,
Together let us die,
And each a starry crown receive,
And reign above the sky.”

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF THE
Methodist Episcopal Church within the bounds of the Wilmington Conference,
FOR THE
PROMOTION OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC MISSIONS,

IN ACCOUNT WITH GEORGE W. SPARKS, TREASURER.

DOVER, DEL., MARCH 17, 1880.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Received from Rev.	T. B. HUNTER,	Cherry Hill,	\$ 65 00
“ “ “	T. B. KILLIAM,	Rising Sun,	40 36
“ “ “	B. F. PRICE,	Delaware City,	18 00
“ “ “	L. E. BARRETT,	Red Lion and Glasgow,	60 00
“ “ “	A. D. DAVIS,	Zion,	111 70
“ “ “	C. M. PEGG,	Scott, Wilmington,	62 70
“ “ “	J. D. KEMP,	Chesapeake City,	50 00
“ “ “	L. W. LAYFIELD,	Bethel,	50 00
“ “ “	J. A. B. WILSON,	Asbury, Wilmington,	633 00
“ “ “	W. L. S. MURRAY,	North East,	100 00
“ “ “	J. W. PIERSON,	Mt. Pleasant,	25 00
“ “ “	D. C. RIDGWAY,	New Castle,	100 00
“ “ “	E. C. MACNICHOL,	Charlestown,	10 20
“ “ “	J. B. MANN,	Union, Wilmington,	300 00
“ “ “	E. E. WHITE,	Brandywine,	47 00
“ “ “	VAUGHAN SMITH,	Elkton,	294 04
“ “ “	N. MCQUAY,	Elk Neck,	20 00
“ “ “	N. M. BROWNE,	Port Deposit,	190 00
“ “ “	WM. B. GREGG,	Chester,	50 00
“ “ “	W. E. AVERY,	Mt. Lebanon,	40 00
“ “ “	E. DAVIS,	Christiana,	24 00
“ “ “	C. F. SHEPPARD,	Mt. Salem,	105 00
“ “ “	J. D. RIGG,	Newport,	82 00
“ “ “	J. H. CALDWELL,	St. Paul's, Wilmington,	500 00
“ “ “	T. F. PLUMMER,	Claymont,	15 00
“ “ “	JOHN FRANCE,	Newark,	79 00
“ “ “	J. O. SYPHERD,	St. George's and Summit	50 00
“ “ “	WM. J. STEVENSON,	Grace, Wilmington,	1500 00
“ “ “	WM. S. ROBINSON,	Epworth, Wilmington,	9 00
			\$4,691 00

EASTON DISTRICT.

Received from Rev.	WM. J. O'NEILL,	Millington,	\$ 106 11
" "	" E. L. HOFFECKER,	Talbot,	25 00
" "	" F. C. MCSORLEY,	Hillsboro,	30 00
" "	" I. G. FOSNOCHT,	Church Hill,	38 00
" "	" ISAAC JEWELL,	Kent,	55 00
" "	" T. L. TOMKINSON,	Easton,	112 00
" "	" P. H. RAWLINS,	Smyrna circuit,	77 00
" "	" J. A. BRINDLE,	Greensboro circuit,	87 00
" "	" WM. H. HUTCHIN,	Odessa,	171 00
" "	" WM. R. MCFARLANE,	Marydel,	50 00
" "	" JOHN SHILLING,	Appoquinimink,	30 00
" "	" J. MCK. BREWINGTON,	Queenstown,	8 00
" "	" R. H. ADAMS,	St. Michaels,	114 00
" "	" E. HAMLINE MILLER,	King's Creek,	20 00
" "	" T. E. BELL,	Royal Oak,	23 00
" "	" E. P. ALDRED,	Cecilton,	86 00
" "	" E. B. NEWNAM,	Chestertown,	168 00
" "	" GEO. W. BURKE,	Kent Island,	74 05
" "	" J. HESTON WILLEY,	Townsend,	17 00
" "	" C. W. PRETTYMAN,	Centreville	114 00
" "	" WM. M. WARNER,	Trappe,	20 00
" "	" T. E. MARTINDALE,	Middletown,	308 50
" "	" J. E. SMITH,	Denton circuit,	50 00
" "	" J. T. VAN BURKALOW,	Sudlersville,	100 00
" "	" J. E. BRYAN,	Galena,	71 00
" "	" J. B. MERRITT,	Still Pond,	140 00
" "	" T. H. HAYNES,	Smyrna,	284 56

\$2,379 22

DOVER DISTRICT.

Received from Rev.	WM. B. WALTON,	Federalsburg,	\$ 70 00
" "	" J. S. WILLIS,	Felton,	80 00
" "	" J. E. KIDNEY,	Dorchester,	70 00
" "	" A. P. PRETTYMAN,	Ellendale,	25 00
" "	" C. H. WILLIAMS,	Woodlandtown.	10 00
" "	" E. L. HUBBARD,	Church Creek,	15 00
" "	" I. N. FOREMAN,	Leipsic and Raymond's,	40 00
" "	" J. W. HAMMERSLEY,	Georgetown,	30 00
" "	" J. B. QUIGG,	Milford,	121 00
" "	" THOS. E. TERRY,	Beckwith and Speddin's,	50 00
" "	" VAL. GRAY,	Millsboro,	12 00
" "	" R. C. JONES,	Bridgeville,	321 83
" "	" W. W. REDMAN,	Wyoming,	25 30
" "	" JOSEPH ROBINSON,	Camden,	86 00
" "	" J. P. OTIS,	Cambridge,	72 00
" "	" W. F. CORKRAN,	Barrett's Chapel & Milf'd N'k	40 00
" "	" JAMES CARROLL,	Galestown,	41 45
" "	" WM. P. DAVIS,	Dover,	410 00
" "	" WM. E. ENGLAND,	Lewes,	65 02
" "	" A. W. MILBY,	Harrington,	100 00
" "	" H. COLCLAZER,	Seaford,	32 00
" "	" G. S. GASSNER,	Milton,	40 00
" "	" G. S. CONAWAY,	Lincoln,	19 13
" "	" J. E. MOWBRAY,	Frederica,	140 02

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SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Received from Rev.	WM. L. P. BOWEN,	Fruitland,	\$ 41 00
" "	" JOHN M. POOLE,	Holland's Island,	20 00
" "	" W. W. W. WILSON,	Snow Hill,	100 00
" "	" W. I. BAIN,	Fairmount,	183 00
" "	" ADAM STENGLE,	Crisfield,	20 00
" "	" T. H. HARDING,	Sharptown,	15 00
" "	" ALBERT CHANDLER,	Parsonsburg,	20 00
" "	" WM. M. GREEN,	Lewisville,	20 00
" "	" T. ROBINSON CREAMER,	Deal's Island,	50 00
" "	" J. A. ARTERS	Annamessex,	31 00
" "	" GEO. W. WILCOX,	Berlin,	21 00
" "	" JAMES CONNER,	Quantico,	50 62
" "	" T. O. AYERS,	Asbury,	30 00
" "	" JOSEPH DARE,	Roxana,	33 00
" "	" ROBERT ROE,	Pocomoke City,	17 00
" "	" S. T. GARDNER,	Delmar,	61 00
" "	" EDWIN H. NELSON,	Frankford,	62 00
" "	" T. J. PRETTYMAN,	Stockton,	25 00
" "	" E. H. HYNSON,	Gumboro,	32 50
" "	" GEO. W. TOWNSEND,	Salisbury,	50 00
" "	" W. J. DUHADWAY,	Accomac,	80 00
" "	" T. A. H. O'BRIEN,	Chincoteague	30 00
" "	" W. F. TALBOT,	Princess Anne	44 00
" "	" GEO. A. PHEBUS,	Laurel,	65 00

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LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Asbury, Wilmington—J. A. B. Wilson, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$169 00
Sunday School.....	464 00
Total.....	\$633 00
St. Paul's, Wilmington—J. H. Caldwell, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$194 00
Sunday School.....	306 00
Total.....	\$500 00
Scott, Wilmington—C. M. Pegg, Pastor.	
Total Amount of Collection.....	\$62 70
Brandywine, Wilmington—E. E. White, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 4 46
Sunday Schools.....	42 54
Total.....	\$47 00
Epworth, Wilmington—W. S. Robinson, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$4 50
Sunday School.....	5 00
Total.....	9 50
Grace, Wilmington—W. J. Stevenson, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$422 67
Sunday School.....	1077 33
Total.....	\$1500 00
Union, Wilmington—J. B. Mann, Pastor.	
Church.....	} \$300 00
Sunday School.....	
Mt. Salem—C. F. Sheppard, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$48 91
Sunday School.....	56 09
Total.....	\$105 00
New Castle—D. C. Ridgway, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$10 00
Sunday School.....	90 00
Total.....	\$100 00
Red Lion & Glasgow—L. E. Barrett, Pastor.	
Church, Red Lion.....	\$35 00
" Glasgow.....	15 00
Sunday School, Red Lion.....	7 00
" " Glasgow.....	3 00
Total.....	\$60 00

St. George's & Summit—J. O. Sypherd, Pastor.	
Total Collection.....	\$50 00
Delaware City—B. F. Price, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 6 00
Sunday School.....	12 00
Total.....	\$18 00
Christiana—Edward Davis, Pastor.	
Church, Salem.....	\$ 4 00
Christiana.....	9 00
Ebenezer.....	11 00
Total.....	\$24 00
Bethel—L. W. Layfield, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$50 00
Mt. Lebanon—W. E. Avery, Pastor.	
Total Collection.....	\$40 00
Mt. Pleasant—J. W. Pierson, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 7 00
Sunday School.....	18 00
Total.....	\$25 00
Chester—W. B. Gregg, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$30 00
Sunday School.....	20 00
Total.....	\$50 00
Elkton—Vaughan Smith, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 50 14
West Amwell Mission.....	30 00
Crouch's Chapel.....	8 00
Sunday School.....	205 90
Total.....	\$294 04
Cherry Hill—T. B. Hunter, Pastor.	
Sunday School.....	\$65 00
Claymont—T. F. Plummer, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$10 17
Sunday School.....	4 83
Total.....	\$15 00
Newport & Stanton—J. D. Rigg, Pastor.	
Total Collection.....	\$82 00
North East—W. L. S. Murray, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 48 00
Sunday School.....	112 00
Total.....	\$160 00
Newark & Wesley—J. France, Pastor.	
Total Collection.....	\$79 00
Port Deposit—N. M. Browne, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 30 25
Sunday School.....	159 75
Total.....	\$190 00
Zion Circuit—A. D. Davis, Pastor.	
Zion Congregation.....	\$ 19 10
" Sunday School.....	5 94
Ebenezer Congregation.....	15 00
" Sunday School.....	15 56
St. John's Congregation.....	14 00
" Sunday School.....	11 00
Union Congregation.....	16 00
" Sunday School.....	15 00
Total.....	\$111 70

Chesapeake City—J. D. Kemp, Pastor.

Church.....	\$36 25
Sunday School.....	13 25
Total.....	\$50 00

Charlestown—E. C. Macnichol, Pastor.

Total.....	\$10 20
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Elk Neck—N. M. McQuay, Pastor.

Hart's.....	\$13 00
Wesley.....	7 00
Total.....	\$20 00

EASTON DISTRICT.**Smyrna—T. H. Haynes, Pastor.**

Church.....	\$74 44
Sunday School.....	210 16
Total.....	\$284 52

Smyrna Circuit—P. H. Rawlins, Pastor.

Bethel Sunday School.....	\$20 00
" Church.....	20 00
Seversons.....	9 65
Kenton.....	15 35
Central Sunday School.....	6 00
Central Church.....	6 00
Total.....	\$77 00

Odessa—W. H. Hutchin, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 50 00
Sunday School.....	121 00
Total.....	\$171 00

Millington—W. J. O'Neill, Pastor.

Church.....	\$18 99
Sunday School.....	72 95
Holden's Church.....	11 17
Blocksons.....	3 00
Total for Millington Circuit.....	\$106 00

Greensboro—J. H. Brindle, Pastor.

Church.....	\$44 00
Sunday School.....	43 00
Total.....	\$87 00

St. Michael's—R. H. Adams, Pastor.

Church.....	\$43 00
Sunday School.....	79 00
Expenses.....	\$122 00
	8 00
Total.....	\$314 00

Talbot Circuit—E. L. Hoffecker, Pastor.

Collection.....	\$25 00
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Denton—J. E. Smith, Pastor.

Collection.....	\$50 00
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Kent Island—G. W. Burke, Pastor.

Collection.....	\$74 05
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Galena Circuit—J. E. Bryan, Pastor.

Church.....	\$22 00
Sunday School.....	12 00
Chesterville.....	15 00
Grove Sunday School.....	2 00
" Church.....	10 00
Sassafras Sunday School.....	1 00
" Church.....	9 00
Total for Galena Circuit.....	\$71 00

Appoquinimink Circuit—J. Shilling, Pastor.

Friendship.....	\$20 30
Union.....	9 70
Total.....	\$30 00

Trappe Circuit—W. M. Warner, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 8 00
Sunday School.....	12 00
Total.....	\$20 00

Middletown—T. E. Martindale, Pastor.

Church.....	\$108 50
Sunday School.....	200 00
Total.....	\$308 50

Still Pond—J. B. Merritt, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 45 92
Sunday School.....	94 08
Total.....	\$140 00

Cecilton—E. P. Aldred, Pastor.

Church.....	\$60 46
Sunday School.....	25 54
Total.....	\$86 00

Kent Circuit—I. Jewell, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$44 00
Church.....	11 00
Total.....	\$55 00

Townsend—J. H. Willey, Pastor.

Church.....	\$9 00
Sunday School.....	8 00
Total.....	\$17 00

Centreville—C. W. Prettyman, Pastor.

Centreville Charge.....	\$85 00
Ebenzer.....	29 00
Total.....	\$114 00

Sudlersville—J. T. Van Burkalow, Pastor.

Collection.....	\$100 00
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Marydel Circuit—W. R. McFarlane, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 5 00
Church.....	15 00
Templeville Sunday School.....	5 00
" Church.....	15 00
Thomas' Chapel.....	8 00
Hawkin's Chapel.....	2 00
Total for Marydel Circuit.....	\$50 00

King's Creek Circuit—E. H. Miller, Pastor.

Collection.....	\$20 00
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Royal Oak Circuit—T. E. Bell, Pastor.

Royal Oak.....	\$10 00
Ferry Neck.....	13 00
Total.....	\$23 00

Chestertown—E. P. Newnam, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 60 00
Sunday School.....	108 00
Total.....	\$168 00

Church Hill Circuit—I. G. Fosnocht, Pastor.

Collection.....	\$38 00
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Queenstown—J. McK. Brewington, Pastor.

Church.....	\$6 50
Sunday School.....	1 50
Total.....	8 00

Hillsboro—F. C. McSorley, Pastor.

Collection.....	\$30 00
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Easton—T. L. Thomkinson, Pastor.

Church.....	\$14 00
Sunday School.....	98 00
Total.....	\$112 00

DOVER DISTRICT.**Dover—W. P. Davis, Pastor.**

Church.....	\$67 75
Sabbath School.....	342 25
Total.....	\$410 00

Leipsic and Raymond's—I. N. Forman, Pastor.

Total from Charge.....	\$40 00
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Camden Circuit—Joseph Robinson, Pastor.

Total from Charges.....	\$83 00
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Wyoming Charge—W. W. Redman, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$13 60
Sabbath Schools.....	11 70
Total.....	\$25 30

Felton Charge—J. S. Willis, Pastor.

To make Robert Hodson a Life Member of the Parent Society.....	\$20 00
From S. School to make Miss Alice Conner a life member of the Conference Society.....	10 00
From Ebenezer appointment, to make John Heyd a Life Member of the Conference Society.....	10 00
Total.....	\$40 00

Frederica—J. E. Mowbray, Pastor.

Church.....	\$69 75
Sabbath School.....	70 28
Total.....	\$140 03

Barrett's and Milfords—W. F. Corkran, Pastor.

Total.....	\$40 00
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Milford—J. B. Quigg, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 16 82
Sabbath School.....	104 18
Total.....	\$121 00

Georgetown—J. W. Hammersley, Pastor.

Church.....	\$23 00
Sabbath School.....	7 00
Total.....	\$30 00

Milton—G. S. Gassner, Pastor.

Church.....	\$19 00
Sabbath School.....	21 00
Total.....	\$40 00

Ellendale—A. P. Prettyman, Pastor.

Church.....	\$25 00
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Lincoln—G. S. Conaway, Pastor.

Total.....	\$19 13
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Lewes—W. E. England, Pastor.

Total.....	\$84 19
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Bridgeville—R. C. Jones, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$321 83
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Seaford—H. Colclazer, Pastor.

Church.....	\$19 00
Sabbath School.....	13 00
Total.....	\$32 00

Federaldsburg—W. B. Walton, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$70 00
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Galestown—J. Carrol, Pastor.

Total.....	\$41 45
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Dorchester Circuit—J. E. Kidney, Pastor.

Total.....	\$70 00
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Cambridge—J. P. Otis, Pastor.

Church.....	\$30 00
Sabbath School.....	42 00
Total.....	\$72 00

Beckwith's and Spedden's—T. E. Terry, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$44 00
Sunday Schools.....	6 00
Total.....	\$50 00

Church Creek—E. L. Hubbard, Pastor.

Church and School.....	\$15 00
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Woodlandtown—C. H. Williams, Pastor.

Total.....	\$10 00
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SALISBURY DISTRICT.**Salisbury—G. W. Townsend, Pastor.**

Salisbury Sabbath School.....	\$35 00
Rockawalking Church.....	15 00
Total.....	\$50 00

Fruitland—W. L. P. Bowen, Pastor.

Fruitland Church.....	\$24 59
Silcom Church.....	6 44
Lower Zion Church.....	6 00
Upper Zion Church.....	3 97
Total.....	\$41 00

Delmar—S. T. Gardiner, Pastor.

Delmar Sabbath School.....	\$46 53
St. George's Church.....	5 72
Hebron's Church.....	5 25
Mt. Pleasant Church.....	3 50
Total.....	\$61 00

To make Daniel H. Foshey and T. A. Metson Life Members of the Parent Society.

Laurel—George A. Phœbus, Pastor.

Church and School.....	\$65 00
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Lewisville—W. M. Green, Pastor.

Missionary Collection.....	\$20 00
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Parsonsborg—Albert Chandler, Pastor.

Missionary Collection.....	\$20 00
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Gumboro—E. H. Hynson, Pastor.

Line Church.....	\$2 60
Line Sabbath School.....	9 40
Bethel Church.....	9 00
Jones' Church.....	6 20
Bethesda Church.....	4 30
Good Hope.....	1 00
Total.....	\$32 50

Frankford—E. H. Nelson, Pastor.

Frankford Church.....	\$25 43
Frankford S. School.....	5 75
Salem Church.....	11 36
Salem S. School.....	8 76
St. George's Church.....	10 00
Houston Church.....	70
Total.....	\$62 00

Roxana—J. Dare, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$30 00
Sabbath Schools.....	3 00
Total.....	\$33 00

To make Ethic Nelson, Mollie Eshen, Clara B. Evans, Luda Hearn, Kate Watson and Sallie Lynch, Life Members.

Berlin—G. W. Wilcox, Pastor.

Missionary Collection.....	\$21 00
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Snow Hill—W. W. Wilson, Pastor.

Snow Hill Church.....	\$35 00
Snow Hill S. School.....	20 00
*Bowen's Chapel.....	20 00
Conner's.....	15 00
†Wesleyville.....	10 00
Total.....	\$100 00

* To make Mrs. Charlotte Ellen Bowen a Life Member of the Parent Missionary Society.

† To make Miss Ellen Holstein a Life Member of the Conference Missionary Society.

Chincoteague—T. A. H. O'Brien, Pastor.

Missionary Collection.....	\$30 00
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Pocomoke City—R. Roe, Pastor.

Missionary Collection.....	\$17 00
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Stockton—T. J. Prettyman, Pastor

Missionary Collection.....	\$25 00
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Accomac—W. J. Duhadway, Pastor.

Missionary Collection.....	\$80 00
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Crisfield—A. Stengle, Pastor.

Missionary Collection.....	\$20 00
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Asbury—T. O. Ayres, Pastor.

Sabbath School.....	\$30 00
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Annamessex—J. A. Arters, Pastor.

Missionary Collection.....	\$31 00
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Fairmount—W. I. Bain, Pastor.

Fairmount Sabbath School.....	\$132 50
Fairmount Church.....	35 00
Union Church.....	15 50
Total.....	\$183 00

Princess Anne—W. F. Talbot, Pastor.

St. Peter's Church.....	\$15 24
John Wesley Church.....	9 52
Princess Anne Church.....	8 75
Dames Quarter Church.....	6 00
Rock Creek Church.....	2 15
Asbury Church.....	2 34
Total.....	\$44 00

Deal's Island—T. R. Creamer, Pastor.

Sabbath School.....	\$50 00
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Holland's Island—John W. Poole, Pastor.

Sabbath School.....	\$20 00
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Quantico—J. Connor, Pastor.

Quantico Church.....	\$ 7 00
Wetipquin Church.....	7 00
Trinity Church.....	13 62
Jones' Church.....	23 00
Total.....	\$50 62

Sharptown—T. H. Harding, Pastor.

Church and Sabbath School.....	\$15 00
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