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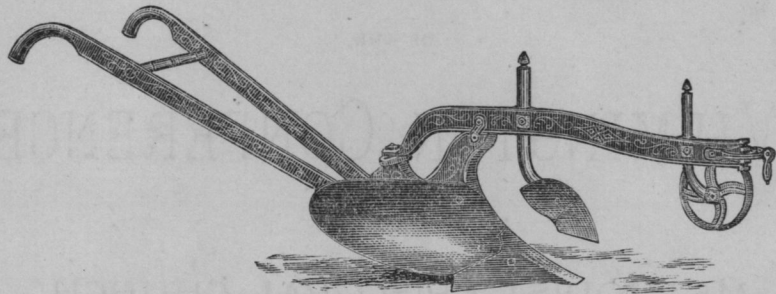
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DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The thirteenth Session of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the M. E. Church was opened in the M. E. Church at Lewes, Del., March 16th, 1881. The Conference was called to order by the President, Bishop Thomas Bowman. I. T. Cooper read the 52d chapter of Isaiah, announced the 798th hymn, and led the Conference in prayer. The 726th hymn was then sung, and the Bishop led in prayer, after which he briefly addressed the Conference.

The Secretary of the last Conference, called the roll, when 102 members answered to their names.

The Conference proceeded to ballot for a Secretary, with A. W. Milby and W. M. Green as tellers, resulting in the election of J. D. Rigg. E. H. Nelson was re-elected, and T. E. Terry and Adam Stengle were elected assistants.

The usual Standing Committees were appointed. (*See list*)

Bishop Scott was introduced; he made some interesting remarks touching his religious experience, and was responded to by Bishop Bowman.

Geo. R. Bristor, of the Louisiana Conference, was announced as transferred to this Conference.

Certificates of transfer to this Conference of Benjamin W. Chase of the New Hampshire Conference, and J. S. Willis of the New York East Conference, were presented, and they, with D. T. Waddell, and M. A. Richards, transferred to this Conference, were introduced.

The Parchments of Wm. W. France, a Local Deacon, withdrawn from the M. E. Church, were deposited with the Conference. The rules governing the last session were adopted to govern the present session.

The bar of the Conference was fixed on a line with the middle of the third window.

Half past eight A. M., and twelve M. were fixed as the hours for meeting and adjournment, the first half-hour to be devoted to religious services.

The report of the Committee on Local Option, appointed at the last session was submitted and adopted (*See Report.*) Resolutions submitted by the same Committee were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

A resolution was unanimously adopted asking the Senate of the State of Delaware to pass the Local Option bill now pending, and it was directed to be forwarded to the Senate by telegraph, signed by the President and Secretary of the Conference. (*See Resolutions.*)

John France, Thos. H. Haynes, Wm. B. Walton and G. A. Phœbus, were re-elected Ministerial Stewards, the Secretary casting the ballot.

Dr. J. A. McCauley, President of Dickinson College, and Dr. Holmes, of Wisconsin Conference were introduced. Dr. Holmes addressed the Conference in the interests of his Church in Oshkosh, laboring under great financial embarrassment, and a collection was taken for him, amounting to \$60.35.

The call of the Stewards was made the order of the day at 11 o'clock tomorrow, the finances to be collected at the same time.

A Statistical Session was ordered at three o'clock this afternoon.

Committees were called, announcements made, and Conference adjourned with the Doxology and Benediction by Bishop Scott.

FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Statistical Session of the Conference met at 3 o'clock, J. B. Quigg in the chair. Devotions were led by C. F. Sheppard. The Secretary called the list of charges, and the General Statistics were passed to the committee.

The Conference then adjourned with the Doxology, and Benediction by J. T. Van Burkalow.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Conference met at 8½ o'clock, the half hour devotion in charge of J. A. Brindle. At 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair.

The Journal was read and approved.

The names of absentees were called, attendance noted, and further calling of the roll dispensed with.

A Resolution was adopted instructing the Secretaries to arrange all tabular work in alphabetical order. (*See Resolutions.*)

A Resolution was adopted calling for a committee to prepare a memoir of T. F. Plummer. (*See Resolutions.*)

A. Stengle was appointed to prepare a memoir of A. J. Crozier.

M. A. Richards was substituted for Geo. W. Miller on the Education Committee.

Rev. G. R. Crooks, D. D., of Drew Theological Seminary, and Rev. A. J. Kynett, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Church Extension Board, were introduced.

The report of the Visiting Committee to Dickinson College was referred to the Committee on Education.

Dr. J. A. McCauley, Dr. G. R. Crooks and Dr. A. J. Kynett, addressed the Conference in regard to the interests they respectively represent.

A statement from the Book Committee, giving the amount apportioned to this Conference for the Episcopal Fund, was referred to the Presiding Elders.

The Annual Statement of the Book Concern was referred to a committee. (*See Special Committees.*)

A communication from Dr. D. P. Kidder, Corresponding Secretary of the Education Society, with other educational documents, were referred to the Committee on Education.

A communication from the National Temperance Society, calling for a National Temperance Convention, was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

The 20th question, "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up. (*See Disciplinary Question.*)

The order of the day was taken up, and the Stewards made their call.

The report of the Treasurer of the Centenary Fund was presented. A draft on that fund for \$180 was ordered; also a draft on the Chartered Fund for \$30.00.

Geo. W. Sparks and T. L. Tomkinson were re-elected Trustees of the Centenary Fund, and N. M. Browne was elected a trustee of the same fund, to fill the unexpired term of C. M. Pegg, removed by transfer, the Secretary casting the ballot.

The Finance Committee made their call, and the monies were handed in.

G. W. Miller, transferred from the Central Pennsylvania Conference, was introduced.

The call of Effective Elders was resumed.

When the name of Isaac N. Foreman was called, T. E. Martindale, P. E., presented charges, which were referred to a Judicial Court. (*See Special Committee.*)

The time was extended.

A. W. Milby was appointed chairman of the committee in the case of I. N. Foreman, and T. R. Creamer was made assistant secretary in the place of A. Stengle, excused, and assigned to the secretaryship of the court.

J. T. Van Burkalow and J. D. Kemp were appointed to represent the Church.

Committees were called, notices given, and Conference adjourned with the Doxology, and Benediction by Geo. W. Miller.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Conference met at 8½ o'clock, the half hour's devotion in charge of J. L. Houston

At 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair.

The Journal was read and approved.

A communication from Dr. R. S. Rust, Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid Society in regard to an increased apportionment for that cause was referred to the Presiding Elders.

Other documents relating to the same cause were referred to the Freedmen's Aid Committee.

The examination of the character of effective Elders was resumed.

Valentine Gray was, at his own request, granted a superannuated relation. A collection for his benefit was taken amounting to \$63.15.

Dr. A. S. Hunt of the American Bible Society was introduced, and addressed the Conference in the interests of that cause.

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

The time was extended. The case of J. M. Lindale was referred to the committee on Ministerial qualifications.

H. Sanderson, James Hubbard, W. W. Redman, J. McK. Brewington and James Esgate were referred to the Board of Stewards for favorable consideration.

The memorial services were fixed at eleven o'clock to morrow.

E. C. Macnichol was appointed assistant Secretary. Monday morning at 8½ o'clock was fixed for a sacramental service.

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

Dr. J. E. Round was introduced.

Committees were called, notices given, and Conference adjourned with Doxology, and Benediction by J. E. Round.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Conference met at 8½ o'clock, P. H. Rawlins in charge of the half hour's devotions.

At 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair.

The Journal was read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Church Relief was presented and referred to an auditing Committee. (*See Special Committee.*)

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

The 5th question was resumed. The Committee on ministerial qualifications reported favorably in the case of J. M. Lindale.

J. M. Williams, President of Wesleyan Female College, and R. H. Skinner, Principal of the Conference Academy, addressed the Conference in the interests of their respective institutions.

The 14th question, "Who have been elected to Elders orders?" was taken up. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

The 16th question, "What Local Deacons have been elected to Elders orders?" was taken up. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

The 10th question, "What Local Preachers have been elected to Deacon's orders?" was taken up. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

Papers referring to Camp meetings were referred to a Committee. (*See Special Committees.*)

A Committee was appointed to nominate four trustees for the Conference Academy.

A Resolution was adopted requesting Bishop Bowman to furnish part of his address to the 2d year class for publication in the minutes. (*See Resolutions.*)

S. T. Gardner was appointed Assistant Secretary, and assigned to the court in case of I. N. Foreman.

The Parchments of Z. Bowen, a Local Deacon on Princess Anne Circuit, were deposited with the Conference. An appeal by Z. Bowen, from the decision of his Quarterly Conference was made, and referred to a Committee. (*See Special Committees.*) H. Colclazer was appointed chairman, and W. E. Avery was appointed assistant Secretary, and assigned to the court. E. B. Newnam was appointed to represent the Church.

The Conference directed the Finance Committee to pay the Conference Academy and Conference Education collections to C. M. Wharton, and the Church Relief collections to L. C. Matlack.

Dr. J. E. Round addressed the Conference in the interests of the Centenary Biblical Institute.

The Steward's report was read, adopted, and the monies distributed. (*See Report.*)

The examination of the character of effective Elders was resumed.

E. Davis and E. C. Atkins were excused from further attendance upon the session.

The hour having arrived for the order of the day, the Conference entered upon the Memorial Service.

After singing the 957th hymn, T. H. Haynes read a memoir of Wm. Urie, and remarks were made by J. A. Brindle, I. T. Cooper, W. B. Gregg, T. O. Ayers, T. E. Martindale, Geo. Barton, J. L. Houston, T. H. Haynes and Bishop Bowman.

T. H. Haynes also read a memoir of W. I. Bain, followed by Wm. S. Davis and T. S. Williams in remarks.

The time was extended.

T. L. Tomkinson read a memoir of Thos. F. Plummer, which was followed by remarks from G. W. Miller and J. M. Williams.

J. E. Bryan read a memoir of Mrs. Belle Morris Chase, and J. L. Houston and W. E. England followed with appropriate remarks.

The memoirs were then adopted.

Committees were called, notices given, and Conference adjourned with the Doxology, and Benediction by W. B. Gregg.

SIXTH DAY.

MONDAY MORNING.

Conference met at 8½ o'clock, the religious services being opened by W. B. Gregg.

Bishop Bowman took charge of the Sacramental services, assisted by the Presiding Elders.

At half past nine the business of the Conference was resumed.

The journal was read and approved.

Certificates of the ordination of Deacons and Elders were presented by the Bishop.

Resolutions in reference to the appropriation of State monies for the benefit of the Roman Catholic Church were adopted. (*See Resolutions.*)

The Committee on Education were granted leave to retire.

I. T. Cooper and J. McK. Brewington were excused from further attendance upon the session.

The application of J. H. Connelly, a Local Deacon of Bethel Circuit, Salisbury District, to have his Parchments restored, was referred to the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications.

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

The 13th question "Who are the Deacons of the second class?" was taken up. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

The 18th question, "Who are the supernumerary preachers?" was taken up. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

The relation of J. W. Pierson was changed from supernumerary to superannuated.

The court in case of I. N. Foreman was granted leave to retire.

The 19th question, "Who are the superannuated preachers?" was taken up. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

The relation of A. A. Fisher was changed from superannuated to supernumerary.

H. A. Monroe and W. H. Johnson of the Delaware Conference were introduced.

The 2d question, "Who are admitted on trial?" was taken up. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

The recommendation of Joseph H. Hudson for admission on trial was withdrawn.

The 7th question, "Who are received on credentials from other churches?" was taken up. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

The Judicial Committee in the case of I. N. Foreman reported. (*See Reports.*) His character was passed.

The report of the President of the Trustees of the Conference Academy was received and ordered on file.

The report of the Committee on book concern was presented and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

A resolution approving the appointment of E. L. Hubbard as Financial Agent of the Conference Academy was adopted. (*See Resolutions.*)

J. T. Van Burkalow, T. S. Williams, C. W. Prettyman and G. S. Gassner were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the Conference Academy, the Secretary casting the ballot.

The Temperance and Tract Committees made their reports which were adopted. (*See Reports.*)

J. H. Caldwell, L. C. Matlack, G. W. Miller, R. W. Todd, T. E. Martindale, J. B. Quigg and J. D. Rigg were appointed delegates to the National Temperance Convention, to meet at Saratoga, N. Y., June 21, 1881.

The report of the Committee on Freedmen's Aid Society was read, amended and approved. (*See Reports.*)

The report of the President of the Conference Education Society, was read, and ordered on file.

The officers and managers of the Conference Education Society were re-elected. (*See List.*)

The report of the Committee on Education was read, amended and adopted. (*See Report.*)

The time was extended.

R. K. Stephenson was excused from further attendance upon the session.

The report on Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was read and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

A vote of thanks to the officers of the J. & B. Rail Road for a free excursion to Rehoboth Beach was adopted. (*See Resolutions.*)

The examining Committee for the ensuing year were appointed. (*See List.*) The officers and managers of the Conference Sunday School Society were elected. (*See List.*)

W. W. W. Wilson was appointed to preach a temperance sermon on Tuesday evening preceeding the meeting of the next session. T. E. Terry, *Alternate*.

The report of the Finance Committee was read, adopted, and the monies disposed of as follows:—Episcopal Fund, Tract, and Sunday School collections to the Book Agents at New York; W. F. M. collection to L. C. Matlack; Church Extension to F. A. Ellis, Treasurer of the Conference Board; Freedmen's Aid Collection to J. E. Round of Centenary Biblical Institute; Education Collections to C. M. Wharton, Financial Agent of the Conference Academy; Bible Collection, (in Maryland) to W. H. Cole, Treasurer of the Maryland State Bible Society. In Delaware, to the respective Treasurers of the County Bible Societies; Church Relief Collection, to L. C. Matlack.

A session was ordered this evening at 7 o'clock to hear the annual Missionary sermon, and for the transaction of other business.

Notices were given, and Conference adjourned with the Doxology, and Benediction by H. A. Monroe.

SIXTH DAY.

MONDAY EVENING.

Conference met at 7 o'clock, the devotional services led by Jas. Carroll.

J. P. Otis was excused from preaching the Annual Missionary Sermon, at his own request.

The journal was read and approved.

A collection for the sexton was taken, amounting to \$32.58.

J. S. Willis and E. P. Aldred were appointed to fill vacancies in the delegation to the National Temperance Convention.

Reports on the Bible cause and Sunday Schools were read and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

A committee on thanks was appointed. (*See Special Committee.*)

The Report on Church Extension was read and adopted. (*See Report.*)

The report of the committee to audit the accounts of the Church Relief was presented. (*See Report.*)

The committee in the case of Z. Bowen reported, remanding it to the Quarterly Conference. (*See Report.*)

The committee on Ministerial Qualifications in the case of J. H. Connelly, reported unfavorably.

The Presiding Elder was granted leave to withdraw the application for his Parchments.

The committees on Roman Catholic legislation were announced and confirmed. (*See Special Committees.*)

The Conference proceeded to fix the place for the next session. Cambridge, Middletown, and Elkton were nominated, and after representation, Middletown was selected, and the vote was made unanimous.

Resolutions of thanks were presented by the committee, which were adopted. (*See Resolutions.*)

A committee to arrange for the Anniversaries of 1882 was appointed. (*See Special Committees.*)

A committee to secure a reduction of fare to the next session was appointed. (*See Special Committees.*)

A resolution asking W. P. Davis to lecture on his travels in the orient, at the next session was adopted. (*See Resolutions.*)

The secretaries were directed to supply each family in Lewes, who assisted in entertaining the Conference, with a copy of the Minutes of the present session.

The statistical report not being ready the Conference agreed to entrust the work to the secretaries.

The journal was read up, preparatory to final adjournment. Charles Hill announced the 797th hymn, and led the Conference in prayer.

The Bishop addressed the Conference, announced the appointments, and Conference adjourned *sine die* with the Doxology, and Benediction by Bishop Bowman.

JOHN D. RIGG,

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.

Compendium of Methodism,.....	M. A. RICHARDS.
Discipline of the M. E. Church, History of Methodism,.....	B. W. CHASE.
Catechism of the M. E. Church, Scripture History,.....	J. H. CALDWELL.
History of the United States, Common English Branches,.....	T. O. AYRES.

FIRST YEAR.

1. Introduction to the Holy Scriptures,.....	T. R. CREAMER.
2. Compendium of Christian Theology,.....	GEO. W. MILLER.
3. Plain account of Christian Perfection and Written Sermon,....	R. C. JONES.
4. Ancient History,.....	G. W. TOWNSEND.
5. Rhetoric,.....	E. L. HOFFECKER.

SECOND YEAR.

Biblical Theology,.....	P. H. RAWLINS.
Systematic Theology,.....	S. T. GARDNER.
Sacraments and Sermon,.....	W. M. WARNER.
Logic,.....	E. E. WHITE.
History,.....	JOS. ROBINSON.

THIRD YEAR.

Harman's Introduction,.....	W. E. ENGLAND.
Pope's Theology,.....	A. STENGLE.
Church History and Homiletics,.....	E. P. ALDRED.
Intellectual Science,.....	W. J. DUHADWAY.
Atonement in Christ and Written Sermon,.....	G. S. GASSNER.

FOURTH YEAR.

Harman's Introduction,.....	R. H. ADAMS.
Watson's Institutes,.....	J. E. SMITH.
Butler's Analogy,.....	THOS. E. BELL.
"God's Written Word,".....	H. COLCLAZER.
Written Sermons,.....	W. P. DAVIS.

TO EXAMINE LOCAL PREACHERS FOR DEACON'S ORDERS.

J. T. VAN BURKALOW,	L. E. BARRETT.	JOHN W. POOLE,
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DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who are received by transfer, and from what Conference?*
Geo. R. Bristor from the Louisiana Conference.
2. *Who are admitted on trial?*
F. J. Cochran, S. N. Pilchard, I. D. Johnson, C. S. Baker, L. P. Corkran.
3. *Who remain on trial?*
A. W. Lightbourne, Frank B. Quigley.
4. *Who are discontinued?*
None.
5. *Who are admitted into full connection?*
Olin S. Walton, Charles A. Grice, Alfred Smith, J. Morris Lindale, Julius Dodd.
6. *Who are re-admitted?*
None.
7. *Who are received on Credentials from other Churches?*
J. D. C. Hanna.
8. *What traveling Preachers have been elected Deacons?*
Olin S. Walton, Charles A. Grice, J. M. Lindale, Julius Dodd.
9. *What traveling Preachers have been ordained Deacons?*
Olin S. Walton, Charles A. Grice, J. M. Lindale, Julius Dodd.
10. *What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?*
Frank B. Quigley.
11. *What Local Preachers have been ordained Deacons?*
Frank B. Quigley.
12. *Who are the traveling Deacons of the first class?*
Olin S. Walton, Charles A. Grice, J. M. Lindale, Alfred Smith, Julius Dodd.
13. *Who are the traveling Deacons of the second class?*
J. Heston Willey, Ed. L. Hubbard, Charles A. Hill, W. S. Robinson, R. K. Stephenson.
14. *What traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?*
W. W. W. Wilson, W. E. Avery, Lewis C. Andrew, Edwin C. Atkins.
15. *What traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders?*
W. W. W. Wilson, W. E. Avery, Lewis C. Andrew, Edwin C. Atkins.

16. *What Local Deacons have been elected Elders?*
J. D. C. Hanna.
17. *What Local Deacons have been ordained Elders?*
J. D. C. Hanna.
18. *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, A. A. Fisher.
19. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*
J. L. Houston, E. J. Way, V. Gray, J. W. Pierson.
20. *Was the character of each Preacher examined?*
It was.
21. *Have any died?*
Wm Urie, W. I. Bain.
22. *Have any been transferred, and to what Conference?*
None.
23. *Have any withdrawn?*
None.
24. *Have any been located at their own request?*
None.
25. *Have any been located?*
None.
26. *Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges?*
None.
27. *Have any been expelled?*
None.
28. *Who are selected for triers of appeals?*
Charles Hill, E. Davis, J. A. Brindle, J. B. Merritt, W. E. England, H. Colclazer, S. T. Gardner.
29. *What is the Statistical report for this Conference year?*
(See Statistical tables.)

APPOINTMENTS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

L. C. MATLACK, P. E.

P. O. Address, 307 W. 7th Street, Wilmington Del.

Bethel and Glasgow, Md.,	L. W. Layfield.
Charlestown, Md.,	J. W. Hammersley.
Cherry Hill, Md.,	E. E. White.
Chesapeake City, Md.,	F. J. Cochran.
Chester, Del.,	W. B. Gregg.
Claymont, Del.,	To be supplied by President, J. M. Williams.
Christiana, Del.,	L. T. Waddell.
Delaware City, Del.,	W. F. Talbot.
Elkton & Crouch's Chapel, Md.,	W. E. Avery.
Elk Neck, Md.,	G. S. Conaway.
Mt. Lebanon, Del.,	Vaughan Smith.
Mt. Pleasant, Del.,	G. W. Wilcox.
Newark & Wesley, Del.,	John France.
New Castle, Del.,	Geo. R. Bristol.
Newport, Del.,	J. E. Bryan.
North East, Md.,	C. F. Sheppard.
Port Deposit, Md.,	N. M. Browne.
Red Lion, Del.,	L. C. Andrew.
Rising Sun, Md.,	J. D. Kemp.
St George's & Summit, Del.,	J. O. Sypherd.
Wilmington—Asbury,	Charles Hill.
“ Brandywine,	John Shilling.
“ Epworth,	Edward Davis.
“ Grace,	G. W. Miller.
“ Madeley,	T. A. H. O'Brien.
“ Mt. Salem,	T. L. Tomkinson.
“ Scott,	P. H. Rawlins.
“ St. Paul's,	M. A. Richards.
“ Union,	Adam Stengle.
Zion,	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 Asbury Quarterly Conference.

EASTON DISTRICT.

T. E. MARTINDALE, P. E.

P. O., Smyrna, Del.

Appoquinimink, Del.,	R. K. Stephenson.
Cecilton, Md.,	B. W. Chase.
Centreville, Md.,	J. P. Otis.
Chestertown, Md.,	T. H. Haynes.

Church Hill, Md.,	W. B. Walton.
Easton, Md.,	E. P. Aldred.
Galena, Md.,	W. M. Warner.
Greensborough, Md.,	J. E. Smith.
Hillsboro, Md.,	I. G. Fosnocht.
Kent Circuit, Md.,	W. M. Green.
Kent Island, Md.,	B. F. Price.
King's Creek, Md.,	C. A. Hill.
Marydell, Md.,	G. W. Burke.
Middletown, Del.,	W. L. S. Murray.
Millington, Md.,	R. H. Adams.
Odessa, Del.,	W. H. Hutchin.
Oxford, Md.,	Alfred Smith.
Pomona, Md.,	J. E. Kidney.
Queenstown, Md.,	Isaac Jewell.
Royal Oak, Md.,	E. H. Miller.
Sassafras, Md.,	J. H. Willey.
Smyrna, Del.,	J. D. Rigg.
Smyrna Circuit, Del.,	J. A. Brindle.
St. Michael's Md.,	J. E. Mowbray.
Still Pond, Md.,	J. B. Merritt.
Sudlersville, Md.,	J. T. Van Burkalow.
Talbot, Md.,	L. P. Corkran.
Townsend, Del.,	J. Warthman.
Trappe, Md.,	T. E. Bell.
	F. C. McSorley.

DOVER DISTRICT.

ROBERT W. TODD, P. E.

P. O. Dover, Del.

Beckwith's & Spedden's, Md.,	W. S. Robinson.
Bridgeville, Del.,	R. C. Jones, S. N. Pilchard.
Cambridge, Md.,	E. L. Hoffecker.
Camden & Wyoming, Del.,	Jos. Robinson—To be supplied by A. P. Prettyman.
Church Creek, Md.,	J. W. Poole.
Denton, Md.,	A. W. Milby—To be supplied by C. H. Williams.
Dorchester, Md.,	W. P. Davis, Julius Dodd.
Dover, Del.,	J. H. Caldwell.
Ellendale, Del.,	N. McQuay.
Federalsburg, Md.,	E. H. Nelson—To be supplied by W. B. Guthrie.
Felton, Del.,	J. S. Willis—To be supplied by Benj. Warren.
Frederica, Del.,	W. W. W. Wilson.
Galestown, Md.,	E. C. Atkins.
Georgetown, Del.,	H. Colclazer.
Harrington, Del.,	W. E. England—To be supplied by G. S. Hardesty.
Leipsic, Del.,	T. O. Ayers.
Lewes, Del.,	C. W. Prettyman.
Lincoln, Del.,	I. N. Forman.
Magnolia, Del.,	W. F. Corkran.
Milford, Del.,	J. B. Quigg.
Milford Neck, Del.,	I. D. Johnson.
Millsboro, Del.,	E. C. Macnichol.
Milton, Del.,	A. W. Lightbourne.
Nassau, Del.,	Jas. Carroll.
Seaford, Del.,	T. E. Terry.
Woodlandtown, Md.,	J. M. Lindale.

ANNUAL MINUTES OF THE
SALISBURY DISTRICT.

T. S. WILLIAMS, P. E.
P. O., Salisbury, Md.

Accomac, Va.,	L. E. Barrett.
Asbury, Md.,	G. S. Gassner.
Berlin, Md.,	Robert Roe.
Bethel Circuit, Del.,	W. L. P. Bowen.
Chincoteague, Va.,	O. S. Walton.
Crisfield, Md.,	W. J. Duhadway.
Deal's Island, Md.,	T. R. Creamer.
Delmar, Del.,	S. T. Gardner.
Fairmont, Md.,	J. A. B. Wilson.
Frankford, Del.,	W. J. O'Neil.
Fruitland, Md.,	Joseph Dare.
Gumboro, Del.,	T. H. Harding.
Island Circuit, Md.,	C. A. Grice.
Laurel, Del.,	G. A. Phœbus.
Newark, Md.,	T. J. Prettyman.
Parsonsborg, Md.,	A. Chandler.
Pocomoke City, Md.,	J. D. C. Hanna.
Pocomoke Circuit, Md.,	C. S. Baker.
Princess Anne, Md.,	W. R. McFarlane—To be supplied by G. P. Smith.
Quantico, Md.,	E. H. Hynson.
Roxanna, Del.,	T. B. Hunter.
St. Peter's & Quindocqua, Md.,	F. B. Quigley.
Salisbury, Md.,	G. W. Townsend.
Snow Hill, Md.,	E. B. Newnam.
Stockton, Md.,	J. A. Arters.
Sharptown, Md.,	James Conner.
Westover, Md.,	John M. Collins.
Worcester, Md.,	To be supplied.

REPORTS OF THE PRESIDING ELDERS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

The appointments announced at the close of our last annual session, indicated that nearly one-half of the preachers then stationed on this district, were from other sections of the work; but the absence of familiar faces from the parsonages of the district, although regretted, did not lessen the pleasure of the quarterly visitation; nor disturb the harmony of our unrivaled itinerant plan of pastoral work. The new comers thereto, seemed as well fitted to their places, as their predecessors have doubtless proved themselves to be in their new homes, in other fields. Variety of talent and diversity of method, have, as usual, harmonized in administration, and, the year has been peaceful and prosperous.

A temporary prostration, from a severe hemorrhage interfered for a few weeks with the Presiding Elder's work.—The continued feeble health of Rev. J. W. Pierson prompts him to ask for a Superannuated relation at this time.—The death of Rev. T. F. Plummer Local Elder, who had supplied Claymont for two years, successively, will be fittingly noticed in our minutes.—With these exceptions, the life and health of the preachers has been graciously preserved.

Seasons of refreshing, and a quickening Spirit have prevailed extensively among the Churches. Revivals have been enjoyed, with precious fruit, at Asbury, Brandywine, Cherry Hill, Elkton, Epworth, Grace, Mt. Salem, Newport, North East, St Georges, Scott, Union and Zion. The most extensive work of grace on the District is that at Elkton.

No new Churches have been built during the year. The Lecture room of St. Paul's, in the city, has been elegantly frescoed and carpeted at an expense of \$400. At Rowlandville, on Rising Sun Circuit, the church building, has been frescoed and painted at a cost of \$300. Both are paid for. At North East, Rev. C. F. Sheppard is moving on his usual line of action, and, proposes to have a new, or reconstructed church building—a much needed improvement, which will succeed early, if the people do what they are fully able to do, in supporting the pastor's efforts in that direction. At Elkton a thorough renovation of the church is contemplated for next year. A vigorous effort is begun by Rev. J. D. Kemp and the members of the church at Rising Sun, to remove a heavy debt (\$5,000) of long standing, which effort has secured more than three-fifths of the sum already, and promises to cancel soon, what has seriously embarrassed that small society of limited means and large generosity. Their work is deserving of substantial sympathy and aid. The new parsonage at St. Georges has been finished this year, and is now occupied by the pastor, Rev. J. O. Sypherd who was chiefly instrumental in its erection. The whole cost was \$2,000. There is need of \$225. to cover the whole expense.

The assessments made for the various ministerial, educational and benevolent collections were reported early to the quarterly conferences; and, the specific duties of the various committees were also urged upon their attention. Increased contributions have been reported in some departments, but we hope for better things in the future. A carefully prepared appeal on this subject will be put in the hands of the five hundred official members of the Wilmington District at the opening of the ensuing year.

The quarterly reports of the Leaders, lately provided for, have been but partially secured. Complete reports may be expected when the Leaders are fully acquainted with this new phase of their new duty. A few general conclusions only are reached. As reported last year so also this year it is correct to report, that—, "There is an average weekly attendance equal to one-third of the membership; more than three-fourths, of the membership attend class occasionally; and less than one-fourth of them neglect class habitually." Of the new items asked for, by the late general Conference, a less satisfactory report is given. Less than one-third of the members are reported as contributors to the support of the Church; about one-third are heads of families; only one-fourth have family worship; and only one, in eight of these, is supplied with papers published by the Church.

With a brief interval, the year has been one of personal good health, and of more than usually pleasant and profitable intercourse with the preachers and official members of the District.

In conclusion, the Statistics of the Wesleyan Female College are submitted, which evidence a marked improvement for the year past.

President—REV. J. M. WILLIAMS, A. M.

Member of Instructors.....	8
Students—Boarders.....	50
Day Scholars.....	40
Graduates since 1855.....	228
Volumes in Library.....	1,500
Value of Apparatus.....	\$1,500
Number of Specimens in Cabinet.....	1,000

L. C. MATLACK, P. E.

EASTON DISTRICT.

In presenting this, my first Annual Report of the condition of the Churches on Easton District, I desire to acknowledge with fervent gratitude, the goodness of the Lord, and his benediction upon the labors of the year.

My time and my heart have been given to the responsible work assigned me. I have been enabled to meet all my engagements; having visited every charge four times, held all the Quarterly Conferences, preached one hundred and eighteen sermons, and labored, as opportunity offered, in revival and other services, throughout the District.

As a rule, the health of the Ministers and their families has been good. Some households, however, have been bereaved. Rev. Wm. Urie, a superannuated member of our Conference, one of the noble veterans, "full of faith and the Holy Ghost," after long suffering passed peacefully away, Nov. 13th, 1880, at Smyrna, Delaware.

A double grief has fallen upon Rev. B. W. Chase, in the loss of two members of his family, at Cecilton, Md. His little daughter Cora died on the 8th of January last, and in the brief period of three weeks afterward, his devoted wife, whom he had brought South in search of health, also, passed to her rest in heaven. Bros. Van Burkalow and Adams have also been called upon to mourn the loss of little ones, out of their homes.

While the year has not been signalized by a general revival work, yet gracious outpourings of the Spirit have come upon many of the charges, especially Townsend, Smyrna, Easton, Centreville, Chestertown, Kent Island, Hillsboro and Odessa. At other points, the extreme severity of the weather has interrupted meetings which were full of promise. Notwithstanding this, the Churches generally, are in good condition, and the spiritual outlook is encouraging.

The material condition of the District is steadily improving, as will be seen from the following exhibit.

Two Churches have been built during the year; one, at Wye Mills, Hillsboro Circuit, at a cost of \$1700; and the other at Perry's Corner, Queenstown Circuit, costing about \$1300. Both these are neat and attractive structures, and have but small balances of debt upon them.

At Church Hill, Queenstown and Ridgley on Hillsboro Circuit, the Churches have been greatly improved and beautified, the outlay in each case being provided for.

New parsonages have been erected at Pomona, on Pomona Circuit, and at Rock Hall, Kent Circuit. They are well built and comfortable houses, costing respectively \$2000, and \$850, and are at present, occupied by the Pastors.

Preparations are being made to build a new Church in Miles River Neck, King's Creek Circuit. The brethren have already purchased and paid for a suitable lot.

At St. Michael's a lot adjoining the Church has been secured for the erection of a new Parsonage, at some future time.

The brethren at Greensboro have purchased the Oakland Camp ground, containing 8½ acres, and design fitting it up as a permanent place of summer worship for the surrounding community. It is a genuine pleasure to announce that the long standing debt upon the handsome Church at Millington has, at last, been swept away by the still more handsome liberality of Bro. Thos. Mallalieu. In April last, at a meeting of the Board of Trustees, called for the purpose, he presented to the Church a receipt for \$4,125, that being the whole amount of their indebtedness; and directed that it should be entered upon their records, so that there might be no future mistake about his intention.

Sundry minor improvements, and the decrease of indebtedness in other charges, although small, indicate a healthy condition of affairs.

It is gratifying to state that while our property in Churches on this District is valued at \$242,500, we have a debt at present of only \$5,300; and our parsonage property, valued at \$49,300, has but \$2,900 against it. Eight charges only, out of the twenty-seven, have any debt whatever upon their property; and that we hope to see very speedily removed.

Our brethren generally seem to be fully alive to the importance of the Missionary and other benevolent collections. At some points, there will be a gratifying advance, while at others there may be a falling off, possibly attributable to the many stormy Sabbaths, on which no services were held. The disciplinary plan has been but partially carried out on the District.

On eight charges the estimate for Ministerial support was increased over last year, and in only one instance, I believe, was there a decrease. It is matter of regret that, in some cases, the receipts have been small, and a few brethren have had to struggle and endure. On the whole, however, the reports will show a satisfactory year in financial results.

The attendance upon Class Meetings is not what could be desired. A careful examination of the reports reveals the fact that one-third of our membership regularly attend; that about the same proportion contribute to the support of the Gospel, and that of the heads of families in our Church, at least one-fourth do not observe family worship.

The new class Leaders' Reports, provided for in the Discipline, in bringing these delinquencies to the attention of the Quarterly Conferences, will, no doubt, exert an influence toward correcting them.

Special attention has been given to the great Sunday School interest. Many of the schools are making progress in wisdom of methods and thoroughness of work. We have steadily insisted upon these three things. 1st. An organization in harmony with the provisions of the Discipline.—2nd. A systematic, earnest, public use of our Catechism.—And 3d. A faithful adherence to the Berean System of lessons, to the exclusion of certain cheap literature, whose theology to say the least of it, is not Methodistic. If we are to be true to ourselves as a Church anywhere, it surely, ought to be in our Sunday Schools.

We have a flourishing Church Lyceum of thirty-three members, at Cecilton. It is proving a great blessing to the young people of the charge. Another is being organized at Kent Island.

Personally, the year past, has been one of earnest labor, much looking to God, and many undeserved kindness from the brethren, both of the Ministry and the laity, which will not soon be forgotten. Out of it all, as we look back upon it, there arise causes for rejoicing and praise to God, as well as inspirations for better, truer, diviner work in the future.

Respectfully submitted.

T. E. MARTINDALE, P. E.

DOVER DISTRICT.

In making my second annual report as Presiding Elder of Dover District, I would, first of all, make grateful mention of the loving kindness of the beneficent Author of all good. The lives, and, generally, the health of the preachers and their families have been preserved; and, in the few instances where the shadow of suffering has fallen, it has been mercifully removed leaving only the cheerful sunshine. Rev. Joseph Robinson has been the subject of a painful affliction that entirely disabled him for several weeks, but is permitted to join with us in our annual gathering. In the distribution of the discipline of suffering I have shared, but have been enabled to meet all my engagements, except in two instances.

The year has been memorable for the long, dreary winter of cold and storm, which has seriously interfered with many of our operations. In many instances, where the minister proposed to hold revival meetings in September and October, our brethren of the laity pleaded for a postponement on account of their farming engagements; and the result was, that these services were thrown so far into the winter, that, in many cases, they were discouraging failures. It is hoped this experience will teach us it is not well to bound the work of helping Christ save souls by the limit of our business convenience.

During the winter there have been an unusual number of stormy, disagreeable Sundays, which have interfered with the gathering of the people in the public congregations; and this State of affairs has militated seriously against our financial interests, both in the collections for benevolent purposes, and on account of ministerial support. In addition to this, the closing of navigation during nearly the entire winter, has made it impossible for our brethren in the agricultural districts to dispose of their grain; and the scarcity of money resulting therefrom has seriously affected our financial interests. The ice embargo has also most disastrously affected those communities engaged in the oyster trade.

Taking all these things into consideration, I shall be most agreeably disappointed if the statistics gathered by our finance committee do not show a large deficit in our receipts as compared with the showing of one year ago. Nothing but the most faithful and "patient continuance in well-doing," on the part of both the ministry and laity, has saved the interests represented from paralyzing disaster. At many points there has been manifested a heroism, such as only a spiritual Christianity can inspire; and, in spite of adverse circumstances, victory has been wrested from the hour of apparent defeat; but in some cases the disciplinary plan in reference to benevolent collections has not been fully carried out.

In the pulpit and pastorate, so far as I know, without exception, the brethren have wrought faithfully, and a measure of success has crowned the efforts of all. There have been encouraging revivals in the following charges; Wyoming, Felton, Milford, Lewes, Seaford, Federalsburg, Dorchester, and Cambridge; and at Frederica and Lincoln unusual baptisms of power have fallen on the people. From data in my possession, there have been about six-hundred and twenty-five souls converted during the year.

Our people, seeing the great evils growing out of modern campmeetings, have generally discontinued them. The only one held in our bounds, under our

auspices, was as prudently managed as most such gatherings can be in these times—except in its continuance over two Sabbaths—and yet it resulted only in demoralization and disaster. A number were held by sister churches, white and colored, from the effects of which our cause, and doubtless theirs, also, has reaped only a harvest of evil. May the time speedily come when the Lord's people will hold only *inter-sabbath* picnics!

In the matter of church improvement, we are healthfully progressive. At Wyoming a fine lot, consisting of half a square, and most eligibly located, has been secured, mostly free of cost, as the location for a church and parsonage; and the bricks for the church edifice are paid for and on the ground. From this good beginning we hope to see the much needed sanctuary rise during the coming year.

A neat gothic chapel is in process of erection at Ebenezer on Fulton circuit. At Frederica, the fallen steeple has been replaced, and the church repaired, beautified and refurnished at a cost of \$1,300, all of which is paid.

The chapel at Greenwood, mentioned in my last report was completed and dedicated last June. It is a beautiful little gothic structure, with stained glass windows, and neatly furnished, at a cost of about \$1,200, all of which was subscribed on the day of dedication, with the exception of \$150, which has since been donated by the Church Extension Society.

At East New Market the church has been repaired and repainted. The cost—\$600—has been entirely met. Harris' Chapel, on Denton circuit, having been reconstructed and beautified, was reopened in the early summer. The cost of the improvements was \$900, and the indebtedness is cancelled. The parsonage at Church Creek has been repaired and partially refurnished, at an outlay of \$250, all of which has been paid.

At Cambridge a subscription of \$3,300, has been secured; and it is proposed, during the coming spring and summer to expend some \$4,500, in the addition of a graceful tower and steeple to our granite structure in that place, and otherwise alter and improve it, so as to make it one of the most sightly and commodious churches in our conference. A church debt of \$350, at Spedden's on Beckwith's circuit has been paid.

The steeple of the church in which we are assembled, erected last Fall, commands your attention, and the 600 lbs. bell peals forth its own story. Though, like Martin Luther, cast in a Catholic foundry, like Luther, being converted, its loosened tongue makes Protestant melody, the sentiment of which is—"make a joyful noise unto the God of your salvation."

In this connection, it gives me pleasure to announce that George H. West, Esq., a liberal minded Methodist layman of Philadelphia, has donated to our church of Lewes—the place of his nativity—a fine lot, worth nearly \$1,000, as the location for a parsonage. It is proposed, during the coming year, to erect thereon a pastor's home, that will be a suitable monument to the donor of the lot and a credit to the enterprise of our Lewes Methodism.

Nassau, the new circuit created last spring, at once takes position among the progressive and desirable charges of the conference. In addition to voting her pastor a generous support, in four months time she built and furnished for him a comfortable home, nearly all of which is paid for; the lot on which it is located being the generous gift of Hon. Judge Wootten, of Georgetown.

The parsonage at Galestown has been painted, and refurnished at a cost of \$165, and a new parsonage is in process of erection at Redden's Station, on Ellendale circuit. The pastors of all the above-mentioned charges deserve honorable mention for the spirit and efficiency with which they have co-operated in the work of improvement.

The spiritual status of the church within the District is improving. The reports of leaders indicate a gradually increasing attendance upon class meetings. The Quarterly Conferences have had a better attendance, and our Quarterly Meeting, Sunday Services, in many places seems to be re-asserting somewhat of their former influence. Our Love feasts have often been seasons of old time

power; but I am pained to say have sometimes been fatally marred by our laxity in enforcing the regulations that formerly ensured the needful privacy. The old custom of excluding the gay and thoughtless, and of closing the doors, should be revived and rigidly enforced.

The centennial anniversary of the erection of Barrett's chapel was celebrated in July; and \$250, were raised toward the work of repair and improvement, which, it is hoped, will soon be commenced

Dorchester county Methodism celebrated its centennial at Cambridge, in August, with great enthusiasm. The gathering was undenominational, and tended to the cementing of fraternal ties, and to the inspiration of the several divisions of the Methodist army for grander achievements during the new century.

I have endeavored to impress upon our Sunday School workers, in rural districts, the importance of keeping our Schools in active operation during the entire year. In this I have been ably seconded by the pastors generally; and the result is, that notwithstanding, the unusual rigors of the past winter, we have some ten or twelve country schools that have survived the storms of the past four months, and start out on their spring campaign with more inspiring assurance of success. Our aim, on Dover District, is to inspire a sentiment that henceforth will brand, as cowardly and disgraceful, the proposition, in any part of God's army, to "go into winter quarters!"

The Temperance Reform received a new impetus and inspiration, in the organization of the State Temperance Alliance in Dover, December 1st 1880; and through its efficient instrumentality, a salutary moral influence has been exerted upon the Delaware legislature, that has secured the adoption of the principle of Local Option in a law passed by the representative branch of the General Assembly; and we have some ground to hope that our conference Temperance anniversary will be enlivened by the glad tidings that the bill has passed the senate and become a law. Be this as it may, all honor to the noble representatives, who, despite the intimidations of managers and the influential brandishments of the rum traffic, have dared, by their legislative votes, to vindicate christian sentiment and morality.

In the exigencies of our work at the last session of the Conference, three of our brethren, with families, were crowded into single men's appointments. Since that time several of our young men have either consummated, or are contemplating matrimony, and four married men, within the District, are seeking work. So that Dover District has on hand, or available, at least ten married men more, than there are suitable places for them. If our meagre "Church Relief" fund had been increased in proportion to its claims upon the liberality of our people, most of these brethren might be employed in weak and destitute places, in the Conference where their labors would yield a rich and remunerative increase.

There are critical points, within the lines of Dover Districts, at which, for a time, we must either have financial help to hold the ground that rightly belongs to us, until the crucial period is past; or, at no distant day, we shall be compelled to relinquish it to an unscrupulous contestant, and an ignorant and unreasoning prejudice.

In obedience to the requirements of the Discipline, I present the following report of the Wilmington Conference Academy, at Dover, R. H. Skinner, A. M., Principal.

No. of Professors.....	7
No. of Students enrolled in Preparatory department.....	39
No. " " Academic ".....	78
No. " Special Students.....	3
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Total number of Students in the Institution.....	127
No. of Graduates.....	51
No. " " in the Ministry.....	6
No. " Students, not graduates, in the Ministry.....	7

Value of Grounds, Buildings and Furniture.....	\$50,000
No. of Volumes in Library.....	600
There is a valuable Philosophical and Chemical apparatus, and a Cabinet containing several hundred mineral and geological specimens.	
Income last year, from board, tuition, &c.....	\$980,02
Income from Educational collection.....	\$459,44
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Total income last year.....	\$1,439,46

The floating indebtedness partially and conditionly provided for at our last session, still embarrasses our Academy. We have good reason to believe that when our laity shall have met the obligation assumed on their behalf by the Electoral conference last spring, the pledge, made by the members of the conference, and by the citizens of Dover will be fully redeemed. Indeed, a considerable portion thereof has already been paid. My decided conviction is that, with the proper man as agent, to travel throughout the Conference bounds, and intelligently represent the claims of the Academy upon the liberality of our people, the needed \$4,000, can be obtained during the ensuing Conference year, and our Institution, unfettered, will be started anew on a career of prosperity and achievement that shall tell grandly for God and Methodism through all the brightening future.

Respectfully submitted, ROBT. W. TODD, P. E.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

The Official labors of another year are ended, and I submit my second annual report to the Conference, with gratitude to Almighty God, whose gracious providence has constantly been with us, that He has not suffered the fervent importunities of His people to be poured forth in vain, nor their zealous efforts to go unrewarded.

While the year has been one of lights and shadows, while many of God's children have been tried in the fiery furnace of affliction, one like unto the Son of God has been in their midst, cheering the despondent, quickening the inactive and pouring balm on the heart of the sorrowing.

With Pastors and people, I have enjoyed the most harmonious relations. Everywhere, I have been received with that cordial welcome which only members of the Brotherhood of Christ know so well how to extend to each other.

The spirit of thorough consecration with which the Pastors have prosecuted their work during the year, and the unity of feeling which has existed among them have greatly rejoiced my heart.

The geographical extent of Salisbury District has been too often defined to warrant repetition; yet it will be but proper to say here, that, within its present limits, we have 25 Pastoral charges, 85 Church Buildings and 81 Sunday Schools, all under the supervision of 27 Pastors, 3 of whom are employed by the Presiding Elder; 12 of the 22 parsonages on the District, are owned by the several Churches and the remaining 10, rented. An examination of our Church Records shows a membership of about 6,700, which is divided into 167 classes conducted by 160 Leaders 50 per cent of this number attend the social means of grace, and only 30 per cent contribute regularly to the current expenses and benevolent interests of the Church. We would suggest as a remedy for these defects, 1st. that the classes be divided into smaller numbers, 2nd. that care be taken to procure efficient Leaders who are at once earnest christians and good financiers.

During the year extra services have been held in all the charges, and while there has been no sweeping revival at any one place, the results, in the aggregate, have been very gratifying. The greatest number of conversions and additions to

the Church have occurred at Deal's Island, Pocomoke City, Fruitland, Asbury, Stockton and Delmar.

The Preachers Association, held in Pocomoke City last June for the mutual improvement and spread of Christ's Kingdom and Methodism in that community, was pre-eminently successful. It was then believed, and subsequent events have confirmed that belief, that a deep religious impression was made upon the minds of the people then. Our Sabbath Schools are in a prosperous condition; and despite the almost unparalleled cold of the winter months, but few of their ranks have been broken. Such tenacity shows an increasing interest in this branch of our Church work. The Hymnal is being introduced into some of the Schools with noticeable effect. We believe that if the Pearl edition of the Hymnal could judiciously supersede many of the "Ephemeral singing books" now in use, it would be infinitely better for the growing forth of the Church. Quite a number of the Schools have not yet, been organized into Missionary Societies.

The temperance cause, which christians of this age have found to be so closely allied to every moral and spiritual movement in a community, has not failed to attract the attention of our people, or to call forth a trial of strength in its behalf within the bounds of the District. In May last Somerset County cast a very decided vote in favor of Local Option, and since that time no liquor has been sold in any of the Districts except one. Some of the best and most prominent men of the County, several of whom are members of the Legal Profession, heretofore determined in their opposition to Local Option have become convinced of their error and are now among its warmest advocates.

It is very gratifying to be able to report that the Christian advocate has found a much wider circulation on the District this year than heretofore. We have sought to have it introduced into every Methodist family, believing it to be one of the best educational Journals, both intellectually and religiously, to which a people can have access.

Some of our Preachers have rightfully considered it a part of their duty to prevent, as far as possible, the "buying and selling of votes;" a procedure which is, at the same time, a violation of Discipline, decency and morality.

It is a source of encouragement as well as of commendation that some of the Brethren, under an educatory process, have succeeded in awakening in the minds of their congregations a juster and more intelligent appreciation of the great benevolent enterprises of the Church. The tendency has been, formerly, to regard religious contributions as a matter of charity, solely, and not as a regular and normal part of christian worship, and we regret that this perverted idea has not been wholly eradicated. The plan laid down in the Discipline for diffusing missionary intelligence and lifting missionary collections, has not been adopted.

The licenses of two of our Local Preachers were not renewed on the ground of their refusal to pursue the course of study prescribed by the Discipline.

The material growth of the District, like the spiritual, has not been imperceptible.

On Frankford Circuit, St. Georges' Church, a neat and comfortable building has been erected at a cost of \$1,800, which amount has been promptly paid. The Church at Frankford on the same circuit, has undergone thorough repairs. The remodeled front with a tall and graceful spire add very greatly to the heretofore unsightly appearance. The Pastor, Rev. E. H. Nelson, labored energetically for the accomplishment of these results.

Our people of Gumboro had long felt the need of a Church in their midst, when a series of very opportune circumstances furnished them with the means of readily supplying this want. Overtures having been made by the Methodist Protestant Church at Gumboro, for us to buy their building, we did so, paying \$350; after which the entire membership came over to our Church.

At Stockton a handsome parsonage has been erected and nicely furnished, surrounding its occupants with the comforts of a pleasant home. The cost of its

construction was \$1,800 which has been cheerfully met by the membership and friends. The Pastor worked faithfully in this cause.

Through the untiring exertions of the Pastor, Rev. J. D. C. Hanna, and the liberality of the people, the parsonage at Pocomoke City has at last been freed from a debt which was a source of annoyance and embarrassment to the membership for many years.

The new Church at Deals Island, a beautiful structure, will soon be ready for dedication. It is at once a gem and a monument of the combined faith and works of the Pastor, Bro. Creamer and his devoted flock. The ladies of the Island have taken a prominent part in the liquidation of its indebtedness. By means of a course of entertainments they have succeeded in placing the new edifice beyond the reach of financial trouble, thus showing, that in the garden of the Lord now, as in Eden, woman is an invaluable aid to man in caring for each branch of the cause of God.

Asbury Church near Crisfield, two years ago was in an unfinished condition, and in the hands of the sheriff for a debt of \$1200. During the year it has been finished, handsomely furnished, and on the _____ was dedicated clear of its embarrassing liability. It is enough to say of this house that it is equalled by few, and surpassed by but one, in the whole Conference. Great credit is due to the Pastor, Bro. Ayers, for his heroic efforts in this enterprise.

The Parsonage at Fairmount has been so completely changed that one would scarcely recognize in the remodeled building which is now the home of the Pastor, Rev. J. A. B. Wilson, any trace of the old property. An entire new front, 20 x 36 has been erected, and elegantly furnished, while the old building, after having been repaired and improved was moved back and joined at the rear. The cost of these recent additions \$1,600 has been arranged for.

The Church in Salisbury has sustained some alterations which give it a much more modern appearance. The removal of the gallery from the audience room and the opening of a centre aisle are the most important changes made. The walls have also been newly calcamined, the floor newly carpeted, and the inside freshly painted; the whole cost being a little over \$500, which was promptly met at completion.

The Church at Fruitland has been greatly improved and beautified at a cost of \$300. This work is mainly the result of the generosity of J. H. A. Dulang, Esq.

Other improvements of minor importance are indications of our continued prosperity.

Death has broken our ranks and taken one from our midst during the year. Rev. W. I. Bain passed into the enjoyment of everlasting rest, May 13th 1880. I refrain from other comments here, as a suitable memoir will be read at the memorial service. Rev. J. D. C. Hanna was secured to fill the place of Bro. Bain at Pocomoke City, which he has done with great acceptability.

With ideas enlarged of the greatness of our work, and a fuller appreciation of the wisdom of our economy, we hope for grander victories and holier triumphs the ensuing year, than have ever before crowned the efforts of Gods trusted followers.

T. S. WILLIAMS, P. E.

Reports of Committees.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The Conference Board of Church Extension respectfully submit the following report:

Our careful attention has been given to the duties with which we have been charged by your Body under the Discipline of the Church.

At a meeting held in Dover during the session of the last Conference, three hundred dollars were recommended to be donated, by the Parent Board, to the church in Millington. The proposition was duly considered, and as the General Conference had enacted that in cases of this character a trust bond and mortgage must be given where the donation is \$300 or over, the Board made a donation of \$275 to Millington church, which was paid April 20th, 1880. It gives us great pleasure to state that church is now relieved of its embarrassments for which we owe a debt of gratitude to our philanthropic brother, Thomas Mallalieu.

In November, we commended a donation of one hundred and fifty dollars to Greenwood chapel, on Bridgeville Circuit. It was granted, and paid by the Parent Board Jan. 14th, 1881. This church is now freed from debt, and a society preserved to us which might, otherwise, have gone into another communion.

COLLECTIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

During the existence of the Wilmington Conference, a period of 12 years, our collections for the cause of Church Extension has been \$11,636.87, and our disbursements within our own bounds have \$4,900. All of this has been in donations except \$300 in a loan. It will thus be seen that our average annual contribution is \$968, and our average disbursements annually, about \$408. During the year 1879-80, there were but 4 charges out of the 106 in the Conference that failed to take this collection. Of this record, we may speak with pleasant reflections, for there is no other Conference of native Americans that has done so well. We are also gratified that the report of the collections for the present year shows an increase of nearly one-third over that of the former year.

Our present account with the Parent Board is as follows:

1881.		CR.	
January 1,	By balance from 1880.....	\$625	00
March 21,	By collection for 1881, \$924.73, less 1/2.....	616	49
1881.		DR.	
January 14,	To donations to Greenwood.....	\$ 150	00
March 21,	Balance to credit of Conference.....	1091	49
		\$1,241	49
		\$1,241	49

Respectfully submitted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your committee, in making their report on the cause of education, would not forget that the one great work of the church, for which God has commissioned her, is the education of the soul in those things which will fit it for an eternal residence with God; yet, as the intellectual nature of man has a more vital relation to the soul than the material nature can have, we wish to emphasize the

thought uttered by Dr. McCauley, that the church would be greatly benefitted in its especial work by an advancement of its educational interests. For this advancement the pastors are in great measure responsible. To them the people look for advice concerning all that helps the soul to grow in spiritual things, and in all that helps the church to "go on from strength to strength." Would it not be a singular advice to one seeking to become a useful christian for a pastor to say: Encourage ignorance, stultify the intellect, dwarf the mind, know as little as you can, sink thought in sense, and let your religious life be one of mere physical manifestation? We put the matter in this way to show that, if this be not the proper course to pursue, the opposite course is obviously the wise one.

Beginning, then, with the pastors, we earnestly recommend that they interest themselves more and more in this great line of christian labor. While they should be interested in the common and secular schools where they reside, they should be particularly vigilant to encourage the young to the use of those advantages which the church offers for the improvement of its constituency. Among these advantages we would recommend the "Chatanqua Literary and Scientific Circle," and the "Church Lyceum," as primary and initial. We are glad to know of a growing interest in forming lyceums for the benefit of our young people. We think there is no better means by which a pastor can learn of the intellectual qualities and inclinations of those whom he may influence to a course of preparatory and collegiate education. Having found there promising subjects, as he will likely do, if he be a man of observation, he should use his utmost endeavor to push them into our schools at Dover, Wilmington, Dickinson and Drew.

We are pleased to learn of the continued prosperity of the Wilmington Conference Academy, but we are sorry that the incubus of its debt still burdens it. It is encouraging, however, to know that its running expenses do not involve the trustees, and the debt has been largely decreased both by the earnings of the institution and the subscriptions paid since this session of Conference began. It is for the interest of the church that this institution should be sustained by patronage and by financial support. Under the present administration we run no risk in making an effort to send students to be educated in its curriculum. The attendance of students was never better than during the past year, and yet there is room for more. We understand that the trustees are to ask for the appointment of an agent by the Conference, and, if such an arrangement shall be made, may we not expect that all the pastors will heartily sanction the efforts of such agent in the work assigned him.

The Wesleyan Female College, at Wilmington, is gaining in reputation, patronage and wealth. Its debt is being nominally diminished, and thus it is getting nearer the ideal position which it should hold. Its patronage is increasing at the rate of fifty per cent. a year, which results not from superficial ostentation, but from steady, persistent, solid, efficient administration of its financial and literary interests. Its reputation, as a school to whose care young ladies can be safely entrusted, is gaining both in the city of Wilmington and in the patronizing conferences. There are seven young ladies in the present graduating class.

Going a step higher we find Dickinson College claiming our attention and support. Its centenary, as an institution of learning, is near at hand, when we hope to see it handsomely endowed, and every way strengthened. The value of a collegiate education is seen, not so much in the specific preparation it gives for the work of the church, as in the intellectual strength and vigor it gives to men, both in the ministry and other professions; and if we have with it the piety which is inculcated in our denominational schools we cannot do a better service to the church and the world than to encourage our boys—and girls, too—to take a radical and thorough drill in those higher grades of school which the church provides; or, in the language of the circular of the Board of Education: "There is no grander benevolence than that which enables an immortal mind to come to its maximum of power under the influence of christian education and training."

While a preacher needs to make special preparation for his sermons, that preacher overlooks an important advantage who loses sight of a general study and reading to strengthen and broaden the thinking powers; so we recommend, in order to the greater usefulness of the coming generation, that we encourage our young men and women to take a full collegiate course; and we are sure that the Wesleyan Female College and our centenarian, Dickinson College, are worthy of our continued and increasing support.

Drew Seminary, for specific education, is very important to the minister of future years; and, while it is better for one to get the broad culture of a collegiate course before taking this specific education, we consider the latter in the advanced enlightenment of the church, as an almost indispensable requisite to the future members of this Conference. Our theological seminary is improving, financially, and is doing a grand work for the church. We would call attention to the provisions of the will of the late James Riddle, of Wilmington, which provides for the education in the institution of one person, to become a member of this Conference, and one as a missionary. We hope the funds will not lie idle through any fault of ours to find the right person to use them.

The Centenary Institute, at Baltimore, Rev. J. Emory Round, A. M., President, is also doing a very important work for the church, in raising to a higher plain of enlightenment and usefulness a class who are destined to exert an influence for the weal or woe of the nation. The new building of the institute is nearly completed, and will be dedicated, (D. V.,) by Bishop Simpson, on the 17th of May. As the funds of this Conference, raised for the Freedmen's Aid Society are applied to the support of this institution, we feel a local interest in the increase of these funds, and will do what we can to raise more the coming year for this object.

With the preceding considerations and representative interests before us, we *Resolve*, That as members of the Wilmington Annual Conference, we will give more attention to the mental culture of our people, by all means within our reach, thus fitting them better to serve the church, and lifting them nearer to the intellectual and spiritual nature of God.

REPORT OF TRACT COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Tracts desire to submit to your consideration the following report:

WHEREAS, From time immemorial, it has been the practice of the christian church to disseminate scriptural truth by scattering with a liberal hand the precious leaves of holy light over all lands; and,

WHEREAS, We have witnessed not infrequently the results of such method in bringing souls to Christ, which demonstrates the influence of tracts; therefore,

Resolved, That we most heartily recommend and earnestly urge a larger use of this truly efficient means of promoting our Redeemer's Kingdom among men.

REPORT ON BIBLE CAUSE.

1. *Resolved*, That we will encourage by all proper means the publication and circulation of the Sacred Scriptures, and also their use in the public schools, and especially in private families.

2. *Resolved*, That our faith in the efficiency of the American Bible Society remains unshaken, and that we have listened with great pleasure to the report made by Dr. Hunt, its principal agent, of the successful operations of the society.

3. *Resolved*, That we rejoice in the assurances which we have from time to time that the bible, containing, as we firmly believe, the revealed will of God to all mankind, is finding its way among the nations of the earth with unprecedented rapidity and acceptance.

4. *Resolved*, That the Holy Scriptures, though attacked and maligned by infidels and skeptics, will carry their evidences of self-proof to all who read them with attention and candor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

Your committee report with very great pleasure the marked interest now being taken in Sunday School work in all parts of our Conference territory, and attribute it largely to the influence produced by the use of the "Berean System" of lessons. This system cannot be too highly praised as the best and most comprehensive system of bible study yet given to the children of our Sunday Schools.

Yet we report the fact that there is a great lack of interest in many of our schools in the study of the catechism of our church, and we have grave apprehensions of evil to our church, unless this be remedied, and we wish to express the conviction, that as temperance lessons have been incorporated in the system, so, also, lessons from the catechism may, and ought, to be incorporated in it. This is absolutely necessary from the fact that if not expressly provided for, the catechism will be crowded out.

Your committee also recommend that the greatest care be had in the selection of library books; and that the instructions of the discipline be carefully followed. We would also suggest that our own "Sunday School Journal," Lesson Leaves," and other lesson helps, be used in preference to all helps published outside of our church.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL OPTION.

Your committee, pursuant to the instruction "to take such steps as may be necessary to inaugurate the needed organization and effort to secure Local Option in the State of Delaware, effected a temporary organization of the Delaware State Temperance Alliance in Smyrna, August 30, 1880. A platform of principles was adopted, an appeal based thereon was published, and a call issued for a public meeting of the Alliance to be held at Dover, Dec. 1, 1880. This call was supplemented by another which was signed by members and ministers of five denominations, and by members of both political parties, and of various temperance organizations.

The result was, that the first annual meeting of the Alliance was one of unusual interest and importance, representing, largely, the intelligence, enterprise, and religious sentiment of the State. A permanent organization was effected, of which Charles W. Howland is President, Rev. A. W. Lightbourne, Secretary, and R. M. Cooper, Esq., Treasurer.

After the adjournment, the Central Executive Committee prepared and circulated petitions in favor of Local Option, and submitted to the State Legislature the form of a law which was presented at Dover, February 2, 1881, and supported by arguments addressed to the Legislators of Delaware, by Dr. J. H. Caldwell and Rev. A. W. Lightbourne of our conference, and also by Rev. Dr. Huntingdon and J. A. Fulton, Esq., of Dover.

Within a few weeks afterward, the members and friends of the Alliance forwarded to the Legislature the names of more than thirty thousand petitioners in favor of a prohibitory law. Of these petitioners a majority were voters; and a majority of the voters of the State were found thus enrolled in favor of Local Option.

After a thorough discussion, and against earnest opposition, a bill passed in the House, March 2. The bill has been read once in the Senate, but action is delayed, and serious fears are entertained that it may fail of success through the inactivity of some temperance men in that body, and the vigorous opposition of its enemies both within and without the Senate.

With this brief statement of the facts, therefore we add a recommendation that the Wilmington Conference shall supplement its primary action in this Local Option movement, by an early and earnest expression of its desire that the Legislature of Delaware shall grant the people what they have asked for, by the prompt passage of the Local Option law now under consideration. And we propose the following for adoption.

Resolved, By the members of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in session at Lewes, Delaware,

1. That we heartily endorse the organization of the Delaware State Temperance Alliance, and rejoice to know that so much effectual work has been done by the presentation of petitions to our State Legislature in favor of Local Option, and a law prohibitory of the liquor traffic,

2. That we express only the general sentiment of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by declaring our unanimous condemnation of the liquor traffic; and also our judgment, that the legitimate duty of the law-makers of the land, requires of them the protection of the people from the evils of intemperance, by the prohibition with severe penalties, of the manufacture and sale of all intoxicating drinks.

3. That we hereby tender to those members of the House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, who voted in favor of Local Option, our heart-felt thanks for the same.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Recognizing the importance of this branch of missionary enterprise, the substantial successes already achieved by it, though among the youngest of our church benevolences, the efficiency of its management, and the grand possibilities of usefulness opening up to those toiling under its auspices, we, therefore, urge its claims upon the attention, the sympathies, the prayers, and the liberality of our people. We recommend the organization of auxiliary societies at all points wherever practicable; and, believing that this work can be largely augmented by the presence and counsel of our esteemed sisters, Mrs. E. B. Stevens and Miss Isabel Hart, the authorized representatives of the society within the bounds of our conference, we will cordially welcome them to our charges and heartily co-operate in the formation of such auxiliary societies; and, also, that at least one prayer service in every three months be especially devoted to the presentation of its claims and the offering of the prayers of the church in its behalf.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BOOK CONCERN.

DEAR BROTHERS:—We find the net capital of the two concerns is \$1,355,06.16. Profits of the year \$87,981.86.

The Book Committee complain that the payments of money due by members of the Annual Conference are not enforced. Perhaps it may be the fault of the Agents and not the Conferences.

We congratulate all parties interested, in the evidences of prosperity furnished in these figures. We recommend the following resolutions for adoption.

1. The publication of information respecting our great benevolent interests whether in Manuals or some other form ought to be at merely nominal cost, or still better for free distribution in the Churches.

2. That we approve the management as presented in report of Book Committee and Agents.

REPORT OF THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE.

The committee appointed in the case of Rev. I. N. Foreman, respectfully report, that after careful examination, it is their unanimous judgment, that the charges have not been sustained in any of their specifications, and they recommend the passage of his character.

COMMITTEE ON THE CASE OF REV. Z. BOWEN.

The Committee in the case of Bro. Z. Bowen, (notice being given) met and proceeded to investigate the same. After hearing the statements of counsel both on the part of the Church and of Bro. Bowen, and after giving due attention to the minutes of the trial, adopted the following resolutions. Whereas, after having heard the record read in the case of Bro. Bowen, it appears to us that irregularities have been committed in the trial—particularly in this, that the Quarterly Conference voted to deprive him of his parchment without having rendered a verdict upon the charge.

Resolved 1. That the case be remanded to the Quarterly Conference of Princess Anne circuit for a new trial,

Resolved 2. That in the meantime the parchments of Bro. Bowen be returned to him.

A. COLCLAZER, President.

W. E. AVERY, Secretary.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Presiding Elders of the "Church Relief Fund of the Conference," would report that Rev. L. C. Matlack, D. D., received the whole amount, \$331.78, and disbursed it as follows:

To Wilmington District,	\$170.00
" Dover "	80.00
" Salisbury "	81.78

Total,

\$331.78

For which he has vouchers.

Rev. T. S. Williams Presiding Elder of the Salsbury District paid out the amount in his hands, and returns vouchers for the same. Rev. R. W. Todd, Presiding Elder of Dover District, reports having paid out the amount of money appropriated to his District, but failed to get vouchers.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

It is gratifying to all true philanthropists, and patriots, as well as christians, to note that the cause of temperance is advancing throughout our country. The people everywhere are waking up to see the misery and ruin wrought by means of the liquor traffic. Several states have, through their Legislatures, enacted, or sought to enact, prohibitory laws. We believe that the interest is growing in this direction, and that it is the duty of all christian people, and, especially Methodists, to promote it in every way that is possible and legitimate. Let us take no backward step, but urge on our people, both in public and private, collectively and individually, to stand up for prohibitory legislation in spite of opposition from whatever source it may come.

As the able and satisfactory Report of the committee on Local Option has already been adopted by the Conference, we deem it needless to occupy further time or space on the subject, than merely to recommend the adoption of the resolutions appended to that report, with a substitute for the third.

We also recommend the adoption of the following:

WHEREAS, The Delaware State Temperance Alliance is the organic representative of the various agencies working in the temperance cause in a large part of our conference territory, and has proved its worth and purity since its organization, therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That we heartily endorse the alliance, and will co-operate with it in its efforts to secure for the entire state of Delaware, relief and release from the curse of intemperance.

Resolved, 2nd, That G. A. Phcebus, D. D. and W. L. S. Murray be appointed delegates to represent this conference at the next annual session of the alliance.

WHEREAS, The national Temperance Society, by authority conferred upon it by the Eighth National Temperance Convention, held at Chicago, June 1st. 1875, has issued a call for another National Temperance Convention, composed of delegates from delegative bodies only, and to be held at Saratoga N. Y., June 21st, 1881; therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That L. C. Matlack, D. D., J. H. Caldwell, D. D., R. W. Todd, G. W. Miller, J. B. Quigg, T. E. Martindale and J. D. Rigg, be, and are, hereby appointed delegates to represent our Conference in the projected Convention.

Resolved, 2d, That we recognize the propriety, and even the necessity of national organization and effort to meet and antagonize a national evil.

REPORT ON FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

The Church finds a field of usefulness among the Freedmen of the Country, and the results obtained, direct and remote, are as encouraging as those furnished by almost any other department of our work. Patriotism, humanity and religion should prompt the Church to go forward in the work of the Freedmen's Aid Society. By direction of the last general conference, aid to schools for white persons was recommended, when it could be done without embarrassment to the cause, and an appropriation of two thousand dollars was made by the Board for this purpose; and already such aid has been given to a school in Athens, Tennessee, and to one at Elijah, Georgia, and assistance has been pledged to start a school at Little Rock, Arkansas.

According to the present arrangement, our collections are given to the "Centenary Biblical Institute at Baltimore, and which, in a good sense, we may call our own, as patronized by the Wilmington and Baltimore Conferences, of the white people, and by Delaware and Washington Conferences of the colored people. This school is under the direction of Prof. J. E. Round, and has proved an honor to the Church, and to the Society under whose patronage it came into being. As some of its fruits we may state that it has at present ninety-four students preparing to be teachers, and twenty-one preparing for the ministry. It has two teachers assisting the President, who were prepared for the work under his training. Nearly forty are now in Annual Conference, who received more or less instruction in this school, most of whom are in the Washington and Delaware Conferences.

Over forty have rendered good service as teachers in various places, and three are Presiding Elders.

In conclusion your committee would recommend,

1st. That the amount of two thousand dollars be apportioned among our various charges.

2d. That the amount raised be paid over to Prof. J. E. Round, of the Centenary Biblical Institute.

3d. That each Pastor give such information as he may deem necessary on taking the collection, so as to inform and interest our people in support of the cause.

RESOLUTIONS.

ON ROMAN CATHOLIC LEGISLATION.

WHEREAS, The Roman Catholic Church, by covert management of the legislation of our country, is acquiring property worth millions of dollars, to the great peril of our free institutions; and,

WHEREAS, From the treasuries of the State of Maryland, and city of Baltimore, they now receive annually \$45,000; and,

WHEREAS, The Baltimore Conference has appointed a committee to secure the adoption of a clause in the constitution of Maryland to prohibit such donations; and,

WHEREAS, At this time there is a suspicious measure before the Delaware legislature to charter the Roman Catholic Male Protectory of Wilmington; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed of five members of this Conference, residents of Maryland, to co-operate with the committee of the Baltimore Conference in the proposed effort.

2. *Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed, residents of Delaware, to ascertain and report at the next Conference what sum or sums of money annually accrued to the Roman Catholic Church in this State, and what measures ought to be taken to protect the State from legislation designed to support Romanism.

ALPHABETICAL ARRANGEMENT.

Resolved, That the Secretaries be requested to prepare the tabulated statements of "Collections," "Apportionments" and "Statistics" in alphabetical order, as the "Appointments" now are, and as the "Roll of members" has been for twelve years past.

REV. T. F. PLUMMER.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare for publication in the minutes, a brief obituary notice of the late Rev. T. F. Plummer, Local Elder, who died February 2, 1881, while pastor of Claymont Church.

BISHOP BOWMAN'S ADDRESS.

Resolved, That our beloved Bishop Bowman be requested to furnish the Conference, for insertion in the published minutes, that portion of his address to the members of the class of the second year, which referred to Christian Perfection.

REV. E. L. HUBBARD.

Resolved, That we approve of the appointment of a financial agent for the Academy, and we hereby pledge ourselves to heartily co-operate with him in the work of removing the indebtedness of the Academy.

LOCAL OPTION.

Resolved, By the Wilmington Annual Conference, in Conference assembled, at Lewes, Del., that we unanimously and respectfully request the Senate of the State of Delaware, to pass the Local Option Bill now before their body, we believing it to be in accordance with the sentiment of a majority of the people of the State.

THANKS.

Resolved, That special recognition of the long continued courtesy of the J. & B. R. R. and of its polite and accommodating superintendent, Mr. Brown, are due and are hereby tendered.

Resolved, That thanks are hereby extended to the secretaries for efficient services rendered, to the choir for their presence and music, and to the pastor of this Church for his unwearying efforts for our comfort and convenience.

Resolved, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the good people of Lewes for their generous hospitality; to the J. & B. R. R., and the P. W. & B. R. R., and other companies for their liberality in the reduction of fares, and to the trustees of this Church.

Resolved, That we have been exceedingly gratified by the presence of the Senior-Bishop of the M. E. Church, during our sessions, and trust that he will be continued among us yet many days.

Resolved, That we also tender our thanks to our Presiding Bishop for the kindly and pleasant administering of his office among us.

REV. W. P. DAVIS.

WHEREAS, We rejoice with our Brother, Wm. P. Davis, in his having had the opportunity and pleasure of visiting the orient during the Conference year just closed; therefore,

Resolved, That he be, and is hereby requested, to favor us with a lecture upon his travels, at the next session of our Conference, and that the committee on Anniversaries be requested to arrange for the same.

ROLL OF THE DEAD

OF THE

WILMINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Date of Death.</i>	<i>Place of Death.</i>
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 Kenny, 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 Humphriss,	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.
" Wm. Urie,	November 13th, 1880,	Smyrna, Del.
" Wm. I. Bain,	May 13th, 1880,	Pocomoke City, Md.

IN MEMORIAM.

REV. WILLIAM IRA BAIN.

Rev. William Ira Bain, was born near the city of Norfolk, Va., on the 30th day of October, 1844; and died in Pocomoke City, Worcester Co. Md., on the 13th day of May 1880.

Bro. Bain's parents died when he was but a child, and leaving a large family, in not independent circumstances, his advantages for procuring a liberal education were limited. And yet because of a naturally quick, bright mind, a splendid memory, close application, and a sort of irrepressible perseverance, he trained himself to be a good thinker and a fine preacher. He was a remarkably well-read young man.

In the City of Portsmouth, Va., in 1867, we found him the chief clerk in the Post Office.

He was quick, polite and obliging, every body liked him.

He had always been quiet, unassuming, and moral—naturally good, but up to this time, not a christian.

During the winter of that year, at a protracted meeting we held, he came to the altar, professed religion and immediately joined the M. E. Church. Shortly after this his mind became wonderfully exercised on a call to the work of the ministry, which resulted in his obtaining license to preach and a recommendation to the Virginia Annual Conference.

He was admitted in 1870 and was sent to Hillsboro circuit as junior preacher.

At the end of his first year he was ordained *deacon* under the missionary rule and was sent in 1872 to Manassas, as preacher in charge, where he remained three years.

In April 1872 he married Miss Sadie Beyer of Blair Co. Pa., who survives him.

In the spring of 1874 he was transferred to this Conference and was sent to Princess Anne, where he labored faithfully and successfully for three years. In 1877 he was stationed at Fairmount where he remained three years and did a good work. He was uniformly beloved as a pastor, and popular as a preacher.

At the last Conference he was appointed to Pocomoke City. This appointment he served but a few weeks, when he fell at his post, with his face to the foe.

His work is done, and we have cause to believe, it is well done. Success attended his ministry.

As a *husband and father* he was kind, gentle and affectionate. As a *Preacher*, he was studious, prayerful and laborious.

His rare powers of mind and memory, blessed by grace divine, made his sermons, clear, strong, logical and spiritual.

His heart was in the work. He loved the preachers and he loved the ministry.

He spoke in death of going up to his higher and nobler work above, and died with the name of Jesus on his lips.

After appropriate funeral services he was buried in Princess Anne, and memorial services were held at the ensuing Quarterly Conference by the Presiding Elder, T. S. Williams and other brethren.

May we meet again.

REV. WILLIAM URIE.

Rev. William Urie, the subject of this notice, was born near Rock Hall, Kent Co., Maryland, on the 17th of November, 1810; and died in Smyrna, Del. on November 13th, 1880, within four days of his 70th year.

In his 18th year he was converted, and at once became a member of the M. E. Church. He was the first of his family, who professed religion. The conversion of his mother shortly after, was largely due to his instrumentality.

Soon after joining the church he was licensed to exhort, and then to preach, which he did while attending school.

He joined the Philadelphia Conference in 1832, in his 22nd year, and four years after, on the 17th of May 1836, was married to Miss Ann M. Stevens of Talbot Co., Md.

Bro. Urie filled successively the following appointments.

Talbot, Queen Anne's, St. Paul's, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Milford, Strasburg, West Chester, Manayunk, Fifth St., St. Paul's Philadelphia, Lancaster, Columbia, Harrisburg, Eighth St. (now Green St.) Ebenezer Presiding Elder 4 years on Wilmington District, Chester, Western, Middletown, Del.

In 1868 the Philadelphia Conference being divided, Bro. Urie fell within the bounds of the Wilmington Conference. During this year, because of impaired health, he took the relation of supernumerary.

Subsequently he was appointed to Smyrna Circuit, Seaford and Salisbury. Here his health failed and at the close of his second year took the relation of superannuate and moved to Smyrna, Del.

In this place and relation he continued until his decease.

Converted and consecrated in the years of his youth to the work of the ministry, he enjoyed the blessed privilege of looking back over a long life devoted to the furtherance of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

His intellectual endowments and persuasive eloquence, united to fervent piety, and the whole, seasoned with the unction of the Holy Spirit, made his ministration attractive and a blessing. Crowds thronged his churches, and many souls were born again. In the glorious hereafter, many will rise up and call him blessed.

In all his long and painful sickness, his dignity, tenderness, and cordiality of manners, never wilted, even for an hour. It is rare to see one with so bright and cheerful a face, while toiling so long under so heavy a load of suffering.

It was wonderful to see how long one's sun could be in setting, without a cloud or even the shadow of a cloud.

But it was so. He seemed to know his work was done, and to be simply waiting to hear his Father say, "my son come home."

The last few months of his life were spent, in more than a grand spiritual ovation; it was the grand shout of a glorious victory. He would often speak of the prospect brightening as he neared the heavenly land, and of breathing already, the air of the celestial world and feeling around him the atmosphere of heaven.

His was no spasmodic peace, flowing to-day, and ebbing to-morrow, but like a river, rising higher and higher until the whole soul was flooded for the last time and forever. That he had glimpses and visions of the spirit land, there can be but little doubt.

After bidding us all *farewell* and asking us to unite in prayer, he closed his eyes, and "fell on sleep."

The following Tuesday evening memorial services were held in the M. E. Church in Smyrna, and on Wednesday morning the remains were taken to Philadelphia, to Wharton St. Church, where the funeral services were conducted in the midst of old friends and fellow-laborers.

Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. E. Miller, Martindale and Haynes of the Wilmington Conference, and Rev. Messrs. Paxon, Murphy and McConnell of the Philadelphia Conference; and about 12 o'clock his body was lowered away into the vault at Wharton St.

May we meet in heaven, is my prayer. ●

MRS. BELLE MORRIS CHASE.

Mrs. Belle Morris Chase, subject of this brief notice, was born near Troy, Ohio, Sept. 23rd. 1844, and died at Cecilton, Cecil County, Maryland, Jan. 30th. 1881.

She was converted to God in her childhood and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, and continued a devoted and consistent member till the close of her earthly pilgrimage.

On April the 29th, 1873, she was married to the Rev. B. W. Chase of the New Hampshire Conference, and made many sacrifices in order to enable him to attend to the duties of his position as a pastor.

She was a true woman, actuated at all times by the purest motives, and conscientiously opposed to deception and fraud of every kind.

Her religious life was not demonstrative, but the calm and smooth unrippled flow of the deeper currents.

Her husband, seeing that her health was failing and strength giving away, sought the milder climate of Maryland, with the hope of her restoration, and was transferred to the Wilmington Conference last spring, and appointed to the Cecilton and St. Paul's Charge.

But alas! How often human hopes are blighted and expectations disappointed! Thus it was with him, as he soon discovered that no beneficial effects were experienced from climate, but a gradual yielding to the ever increasing strength of that insidious foe, consumption, until it conquered.

"For her to live was Christ:" and the life of implicit trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, which she had lived, enabled her to meet death with the utmost composure, for she felt "to die was gain."

She assured her husband and friends that she was not afraid to die, but frequently during her sickness exclaimed, "All is well! all is well!"

Three weeks before her death she was called upon to pass through a severe trial and bereavement, in the sudden death of her little daughter, Cora Belle, about three years old, who died in twenty-four hours after she was taken with membranous croup. Oh! how severe such a blow to a mother's heart, but she met it with perfect submission to the Divine will. She was a patient sufferer, desiring to live, but willing and ready to die. Her last effort was to discourse upon the Divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ, making him more the attraction of Heaven than her dear little one, who had preceded her, and exhorted her husband to preach Jesus,

and train their dear little boy, who is left to mourn her loss, to the same great work, for which he was consecrated at his birth.

With perfect composure she selected Luke XXIII, 28, "Weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children," as the text from which she desired her funeral sermon preached.

Then fell asleep in Jesus to rest forever from the toils and sufferings of this life. A large concourse of people assembled in the church at Cecilton to attend her funeral services, which were conducted by the Rev. J. E. Bryan assisted by Rev. J. L. Houston.

The remarks made were based upon the text of her own selection.

After the services, the sorrowing husband and father took the remains of wife and child to her native place for interment, where they rest till the morning of the resurrection.

She leaves a husband, one child, and many friends to mourn her loss.

Dust to its narrow house beneath;
Soul to its place on high;
They that have seen thy look in death,
No more may fear to die.
Lone are the paths, and sad the bowers
Whence thy meek smile is gone;
But O, a brighter home than ours,
In heaven is now thine own."

REV. ANDREW J. CROZIER.

Rev. Andrew J. Crozier, the subject of this memoir, was born Jan. 31st, 1838, in Rockdale, Delaware Co., Pa., and died near Wilmington, Del., Jan. 21st, 1879. He was converted in early life and united with the M. E. Church, of which he continued a faithful member until death transferred him from the Church militant to the Church triumphant. He was married in 1867 to Miss Mary L. McVey, a godly woman, who, with true devotion shared in his itinerant work; she with five children still survives him.

He entered the Wilmington Conference in the spring of 1870, and was appointed to Port Penn, Del. In 1871 and '72 his appointment was Red Lion, Del., 1873 St. George's, 1874 Crisfield, Md., Asbury Church, and in 1875 Christiana Del. The latter was his last charge. In the spring of 1876 rather delicate health and other circumstances led him for a time to suspend his itinerant work and to engage in teaching in which he acquitted himself with great credit until stricken down by pneumonia which terminated his life.

Brother Crozier was a holy man; a careful, studious and thoughtful preacher. His sermons were always good and tended to bring men into a closer walk with God. He loved the work of the ministry and attended to all of its departments with diligence and fidelity. And while engaged in teaching he frequently occupied the pulpit in the church of which he was a member and elsewhere and rendered good service. A few days before his last illness he preached in Mt. Salem Church from the words "The Master is come and calleth for thee." The sermon produced a deep impression on the congregation, and his tender and earnest pleadings will not soon be forgotten. The words of the text and many of his utterances seemed to be sad prophecies of his own early and unexpected death. It is a source of great comfort to us that when the Master called for him he was ready. His death was peaceful and triumphant. As he had lived in Christ he did not fear to die.

Servant of God, well done.
Thy glorious warfare's past,
The battle's fought, the race is won
And thou art crowned at last.

REV. THOMAS F. PLUMMER.

Rev. Thomas F. Plummer departed this life, "full of immortal hope" on the morning of February 2d, 1881. His bedside being surrounded by his loving, weeping wife and children, and a large number of sympathizing friends to whom he ministered in such words of holy eloquence as it is seldom the privilege of mortals to hear, and in this way literally "ceased at once to work and live."

He was born at Greensborough Md., October 4th, 1837. From his early childhood he was the subject of spiritual awakening, and was converted in Smyrna Del., while quite young in years and, at once identified himself with the M. E. Church of that place.

Not long after this he removed to Wilmington Del., and became an active member of St. Pauls M. E. Church. He was received on trial in the Philadelphia Conference in 1860, with a class of 14, two of whom have preceded him to the heavenly City.

He had served during 1859, as Junior Preacher on New London circuit, by appointment of the P. E. 1860-61, he spent on Princess Anne circuit. 1862-3, on Seaford circuit. 1864-65, at Berlin charge, and 1866 and part of 1867, at Fairmount Md.

In the summer of 1867, he gave up his charge, because of an affection of his throat, and at the following Conference he asked for and received a supernumerary relation. This he has often told the writer was the most painful act of his life, and he did not cease to regret the necessity which compelled it as long as he lived. He loved the work of the christian ministry more than any other work on earth.

At the Conference of 1873, he asked for, and was granted, a location. Since he ceased his active Conference relation, he has served with very great acceptability, as pastor of Mt. Lebanon and Claymont charges.

The active ministry of Bro. Plummer was one of very marked success. His gentlemanly and christian bearing, his gentle and confiding nature, together with sanctified ability, made his ministry one of power in each charge of which he was the pastor. In sunday school work he had few equals.

He was married to Lydia Gause, of New London, Pa., on December 18th, 1862. Their marriage was blest with the gift of two daughters.

Since his location he had been a member of Grace M. E. Church, Wilmington, and was actively identified with all the interests of the church.

He was secretary of the Delaware State Bible Society and was zealous in promoting its interests.

His whole soul was astir in the Temperance work, and no man in the City of Wilmington was more devoted to its interests than he.

His last illness was a very severe one, and his death a sad surprise to his friends; yet when the final hour drew near he was abundantly ready, as his dying testimony will evidence.

When informed that his illness was fatal, he expressed regret that he had not been told sooner, and said "I had no thought that my illness was fatal, there are a few things I might have arranged. But all is well; it is right, all right," and after a pause added. "If I do not have a chance to see my friends it is all right. Blessed hope." He then repeated.

"If this be death, I soon shall be
From sin and pain and sorrow free;
I shall the King of Glory see,
All is well, All is well."

He then had a conversation with his wife about the parting. After this his pastor Rev. G. W. Miller quoted, "In my father's house are many mansions." "I go to prepare a place for you." Bro. Plummer responded,

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved we have a building of God a house not made with hands eternal in the heavens." Then with a voice clear and strong he said, "I want you all to understand I am founded upon the rock, Christ Jesus." He thanked his Physician and his associates for their kindness, and said to them, "It is a glorious thing in this hour to be a christian and a Methodist preacher." He sent messages to his friends, and pled with the unconverted present, to meet him in heaven. To his wife he said, "I would like to have spent the twentieth anniversary of our marriage with you next autumn a year, but God had willed otherwise," and added "I should like to have lived with you a thousand years." He then asked her to kiss the children over and over again for him, and he asked his pastor in the future to always kiss his children when he met them in memory of their father. They were brought to him and he asked them to meet him in heaven. He said to the servant, "bring a towel and wash all stains from my mouth." "For there must be nothing here out of harmony with a soul made clean in the blood of the Lamb." Later, he said "now let us sing and shout," and began singing,

"Hallelujah tis done,
I believe on the son,
I'm saved by the blood
Of the crucified one."

Again, he said, "I have had some expectation of this hour founded on the promises of God's word," but I never knew it would be like this. It surpasses all my thoughts; I wish some of you could go along over and then come back and tell it. He asked them to sing again. They sang—"Holy spirit, faithful guide," and "Rock of Ages," after which, referring to the soul's refuge in Christ he said,

"No strength of our own nor goodness we claim,
Our trust is all thrown upon Jesus' name;
In this our stong tower for safety we hide,
The Lord is our power, the Lord will provide."

After this they sang at his request,

"My life flows on in endless song
Above earth's lamentation."

And now nearing the brink of the river he again repeated,

"If this be death, I soon shall be
From sin and pain and sorrow free;
I shall the King of glory see,
All is well, All is well."

and his last words were, "Glory! Glory! Glory! Glory! Glory! it is a good thing to say Glory."

The funeral took place on Friday February 4th, 1881. The remains were taken from his late residence to Grace M. E. Church, which was filled to its utmost capacity. A very affecting sermon was preached by his pastor and the services were participated in by Rev. L. C. Matlack, D. D., Rev. M. A. Richards, Rev. J. M. Williams, and Rev. T. L. Tomkinson. The interment was at Mt. Salem Cemetery.

"When faith is strong and conscience clear,
And words of peace the spirit cheer,
And visioned glories half appear
Tis joy—'tis triumph then to die."

Let us follow our Brother to the better home.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1881.

While the duties of your Board of Stewards are confining, perplexing, and occasionally confusing, they are, notwithstanding, wonderfully relieved in these particulars, when they find the funds of each year exceed the funds of the year before; and could they but have enough to meet the *pressing needs even*, of every claimant, these duties would be absolutely changed into pleasures indeed. But this is not the case, and we mourn over it. Would that it were otherwise.

We are happy, however, in stating that the amount for distribution this year is \$162.77 in excess of last year. But we have to report also an increase in the number of applicants, and perhaps in the same ratio.

We must say, that altogether, the brethren have done well. Of course there are exceptions. This we deeply regret.

Why it is, that some are so far *below* their assessments, we cannot explain. It cannot be through indifference. This we will not believe—it must be from some local cause or causes unknown to us. These causes, we hope, will not exist another year.

The following amounts have been gathered, from the following sources:

	<i>Apportioned.</i>	<i>Raised.</i>	<i>Excess.</i>	<i>Deficit.</i>
Wilmington District.....	\$1,490 00	\$1,556 48	\$66 48	
Easton ".....	1,180 00	1,109 25		70 75
Dover ".....	1,020 00	804 00		216 00
Salisbury ".....	715 00	603 13		111 87
Total from collections.....	\$4,072 86			
From Chartered fund.....	30 00			
From Centenary fund.....	180 00			
Interest on Riddle Legacy.....	120 00			
Interest on Bates' Mortgage.....	141 00			
Total for distribution.....	\$4,543 86			
less \$13.86 for incidental expenses.				
Excess over last year.....			\$162 77	

DISTRIBUTION OF CONFERENCE FUNDS, MARCH 19th, 1881.

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.....	\$300 00	150 00
1878	18yr	A. A. Fisher.....	Federalburg, Md.....	400 00	275 00
1878	37½	E. J. Way.....	53 East Broadway, Baltimore...	250 00	110 00
SUPERNUMERARY.					
1847	12yr	George Barton.....	Church Hill, Md.....	220 00	220 00
1877	35yr	John Allen.....	778 DeKalb St., Brooklyn, N. Y.....		200 00
1878	44yr	E. Miller.....	Sudlersville, Md.....	150 00	125 00
1880	22yr	W. W. Redman.....	Farmington, Del.....		125 00
1880	44yr	John W. Pierson.....	Wilmington, Del.....	350 00	300 00
1881	31yr	James Hubbard.....	Laurel, Del.....	100 00	75 00
1881	36yr	H. Sanderson.....	Wilmington, Del.....		50 00
1881	15yr	James Esgate.....			50 00
1881	5yr	J. McK. Brewington.....			50 00
WIDOWS.					
1846	6mo	Hester A. Henderson.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	225 00	175 00
1844	3yr	Drucilla Willetts.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.....		50 00
1857	19yr	Mary Hazzard.....	Lewes, Del.....	100 00	50 00
1865	10yr	Carrie B. Dennison.....	Wilmington, Del.....	300 00	275 00
1868	2yr	Martha E. Purner.....	Salisbury, Md.....	325 00	175 00
1873	14yr	Rebecca M. Brandreth.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	500 00	275 00
1877	24yr	Ann Sutton.....	Bryn Mawr, Pa.....	125 00	100 00
1878	39yr	Sarah C. Curtis.....	Wilmington, Del.....	250 00	225 00
1878	15yr	Laura E. Weston.....	".....	350 00	350 00
1878	21yr	Mary S. Thomas.....	".....	300 00	175 00
1879	21yr	Annie Irwin.....	".....	400 00	275 00
1879	10yr	Annie D. Chatham.....	Smyrna, Del.....	225 00	225 00
1879	31yr	Rebecca E. Hough.....	Smyrna, Del.....	200 00	100 00
1879	22yr	Sallie E. Williams.....	Georgetown, Del.....	100 00	100 00
1881	11yr	Sadie B. Bain.....	Tipton, Blair county, Pa.....	250 00	250 00
		Expenses of the Board.....			13 86
		Total.....			\$4543 86

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.
Charlestown.....	20 30	10 00	20 00	Cecilton.....	50 00	40 00	50 00
Cherry Hill.....	35 00	35 00	35 00	Centreville.....	50 00	60 00	50 00
Chesapeake City.....	35 00	25 00	35 00	Chestertown.....	75 00	75 00	75 00
Chester.....	30 00	30 00	30 00	Church Hill.....	30 00	20 00	30 00
Claymont.....	15 00	15 00	15 00	Easton.....	60 00	60 00	60 00
Christiana.....	25 00	20 00	25 00	Galena.....	35 00	40 00	35 00
Delaware City & P't Penn	25 00	15 00	25 00	Greensboro.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Elkton.....	65 00	65 00	65 00	Hillsborough.....	25 00	20 00	25 00
Elk Neck.....	10 00	12 35	10 00	Kent Circuit.....	55 00	20 00	30 00
Mt. Lebanon and Cuba.....	25 00	25 00	25 00	Kent Island.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Mt. Pleasant.....	25 00	25 00	25 00	King's Creek.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
Mt. Salem.....	40 00	50 00	40 00	Newark & Wesley.....	25 00	25 00	25 00
Newark and Wesley.....	35 00	35 00	35 00	Massey's.....	.....	.....	.....
New Castle.....	40 00	40 00	40 00	Middletown.....	60 00	60 00	60 00
Newport.....	35 00	35 00	35 00	Millington.....	35 00	45 75	35 00
North East.....	40 00	40 00	40 00	Odessa.....	55 00	55 00	55 00
Port Deposit.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	Pomona.....	.....	20 00	25 00
Red Lion and Glasgow.....	30 00	7 13	30 00	Queenstown.....	15 00	25 00	20 00
Rising Sun.....	50 00	50 00	50 00	Royal Oak.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
St. George's and Summit.....	35 00	35 00	35 00	Smyrna.....	125 00	125 00	125 00
Wilmington, Asbury.....	150 00	150 00	150 00	Smyrna Circuit.....	50 00	51 00	50 00
" Brandywine.....	25 00	18 00	25 00	St. Michael's.....	50 00	63 00	50 00
" Epworth.....	10 00	10 00	10 00	Still Pond.....	75 00	75 00	75 00
" Grace.....	250 00	350 00	250 00	Sudlersville.....	45 00	45 00	45 00
" Scott.....	30 00	27 00	30 00	Talbot.....	25 00	17 50	25 00
" St. Paul's.....	150 00	150 00	100 00	Townsend.....	20 00	6 00	20 00
" Union.....	80 00	137 00	80 00	Trappe.....	30 00	35 00	30 00
Zion Circuit.....	55 00	55 00	55 00				
	\$1490 00	\$1556 48	\$1490 00		\$1180 00	\$1109 25	\$1135 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.
Barrett's Circuit.....	\$ 15 00	\$ 15 00	\$ 15 00	Annessex.....	40 00	48 00	40 00
Beckwith's & Spedden's.....	25 00	10 00	25 00	Asbury.....	30 00	15 00	30 00
Bridgeville.....	100 00	110 00	100 00	Berlin.....	25 00	10 00	25 00
Camden.....	35 00	35 00	35 00	Bethel Circuit.....	15 00	5 13	15 00
Church Creek.....	50 00	40 00	50 00	Chincoteague.....	10 00	2 00	10 00
Denton.....	15 00	10 00	15 00	Crisfield.....	30 00	30 00	30 00
Dorchester.....	50 00	35 00	50 00	Deal's Island.....	50 00	32 00	40 00
Dover.....	60 00	35 00	60 00	Delmar.....	20 00	10 00	20 00
Ellendale.....	125 00	125 00	125 00	Fairmount.....	60 00	67 00	60 00
Federalsburg.....	25 00	10 00	20 00	Frankford.....	25 00	30 00	25 00
Felton.....	50 00	50 00	50 00	Fruitland.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
Frederica.....	25 00	25 00	25 00	Gumborough.....	25 00	15 00	25 00
Galestown.....	50 00	50 00	50 00	Holland's Island.....	10 00	10 00	10 00
Georgetown.....	10 00	10 00	10 00	Laurel.....	50 00	40 00	50 00
Harrington.....	30 00	15 00	30 00	Parsonsburg.....	15 00	6 00	15 00
Hooper's Island.....	60 00	60 00	60 00	Pocomoke City.....	25 00	25 00	25 00
Leipsic and Raymond's.....	10 00	.....	10 00	Princess Anne.....	50 00	50 00	50 00
Lewes.....	30 00	7 00	30 00	Quantico.....	40 00	37 00	40 00
Lincoln.....	40 00	40 00	40 00	Roxanna.....	40 00	15 00	40 00
Millford.....	25 00	.....	20 00	Salisbury.....	30 00	30 00	30 00
Millsborough.....	65 00	32 00	65 00	Sharptown.....	15 00	25 00	15 00
Milton.....	20 00	14 00	20 00	Snow Hill.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Nassau.....	35 00	15 00	35 00	Stockton.....	20 00	14 00	20 00
Seaford.....	.....	11 00	15 00	Worcester.....	.....	.....	15 00
Woodlandtown.....	30 00	30 00	30 00				
Wyoming.....	10 00	10 00	10 00				
	\$1020 00	\$804 00	\$1015 00		\$715 00	\$603 13	\$720 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.	
												Bethel and Glasgow.....	60	10	16	12	10	Beckwith's.....	40	5	6	5	6
Charlestown.....	40	5	13	10	8	Bridgeville.....	350	20	20	20	5	10
Cherry Hill.....	50	10	13	12	8	Cambridge.....	50	7	8	7	7	4
Chesapeake City.....	40	10	13	10	8	Camden & Wyoming.....	125	15	15	15	15	6
Chester.....	50	10	10	10	10	Church Creek.....	20	10	12	12	12	6
Claymont.....	10	5	6	2	3	Denton.....	75	10	4	3	3	3
Christiana.....	40	5	10	10	10	Dorchester.....	105	10	12	12	12	6
Belaware City.....	30	10	10	8	6	Dover.....	400	25	25	20	10	6
Elkton and Crouch s.....	200	15	26	12	12	Ellendale.....	20	3	4	3	2	2
Elk Neck.....	10	5	8	10	10	Federalsburg.....	100	10	12	12	6	6
Mt. Lebanon.....	30	5	10	10	10	Felton.....	75	10	10	10	10	5
Mt. Pleasant.....	25	5	10	10	10	Frederica.....	125	20	20	18	8	8
Mt. Salem.....	150	10	20	16	10	Galestown.....	40	5	5	5	3	3
Newark & Wesley.....	100	10	13	12	10	Georgetown.....	60	7	7	7	6	4
New Castle.....	100	10	13	16	10	Harrington.....	125	10	12	12	6	6
Newport.....	100	10	13	14	10	Leipsic.....	40	5	5	4	3	3
North East.....	120	10	20	12	8	Lewes.....	100	10	12	10	6	6
Port Deposit.....	230	20	35	15	10	Lincoln.....	40	5	6	6	4	4
Red Lion.....	40	5	10	8	6	Magnolia.....	40	5	5	5	3	3
Rising Sun.....	100	10	13	12	10	Milford.....	140	12	14	13	6	6
St. George's & Summit.....	60	10	13	15	10	Milford Neck.....	20	2	3	3	3	3
Wilm'ton, Asbury.....	650	100	100	18	16	Millsborough.....	20	2	3	4	2	2
" Br'dywine.....	50	30	10	8	6	Milton.....	60	7	7	7	4	4
" Epworth.....	20	5	8	5	3	Nassau.....	40	5	6	6	6	3
" Grace.....	1,500	200	200	35	25	Seaford.....	75	10	9	9	6	6
" Scott.....	175	25	30	12	7	Woodlandtown.....	20	3	4	4	4	3
" St. Paul's.....	600	100	95	16	12							
" Union.....	450	80	75	15	10		\$2,300	\$225	\$248	\$229	\$125	
Zion.....	175	20	25	15	10							
	\$5,205	\$750	\$838	\$353	\$254							

Easton District.						Salisbury District.					
CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Missions.	Church Extension.	Freedmen's Aid.	Episcopal Fund.	Church Relief.	CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Missions.	Church Extension.	Freedman's Aid.	Episcopal Fund.	Church Relief.
Cecilton.....	100	10	20	9	6	Asbury.....	60	15	8	8	4
Centreville.....	110	12	10	11	7	Annessex.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chestertown.....	200	20	12	13	12	Berlin.....	40	15	.....	.....	4
Church Hill.....	60	12	25	.....	7	Bethel.....	40	5	4	5	4
Easton.....	125	20	18	13	12	Chincoteague.....	40	8	4	5	4
Galena.....	60	13	16	9	12	Crisfield.....	20	5	4	6	3
Greensboro.....	100	18	20	9	7	Deal's Island.....	65	15	10	10	6
Hillsborough.....	40	8	15	8	9	Delmar.....	65	15	10	10	4
Kent Circuit.....	40	6	12	5	4	Fairmount.....	60	15	8	7	5
Kent Island.....	60	10	14	9	5	Fruitland.....	150	20	10	15	8
King's Creek.....	25	5	8	4	5	Frankford.....	75	15	8	14	5
Marydel.....	40	8	18	7	6	Gumborough.....	40	10	5	6	4
Middletown.....	250	20	30	13	12	Millsborough.....	60	15	10	15	8
Odessa.....	100	15	20	10	7	Island Circuit.....	60	10	8	10	5
Oxford.....	150	18	18	9	7	Laurel.....	100	20	15	15	10
Pomona.....	20	4	6	4	3	Newark.....	25	5	4	5	3
Queenstown.....	30	5	18	5	3	Parsonsburg.....	20	5	3	5	3
Royal Oak.....	30	5	8	5	3	Princess Anne.....	100	20	12	15	10
Sassafras.....	30	6	10	5	4	Pocomoke City.....	30	8	4	5	3
Smyrna.....	375	25	30	15	15	Pocomoke Circuit.....	20	5	3	4	2
Smyrna Circuit.....	80	12	15	9	6	Quantico.....	75	15	10	10	5
St. Michael's.....	125	20	25	13	12	Roxanna.....	70	15	10	12	5
Still Pond.....	140	18	20	11	10	Salisbury.....	65	10	7	8	4
Sudlersville.....	80	12	18	8	6	St. Peter's & Quind'qua	50	10	10	9	4
Talbot.....	40	8	12	7	4	Sharptown.....	20	5	5	4	2
Townsend.....	20	3	4	3	3	Snow Hill.....	75	10	18	10	4
Trappe.....	75	8	12	9	5	Stockton.....	40	8	5	8	3
						Worcester.....	20	3	4	5	3
						Westover.....	20	5	5	6	2
	\$2,595	\$325	\$458	\$247	\$186		\$1,525	\$312	\$218	\$245	\$127

ALPHABETICAL ROLL OF MEMBERS.

WITH THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

[The letters designate the present relation. P., Probationers; D., Deacons; E., Elders; Sp., Supernumerary; 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.	Millington, Kent Co., Md.	1
1864	Aldred, E. P.	E.	Easton, Talbot Co., Md.	2
1841	Allen, John	Sp.	778 DeKalb Av., Brooklyn, N. Y.	
1877	Andrew, Lewis E.	E.	Red Lion, New Castle Co., Del.	1
1877	Atkins, E. C.	E.	Galeston, Dorchester Co., Md.	2
1870	Arters, J. A.	E.	Stockton, Worcester Co., Md.	1
1877	Avery, Walter E.	E.	Elkton, Cecil Co., Md.	1
1870	Ayers, T. O.	E.	Leipsic, Kent Co., Del.	1
1881	Baker, C. S.	P.	Pocomoke City, Worcester Co., Md.	1
1876	Barrett, L. E.	E.	Onancock, Accomac Co., Va.	2
1836	Barton, Geo.	Sp.	Church Hill, Queen Anne Co., Md.	
1859	Bell, Thos. E.	E.	Townsend, New Castle Co., Del.	1
1876	Bowen, W. L. P.	E.	Bethel, Sussex Co., Del.	1
1876	Brewington, J. McK.	Sp.		
1843	Brindle, James A.	E.	Smyrna, Kent Co., Del.	2
1860	Browne, N. M.	E.	Port Deposit, Cecil Co., Md.	3
1857	Bryan, James E.	E.	Newport, New Castle Co., Del.	1
1865	Burke, Geo. W.	E.	Marydel, Caroline Co., Md.	2
1871	Bristol, Geo. R.	E.	New Castle, New Castle Co., Del.	1
1845	Caldwell, J. H., D. D.	E.	Dover, Kent Co., Del.	1
1865	Carroll, James	E.	Nassau, Sussex Co., Del.	2
1864	Chase, B. W.	E.	Cecilton, Cecil Co., Md.	2
1876	Chandler, Albert	E.	Parsonburg, Wicomico Co., Md.	3
1881	Cochran, F. J.	P.	Chesapeake City, Cecil Co., Md.	1
1828	Colclazer, Henry	E.	Georgetown, Sussex Co., Del.	2
1876	Collins, J. M.	E.	Westover, Somerset Co., Md.	1
1862	Conaway, Geo. S.	E.	Elk Neck, Cecil Co., Md.	2
1868	Conner, James	E.	Sharptown, Wicomico Co., Md.	2
1835	Cooper, I. T., D. D.	Sp.	Camden, Kent Co., Del.	
1876	Corkran, W. F.	E.	Magnolia, Kent Co., Del.	1
1881	Corkran, L. P.	P.	Sudlersville, Queen Anne Co., Md.	1
1873	Creamer, T. R.	E.	Deal's Island, Somerset Co., Md.	3
1854	Dare, Joseph	E.	Fruitland, Wicomico Co., Md.	1
1860	Davis, A. D.	E.	Zion, Cecil Co., Md.	3
1869	Davis, Edward	E.	1009 Pine St., Wilmington, Del.	2
1869	Davis, Wm. P.	E.	New Market, Dorchester Co., Md.	1
1879	Dodd, Julius	E.	E. Vienna, " " " "	1
1871	Duhadway, W. J.	E.	Crisfield, Somerset Co., Md.	2

1845	England, W. E.	E.	Harrington, Kent Co., Del.	2
1866	Esgate, James	Sp.	Boston, Mass.	
1859	Fisher, A. A.	Sp.	Federalsburg, Caroline Co., Md.	
1873	Foreman, I. N.	E.	Lincoln, Sussex Co., Del.	1
1868	Fosnocht, I. G.	E.	Hillsboro, Caroline Co., Md.	1
1856	France, John	E.	Newark, New Castle Co., Del.	3
1856	Gardner, S. T.	E.	Delmar, Sussex Co., Del.	3
1874	Gassner, G. S.	E.	Crisfield, Somerset Co., Md.	1
1839	Gray, Valentine	S.	Gap, Lancaster Co., Pa.	
1873	Green, Wm. M.	E.	Edesville, Kent Co., Md.	1
1857	Gregg, Wm. B.	E.	Claymont, New Castle Co., Del.	3
1879	Grice, Chas. A.	D.	Deal's Island, Somerset Co., Md.	1
....	Hanna, J. D. C.	E.	Pocomoke City, Worcester Co., Md.	2
1851	Hammersley, J. W.	E.	Charlestown, Cecil Co., Md.	1
1871	Harding, Thos. H.	E.	Gumboro, Sussex Co., Del.	2
1848	Haynes, Thos. H.	E.	Chestertown, Kent Co., Md.	1
1845	Hill, Charles	E.	222 Walnut St., Wilmington, Del.	2
1878	Hill, Charles A.	D.	Easton, Talbot Co., Md.	2
1876	Hoffecker, E. L.	E.	Cambridge, Dorchester Co., Md.	2
1833	Houston, J. L.	S.	Wilmington, Del.	
1878	Hubbard, E. L.	D.	Frederica, Kent Co., Del.	
1850	Hubbard, James	Sp.	Laurel, Sussex Co., Del.	
1869	Hunter, T. B.	E.	Roxanna, " " "	1
1868	Hutchin, Wm. H.	E.	Odessa, New Castle Co., Del.	3
1859	Hynson, E. H.	E.	Quantico, Wicomico Co., Md.	2
1870	Jewell, Isaac	E.	Queenstown, Queen Anne Co., Md.	2
1872	Jones, R. C.	E.	Bridgeville, Sussex Co., Del.	3
1881	Johnson, I. D.	P.	Frederica, Kent Co., Md.	1
1872	Kemp, J. D.	E.	Rising Sun, Cecil Co., Md.	2
1869	Kidney, J. E.	E.	Pomona, Kent Co., Md.	1
1871	Layfield, L. W.	E.	Chesapeake City, Cecil Co., Md.	3
1879	Lindale, J. M.	D.	Woodlandtown, Dorchester Co., Md.	1
1880	Lightbourne, A. W.	P.	Milton, Sussex Co., Del.	1
1876	Macnichol, E. C.	E.	Millsboro, " " "	1
1864	Martindale, T. E.	E.	Smyrna, Kent Co., Del.	2
1840	Matlack, L. C., D. D.	E.	307 W. 7th St., Wilmington, Del.	3
1868	McFarlane, W. R.	E.	Princess Anne, Somerset Co., Md.	2
1873	McSorley, F. C.	E.	Trappe, Talbot Co., Md.	1
1873	McQuay, Newton	E.	Ellendale, Sussex Co., Del.	2
1859	Merrill, Wm.	Sp.	Fairmount, Somerset Co., Md.	
1853	Merritt, J. B.	E.	Still Pond, Kent Co., Md.	3
1842	Milby, A. W.	E.	Denton, Caroline Co., Md.	2
1834	Miller, E.	Sp.	Sudlersville, Queen Anne Co., Md.	
1869	Miller, E. H.	E.	Royal Oak, Talbot Co., Md.	1
1866	Miller, G. W.	E.	Del. Ave., Wilmington, Del.	2
1876	Mowbray, John E.	E.	St. Michael's, Talbot Co., Md.	1
1871	Murray, W. L. S.	E.	Middletown, New Castle Co., Del.	2
1870	Nelson, E. H.	E.	Federalsburg, Caroline Co., Md.	1
1866	Newnam, E. B.	E.	Snow Hill, Worcester Co., Md.	1

1876	O'Brien, T. A. H.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1859	O'Neill, Wm. J.	E.	Frankford, Sussex Co., Del.	1
1872	Otis, J. P.	E.	Centreville, Queen Anne Co., Md.	2
1853	Phœbus, Geo. A., D. D.	E.	Laurel, Sussex Co., Del.	3
1881	Pilchard, S. N.	P.	Brigdeville, Sussex Co., Del.	1
1836	Pierson, John W.	S.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1870	Poole, John W.	E.	Church Creek, Dorchester Co., Md.	1
1868	Prettyman, C. W.	E.	Lewes, Sussex Co., Del.	2
1874	Prettyman, T. J.	E.	Newark, Worcester Co., Md.	1
1836	Price, B. F.	E.	Kent Island, Queen Anne Co., Md.	2
1850	Quigg, J. B.	E.	Milford, Kent Co., Del.	3
1880	Quigly, Francis B.	P.	Marion Station, Somerset Co., Md.	1
1869	Rawlins, P. H.	E.	813 Lombard St., Wilmington, Del.	2
1858	Redman, W. W.	Sp.	Farmington, Kent Co., Del.	1
1867	Rigg, J. D.	E.	Smyrna, " " "	1
1867	Robinson, Joseph	E.	Camden, " " "	3
1778	Robinson, W. S.	D.	Cambridge, Dorchester Co., Md.	2
1873	Roe, Robert	E.	Berlin, Worcester Co., Md.	1
1864	Richards, M. A.	E.	305 W. 7th St., Wilmington, Del.	1
1845	Sanderson, H.	Sp.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1858	Scott, A. T.	Sp.	East 4th St., Wilmington, Del.	1
1859	Sheppard, C. F.	E.	North East, Cecil Co., Md.	2
1869	Shilling, John	E.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1879	Smith, Alfred	D.	Oxford, Talbot Co., Md.	1
1872	Smith, John E.	E.	Greensboro, Caroline Co., Md.	2
1840	Smith, Vaughan	E.	Rockland, New Castle Co., Del.	1
1870	Stengle, Adam	E.	5th & Jefferson St., Wilmington, Del.	2
1878	Stephenson, R. K.	D.	Blackbird, New Castle Co., Del.	1
1860	Sypherd, J. O.	E.	St. George's, New Castle Co., Del.	3
1833	Taft, J. L.	Sp.	Norristown, Pa.	1
1857	Talbot, W. F.	E.	Delaware City, New Castle Co., Del.	2
1876	Terry, Thomas E.	E.	Seaford, Sussex Co., Del.	2
1853	Todd, R. W.	E.	Dover, Kent Co., Del.	3
1860	Tomkinson, T. L.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	2
1876	Townsend, Geo. W.	E.	Salisbury, Wicomico Co., Md.	3
1859	Van Burkalow, J. T.	E.	Sudlersville, Queen Anne Co., Md.	3
1879	Walton, Olin S.	D.	Chincoteague Isl, Accomac Co., Va.	1
1848	Walton, Wm. B.	E.	Church Hill, Queen Anne Co., Md.	1
1853	Warner, Wm. M.	E.	Galena, Kent Co., Md.	1
1840	Way, E. J.	S.	53 E. Broadway, Baltimore, Md.	1
1866	White, E. E.	E.	Cherry Hill, Cecil Co., Md.	1
1872	Wilcox, G. W.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	2
1878	Willey, J. H.	D.	Sassafas, Kent Co., Md.	1
1868	Williams, J. M.	E.	602 French St., Wilmington, Del.	1
1857	Williams, T. S.	E.	Salisbury, Wicomico Co., Md.	3
1869	Wilson, J. A. B.	E.	Fairmount, Somerset Co., Md.	2
1877	Wilson, W. W. W.	E.	Frederica, Kent Co., Del.	1
1865	Warthman, John	E.	St. Michael's, Talbot Co., Md.	2
1874	Waddell, D. T.	E.	Christiana, 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.

1872	D.	Booth, M. A., M. D.	Newport, Del.	
1866	L.	Brickley, W.	Zion, Cecil Co., Md.	
1865	L.	Chaphan, C. W.	Wilmington, Del.	
1855	D.	Cann, J.	Lewisville, Chester Co., Pa.	
	L.	Dodd, D.	Wilmington, Del.	
	L.	Ford, J.	North East, Md.	
1864	L.	Frier, Thos.	Cherry Hill, Cecil Co., Md.	
1869	L.	Flinn, V. G.	Newport, Del.	
1876	L.	Galoway, W.	Wilmington, Del.	
1877	L.	Garrett, Levi	" "	
1871	L.	Grant, W. J.	Cherry Hill, Md.	
1866	D.	Green, D.	Newport, Del.	
1880	L.	Hamilton, W.	Wilmington, Del.	
1869	L.	Hendrickson, W. H.	Faukland, "	
1874	D.	Hodson, J.	Wilmington, "	
1862	D.	Kershaw, W.	Elkton, Md.	
1866	D.	Logan, Sam'l.	Charlestown, Md.	
1866	L.	McLaughlin, J. T.	Wilmington, Del.	
	E.	McCarter, J. M.	503 E. 10th St., Wilmington, Del.	
	L.	McCoy, J.	Glasgow, Del.	
1862	L.	Mendinhall, E.	Wilmington, Del.	
	D.	Mulford, Jas.	Summit Bridge, Md.	
1834	L.	Miller, Joseph	Mechanic Valley, "	
1859	L.	Miller, Wm. T.	" "	
1876	L.	Rodgers, R. L.	Wilmington, Del.	
1876	L.	Sentman, C. H.	" "	
	D.	Scott, J. P.	New Castle, Del.	
	L.	Smith, W. H.	McClellanville, Del.	
	L.	Smith, Rob. T.	Rockland, Del.	
	L.	Stimmel, W.	Wilmington, Del.	
	E.	Tull, Wm. T.	" "	
1862	L.	Todd, L. E.	Edgemoor, "	
1878	L.	Thatcher, A.	Penn. Ave., 1608, Wil., Del.	
1871	L.	Vaughn, Wm. N.	1002 Lombard St., " "	
1870	L.	Weldin, G. W.	Wilmington, Del.	
	L.	Williamson, J. F.	Newark, "	
1875	L.	White, Jno.	Wilmington, "	
1878	L.	White, Wm. S.	" "	

EASTON DISTRICT.

	D.	Baker, Ch., H.	Chestertown, Md	
1848	E.	Boone, J. T., (M. D.)	Greensboro, "	
	E.	Burton, Thos.	Chestertown, "	
	D.	Clements, Joel	Crumpton, "	

- L. Christopher, I.....Mathews, Md.
 L. Dumbraco, J. M.....Crumpton, "
 1870 L. Edes, Jno. P.....Edesville, Kent Co., Md.
 L. Gudgeon, A. M.....Chestertown, Md.
 1858 L. Kendall, James.....Fairlee, Kent Co., Md.
 1845 L. Leary, Geo.....Edesville, "
 1877 L. McLean,Mathews, Talbot Co., Md.
 Numbers, Thos.....Millington, Md.
 1872 L. Nichols, Z. J.....Oxford, "
 Price, S. R.....Millington, "
 Perkins, Jas. A., (M. D.).....Chestertown, Md.
 1873 L. Raymond, G. S.....Smyrna, Del.
 1856 D. Smith, J. V....."
 Sparks, Sol.....Crumpton, Md.

DOVER DISTRICT.

- Bell, J. 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.....Aries, Dorchester Co., Md.
 L. Conaway, R. H.....Cambridge, " " "
 L. Clifton, G. W.....Lincoln, Del.
 1870 L. Cahoon, W. R.....Dover, "
 1877 L. Corkran, P.....Dover, "
 1877 L. Corchran, F. J.....Madison, N. J.
 1856 L. Dawson, E., (M. D.).....Frederica, Del.
 D. Downham, John.....Canterbury, Del.
 1871 D. Donoho, S. M.....Woolandtown, Dorchester Co., Md.
 L. Evans, W.....Lewes, Sussex Co., Del.
 1875 L. Gullett, W.....Little Creek, Kent Co., Del.
 1877 L. Guthrie, W. B.....Dover, Del.
 1833 D. Hazzard, W.....Seaford, Del.
 L. Hudson, Geo....." "
 D. Hudson, J. W.....Millsboro, Sussex Co., Del.
 1863 L. Hall, Houstin.....Milton, " "
 D. Harris, W.....Bridgeville, " "
 E. Hazzard, Robt.....Hurlock Station, Md.
 1875 D. Johnson, L. E., (M. D.).....Cambridge, "
 L. Johnson, W. P.....Millsboro, Sussex Co., Del.
 Johnson, I. D.....Leipsic, "
 1860 D. Kenney, J. L.....Federalsburg, Md.
 L. Lane, W. H.....East New Market, Md.
 1854 L. Minner, Sam'l.....Felton, Del.
 L. Millman, Jesse.....Ellendale, Del.
 1879 L. Mowbray, A. S.....Fowling Creek, 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, Del.
 L. Roop, F. A.....Seaford, "
 L. Sullivan, J. F.....Federalsburg, Md.

- 1874 D. Simmons, Charles.....Harrington, Del.
 D. Wright, D. R.....Bethlehem, Md.
 1836 E. Williams, R. W., (M. D.).....Cornersville, "
 Wright, A. J.....Felton, Del.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

- 1880 L. Baker, Ch. S.....Salisbury, Md.
 1872 L. Beachmont, Jno.....Fairmount, "
 L. Conner, N. J.....Marion, "
 1846 D. Covington, D. W.....Pocomoke City, Md.
 1871 L. Connelly, J. H.....Bethel, Del.
 1864 D. Devearaux, J. H.....Snow Hill, Md.
 1874 L. Daniels, Jas. T.....Deal's Island, Md.
 Gault, A.....Newark, Worcester Co., Md.
 1860 L. Foxwell, B. F.....Princess Anne, Md.
 L. Holland, W. H.....Marion, Md.
 L. Hitch, E.....Laurel, Del.
 1861 L. Hodson, Thos. H.....Crisfield, Md.
 L. Hill, M. M.....Delmar, Del.
 1872 D. Hanna, J. D. C.....Pocomoke City, Md.
 1877 L. Hopkin, G.....Monie, Somerset Co., Md.
 L. Jones, Jer.....Gumboro, Del.
 1871 L. Kenney, J. T.....Chincoteague, Va.
 1864 D. Lawson, D. Hance.....Crisfield, Md.
 D. Leatherbury, P. A.....Onancock, Va.
 D. Miller, James.....Princess Anne, Md.
 L. Pitts, Jno., (M. D.).....Berlin, Md.
 1871 L. Passwaters, W. B.....Princess Anne, Md.
 1867 L. Reed, Sam'l P.....Berlin, Md.
 1862 L. Robertson, Jno.....Sharpstown, Md.
 1856 E. Reed, J. T.....Frankford, Del.
 1858 L. Scott, J. W.....Mt. Vernon, Md.
 D. Tyndel, W. J.....Georgetown, Del.
 1863 D. Tilghman, N. J.....Laurel, Del.
 L. Tyler, Jno.....Smith Island, Md.
 1869 D. Tubbs, W. R.....Roxana, Del.
 1852 L. White, S. Q.....Salisbury, Md.
 1852 E. Webb, Sam'l.....Fruitland, "
 1868 L. White, H. P.....Dames Quarter, Md.
 1867 L. Wilson, I.....Monie, Somerset Co., Md.

THIRTEENTH 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.

LEWES, DEL., MARCH 16, 1881.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Received from Rev. E. C. MACNICHOL,	Charlestown,	\$ 10 25
" " " N. M. BROWNE,	Port Deposit,	213 00
" " " CHAS. HILL,	Asbury, Wilmington,	645 76
" " " VAUGHN SMITH,	Mt. Lebanon,	40 00
" " " P. H. RAWLINS,	Scott, Wilmington,	110 00
" " " ADAM STENGLE,	Union, "	345 00
" " " L. W. LAYFIELD,	Bethel,	35 00
" " " T. B. HUNTER,	Cherry Hill,	75 00
" " " A. D. DAVIS,	Zion Circuit,	128 00
" " " J. H. CALDWELL,	St. Paul's, Wilmington,	500 00
" " " J. W. HAMMERSLY,	Chesapeake,	37 00
" " " E. DAVIS,	Epworth, Wilmington,	24 00
" " " C. F. SHEPPARD,	North East,	102 24
" " " J. OWEN SYPHERD,	St. George's & Summit,	31 00
" " " W. F. TALBOT,	Delaware City,	19 00
" " " WM. B. GREGG,	Chester,	50 00
" " " E. E. WHITE,	Brandywine, Wilmington,	46 00
" " " JOHN SHILLING,	Christiana,	15 25
" " " M. A. RICHARDS,	New Castle,	100 00
" " " JOHN D. KEMP,	Rising Sun,	31 00
" " " JOHN D. RIGG,	Newport,	106 00
" " " JOHN FRANCE,	Newark & Wesley,	100 00
" " " GEORGE W. WILCOX,	Mt. Pleasant,	25 00
" " " W. E. AVERY,	Elkton,	300 00
" " " D. F. WADDELL,	Red Lion & Glasgow,	20 00
" " " G. S. Conaway,	Elk Neck,	20 25
" " " G. W. Miller,	Grace, Wilmington,	2,619 98
" " " T. L. TOMKINSON,	Mt. Salem,	150 00
		\$5,898 73

EASTON DISTRICT.

Received from Rev. I. G. FOSNOCHT,	Church Hill,	\$ 41 00
" " " T. H. HAYNES,	Smyrna,	322 00
" " " W. L. S. MURRAY,	Middletown,	312 00
" " " E. P. ALDRED,	Easton,	130 31
" " " W. J. O'NEILL,	Millington,	54 01
" " " J. B. MERRITT,	Still Pond,	140 00
" " " J. A. BRINDLE,	Smyrna Circuit,	78 25
" " " J. M. COLLINS,	Appoquinimink,	24 00
" " " THOS. E. BELL,	Royal Oak,	163 00
" " " ISAAC JEWELL,	Queenstown,	25 00
" " " J. E. BRYAN,	Galena,	70 00
" " " B. F. PRICE,	Kent Island,	47 00
" " " F. C. MCSORLEY,	Hillsboro,	32 00
" " " J. W. WILLEY,	Townsend,	20 00
" " " WM. M. WARNER,	Trappe,	20 00
" " " B. W. CHASE,	Cecilton,	100 00
" " " I. N. FOREMAN,	Pomona,	40 00
" " " R. H. ADAMS,	St. Michaels,	125 00
" " " CHAS. A. HILL,	King's Creek,	25 00
" " " J. E. SMITH,	Greensboro,	101 87
" " " W. H. HUTCHIN,	Odessa,	165 00
" " " G. W. BURKE,	Marydell,	34 07
" " " J. T. VAN BURKALOW,	Sudlersville,	90 00
" " " J. P. OTIS,	Centreville,	100 00
" " " E. HAMLINE MILLER,	Kent Circuit,	25 25
" " " E. B. NEWNAM,	Chestertown,	200 00
" " " JOHN WARTHMAN,	Talbot Circuit,	20 20
		2504 96

DOVER DISTRICT.

Received from Rev. WM. P. DAVIS,	Dover,	\$ 380 30
" " " W. F. CORKRAN,	Leipsic,	18 00
" " " W. B. WALTON,	Federalsburg,	80 00
" " " THOS. E. TERRY,	Seaford,	56 00
" " " GEORGE S. GASSNER,	Milton,	55 00
" " " J. E. KIDNEY,	Dorchester Circuit,	80 00
" " " JOHN W. POOLE,	Woodlandtown,	15 00
" " " J. E. MOWBRAY,	Frederica,	124 00
" " " E. C. ATKINS,	Galestown,	40 00
" " " E. L. HOFFECKER,	Cambridge,	55 00
" " " H. COLCLAZER,	Georgetown,	36 58
" " " FRANK B. QUIGLEY,	Church Creek,	12 00
" " " R. K. STEVENSON,	Barrett's,	40 00
" " " JOSEPH ROBINSON,	Camden,	90 00
" " " J. S. WILLIS,	Felton,	60 00
" " " A. W. LIGHTBOURNE,	Wyoming,	25 00
" " " R. C. JONES,	Bridgeville,	361 00
" " " J. B. Quigg,	Millford,	121 00
" " " VALENTINE GRAY,	Millsboro,	22 00
" " " WM. E. ENGLAND,	Harrington,	77 85
" " " E. L. HUBBARD,	Lincoln,	30 00
" " " N. MCQUAY,	Ellendale,	35 00
" " " A. W. MILBY,	Denton,	30 00
" " " JAMES CARROLL,	Nassau,	39 49
" " " C. W. Prettyman,	Lewes,	103 00
" " " W. S. ROBINSON,	Beckwith's and Speddin's,	15 00

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Received from Rev.	J. A. B. WILSON,	Fairmount,	250 00
"	"	"	"
"	W. W. W. WILSON,	Snow Hill,	100 00
"	"	"	"
"	W. R. MCFARLANE,	Princess Anne,	100 00
"	"	"	"
"	W. M. GREEN,	Bethel,	30 00
"	"	"	"
"	T. A. H. O'BRIEN,	Chincoteague,	15 00
"	"	"	"
"	LEWIS E. BARRETT,	Accomac,	85 00
"	"	"	"
"	J. P. CORKRAN,	Holland's Island,	20 00
"	"	"	"
"	T. O. AYERS,	Asbury,	10 00
"	"	"	"
"	GEO. W. TOWNSEND,	Salisbury,	57 00
"	"	"	"
"	GEO. A. PHOEBUS,	Laurel,	53 00
"	"	"	"
"	T. H. HARDING,	Greensboro,	30 00
"	"	"	"
"	JOSEPH DARE,	Roxanna,	42 00
"	"	"	"
"	W. J. DUHADWAY,	Crisfield,	32 00
"	"	"	"
"	J. D. C. HANNA,	Pocomoke City,	30 00
"	"	"	"
"	W. L. P. BOWEN,	Fruitland,	35 00
"	"	"	"
"	J. A. ARTERS,	Annessex,	74 00
"	"	"	"
"	JAMES CONNER,	Sharptown,	40 00
"	"	"	"
"	T. R. CREAMER,	Deal's Island,	50 00
"	"	"	"
"	T. J. PRETTYMAN,	Stockton,	30 50
"	"	"	"
"	ALBERT CHANDLER,	Parsonsburg,	15 00
"	"	"	"
"	ROBERT ROE,	Berlin,	22 00
"	"	"	"
"	EDWARD H. NELSON,	Frankford,	75 00
"	"	"	"
"	S. T. GARDNER,	Delmar,	45 00
"	"	"	"
"	E. H. HYNSON,	Quantico,	35 00
			<u>\$ 1,275 50</u>

LIST OF CONTRIBUTUORS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Asbury, Wilmington—Chas. Hill, Pastor.

Church.....	\$150 00
Sunday School.....	494 76
Total.....	\$644 76

St. Paul's, Wilmington—J. H. Caldwell, Pastor.

Church.....	\$200 00
Sunday School.....	300 00
Total.....	\$500 00

Scott, Wilmington—P. H. Rawlins, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 8 00
Sunday School.....	102 00
Total.....	\$110 00

Brandywine, Wilmington—E. E. White, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 1 50
Sunday School.....	44 50
Total.....	\$ 46 00

Grace, Wilmington—G. W. Miller, Pastor.

Church.....	\$461 19
Sunday School.....	2158 79
Total.....	\$2619 98

Union, Wilmington—A. Stengle, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 36 00
Sunday School.....	309 00
Total.....	\$345 00

Epworth, Wilmington—E. Davis, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 8 00
Sunday School.....	16 00
Total.....	\$ 24 00

Mt. Salem—T. L. Tomkinson, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 36 68
Sunday School.....	113 32
Total.....	\$150 00

New Castle—M. A. Richards, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 15 52
Sunday School.....	84 48
Total.....	\$100 00

Red Lion & Glasgow—D. F. Waddell, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 14 75
Sunday School.....	5 25
Total.....	\$ 20 00

St. George's & Summit—J. Owen Sypherd, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 7 00
Sunday School.....	24 00
Total.....	\$ 31 00

Delaware City—W. F. Talbot, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 8 00
Sunday School.....	11 00
Total.....	\$ 19 00

Christiana Circuit—John Shilling, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 15 25
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Bethel—L. W. Layfield, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 35 00
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Mt. Lebanon—Vaughan Smith, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 16 51
Sunday School.....	23 49
Total.....	\$ 40 00

Mt. Pleasant—G. W. Wilcox, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 11 00
Sunday School.....	14 00
Total.....	\$ 25 00

Chester Station—W. B. Gregg, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 29 00
Sunday School.....	21 00
Total.....	\$ 50 00

Elkton—W. E. Avery, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 59 04
Sunday School.....	200 60
West Amwell Mission.....	30 00
Crouch's Chapel.....	10 00
Total.....	\$300 00

Cherry Hill—T. B. Hunter, Pastor.

Sunday School at Baldwin Chapel.....	\$ 17 00
The other three Schools.....	58 00
Total.....	\$ 75 00

Newport & Stanton—J. D. Rigg, Pastor.

Newport Sunday School.....	\$101 00
Stanton " ".....	8 00
Less expenses.....	\$109 00
3 00	
Total.....	\$106 00

North East—Chas. F. Sheppard, Preacher in charge.

Church.....	\$ 44 01
Sabbath School.....	58 23
Total.....	\$102 24

Newark & Wesley—John France, Pastor,

Church.....	\$ 34 00
Sunday School.....	66 00
Total.....	\$100 00

Port Deposit—N. M. Browne, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 26 50
Sunday School.....	186 50
Total.....	213 00

Zion Circuit—A. D. Davis, Pastor.

Zion Congregation.....	\$ 11 20
" Sunday School.....	20 00
Ebenezer Congregation.....	16 50
" Sunday School.....	20 00
St. John's Congregation.....	10 22
" Sunday School.....	20 08
Union Congregation.....	12 90
" Sunday School.....	17 10
Total.....	\$128 00

Chesapeake City—J. W. Hammersly, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 21 00
Sunday School.....	16 00
Total.....	\$ 37 00

Rising Sun Circuit—J. D. Kemp, Pastor.

Hopewell.....	\$ 9 75
Mt. Pleasant.....	3 75
Rising Sun.....	9 00
Rowlandville.....	8 50
Total.....	\$ 31 00

Elk Neck—G. S. Conaway—Pastor.

Hart's—Collection, Miss Mary A. Taming.....	\$ 10 25
Wesley's—Collection, Miss Sallie A. Yearly.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 20 25

Charlestown Circuit—E. C. Macnichol, Pastor

Church.....	\$10 25
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EASTON DISTRICT.**Smyrna—T. H. Haynes, Pastor.**

Church.....	\$ 74 60
Sunday School.....	247 31
Total.....	\$322 00

Smyrna Circuit—J. A. Brindle, Pastor.

Bethel Church.....	\$ 35 00
Bethel Sunday School.....	8 00
Severson's Church.....	10 00
Kenton Church.....	14 25
Central Church.....	5 00
Central Sunday School.....	6 00
Total.....	\$ 78 25

Odessa—W. H. Hutchin, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 53 00
Sunday School.....	112 00
Total.....	\$ 165 00

Millington Circuit—W. J. O'Neill, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 54 01
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Greensboro—J. E. Smith, Pastor.

Greensboro.....	\$ 70 00
Bridgetown.....	8 00
Sunday School.....	26 87
Total.....	\$ 104 87

St. Michael's—R. H. Adams, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 41 00
Sunday School.....	84 00
Total.....	\$ 125 00

Talbot Circuit—Jno. Warthman, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 20 20
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Kent Island—B. F. Price, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 41 00
Sunday School.....	6 00
Total.....	\$ 47 00

Galena Circuit—J. E. Bryan, Pastor.

Galena Church.....	\$ 24 00
" Sunday School.....	4 00
Grove Church.....	3 00
" Sunday School.....	10 00
Sassafras Church.....	17 00
Chesterville Church.....	11 00
" Sunday School.....	1 00
Total.....	\$ 70 00

Appoquinimink Circuit—J. M. Collins, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 24 00
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Trappe—W. M. Warner, Pastor.

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

Middletown—W. L. S. Murray, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 130 00
Sunday School.....	182 00
Total.....	\$ 312 00

Still Pond—J. B. Merritt, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 53 25
Sunday School.....	86 75
Total.....	\$ 140 00

Cecilton—B. W. Chase, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 73 67
Sunday School.....	26 33
Total.....	\$ 100 00

Kent Circuit—E. H. Miller, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 25 25
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Pomona, I. N. Forman, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 40 00
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Townsend—J. H. Willey, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 7 00
Sunday School.....	13 00
Total.....	\$ 20 00

Centreville—J. P. Otis, Pastor.

Centreville Church.....	\$ 51 00
" Sunday School.....	26 00
Ebenezer.....	23 00
Total.....	\$ 100 00

Sudlersville—J. T. Van Burkalow, Pastor.

Sudlersville.....	\$ 45 62
Roesburg.....	8 55
Ingleside.....	6 00
Double Creek.....	5 82
Crompton.....	11 56
Dudley's.....	4 60
Pippin.....	4 35
Busic.....	3 50
Total.....	\$ 90 00

Marydel Circuit—G. W. Burke, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 34 07
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King's Creek—C. A. Hill, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 25 00
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Royal Oak Circuit—T. E. Bell, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 163 00
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Chestertown—E. B. Newnam, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 100 00
Sunday School.....	100 00
Total.....	\$ 200 00

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

Church Hill Church.....	\$ 12 00
Salem Church.....	10 00
Union ".....	19 00
Total.....	\$ 41 00

Queenstown—I. Jewell, Pastor.

Sunday Schools.....	\$ 25 00
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Hillsboro—F. C. McSorley, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 32 00
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Easton—E. P. Aldred, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 40 00
Sunday School.....	90 00
Total.....	\$ 130 31

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

Church.....	\$ 78 19
Sunday School.....	232 11
Infant Sunday School.....	70 00
Total.....	\$ 380 30

Leipsic and Raymond's—W. F. Corkran, Pastor.

Total from charge.....	\$ 18 00
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Camden Circuit—Joseph Robinson, Pastor.

Total from charge.....	\$ 90 00
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Wyoming Circuit—A. W. Lightbourne, Pastor.

Total from charge.....	\$ 25 00
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Felton Charge—J. S. Willis, Pastor.

Total from charge.....	\$ 60 00
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Frederica—John E. Mowbray, Pastor.

From Church.....	\$63 00
" Sunday School.....	61 00
Total.....	\$124 00

Barrett's and Milford—R. K. Stevenson, Pastor.

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

Church.....	\$ 19 00
Sunday School.....	102 00
Total.....	\$121 00

Georgetown—Henry Cololazer, Pastor.

Church.....	\$20 45
Sunday School.....	16 13
Total.....	\$36 58

Miiton—G. S. Gassner, Pastor.

Church.....	\$33 40
Sunday School.....	21 60
Total.....	\$55 00

Lincoln—E. L. Hubbard, Pastor.

Circuit.....	\$30 00
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Lewes—C. W. Prettyman, Pastor.

Church.....	\$46 00
Sunday School.....	57 00
Total.....	\$103 00

Bridgeville—R. C. Jones, Pastor.

Circuit.....	\$361 00
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Seaford—Thomas E. Terry, Pastor.

Church.....	\$17 00
Sunday School.....	39 00
Total.....	\$56 00

Federalsburg—W. B. Walton, Pastor.

Circuit.....	\$80 00
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Galestown—E. C. Atkins, Pastor.

Church.....	\$39 00
Sunday School.....	1 00
Total.....	\$40 00

Dorchester Circuit—J. E. Kidney, Pastor.

Circuit.....	\$80 00
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Cambridge—E. L. Hoffecker, Pastor.

Church.....	\$35 00
Sunday School.....	20 00
Total.....	\$55 00

Beckwith's and Spedden's—W. S. Robinson, Pastor.

Church.....	\$15 00
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Denton—A. W. Milby, Pastor.

Church.....	\$30 00
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Church Creek—F. B. Quigley, Pastor.

Church.....	\$12 00
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Woodlandtown—John W. Poole, Pastor.

Circuit.....	\$15 00
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Millsboro—V. Gray, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 3 00
Sunday School.....	19 00
Total.....	\$22 00

Nassau—James Carroll, Pastor.

Total.....	\$39 30
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Harrington—W. E. England, Pastor.

Circuit.....	\$77 85
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Ellendale—N. M. McQuay, Pastor.

Circuit.....	\$35 00
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SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Salisbury—G. W. Townsend, Pastor.

Salisbury Sunday School.....	\$ 44 00
Rockawalking Church.....	13 00
Total.....	\$ 57 00

Fairmount—J. A. B. Wilson, Pastor.

Christ Church Congregation.....	\$ 84 00
" " Sunday School.....	143 00
Lower Fairmount Church Congregation.....	20 00
" " Sunday School.....	3 00
Total.....	\$250 00

Crisfield—W. J. Duhadway, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 21 20
Sunday School.....	10 80
Total.....	\$ 32 00

Pocomoke City—J. D. C. Hanna, Pastor.

Pocomoke City Church.....	\$13 50
" " Sunday School.....	0 00
Williams' Church.....	3 50
Hollands' ".....	3 50
Cakesbury.....	3 50
Total.....	\$ 30 00

Stockton—T. J. Prettyman, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 30 50
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Fruitland—W. L. P. Bowen, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 35 00
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Princess Anne—W. R. McFarlane, Pastor.

Princess Anne Church.....	\$ 11 25
" " Sunday School.....	14 00
John Wesley Church.....	5 00
" " Sunday School.....	5 00
St. Peters Church.....	20 00
" " Sunday School.....	10 00
Dames Quarter Church.....	10 00
" " Sunday School.....	5 00
Asbury Church.....	5 00
Rock Creek Church.....	10 00
Bethel.....	1 00
Contributed.....	3 75
Total.....	\$100 00

Annamessex—J. A. Arters, Pastor.

St. Peters.....	\$ 18 29
Quindoqua.....	12 11
Smith Island.....	43 80
Mt. Olive.....	2 00
Curtis.....	50
Rehoboth.....	3 35
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Expenses.....	\$ 80 05
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Net Amount.....	\$ 74 00

Asbury—T. O. Ayers, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 10 00
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Bethel—W. M. Green, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 30 00
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Holland's Island—L. P. Corkran, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 20 00
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Deal's Island—T. R. Creamer, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 50 00
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Parsonsbury—A. Chandler, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 15 00
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Snow Hill—W. W. W. Wilson, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 80 00
Sunday School.....	20 00
Total.....	\$ 100 00

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

Church.....	\$ 5 00
Sunday School.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 15 00

Gumboro—T. H. Harding, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 18 54
Sunday School.....	11 46
Total.....	\$ 30 00

Laurel—G. A. Phœbus, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 10 00
Sunday School.....	46 00
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	\$ 56 00
Less Expenses.....	3 00
Total.....	\$ 53 00

Accomac—L. E. Barrett, Pastor.

Total Collection.....	\$ 85 00
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Delmar—S. T. Gardner, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 21 00
Sunday School.....	24 00
Total.....	\$ 45 00

Roxanna—J. Dare, Pastor.

Roxana Church.....	\$ 7 00
" Sunday School.....	12 50
Bethel Church.....	12 00
" Sunday School.....	50
Ebenezer Church.....	4 00
" Sunday School.....	1 00
Sound Church.....	4 00
" Sunday School.....	1 00
Total.....	\$ 42 00

Frankford—E. H. Nelson, Pastor.

Salem Church.....	\$ 9 94
" Sunday School.....	10 38
Frankford Church.....	43 80
" Sunday School.....	21 57
St. George's Church.....	10 11
" Sunday School.....	8 44
Houston Church.....	11 86
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Total.....	\$ 75 00

Berlin—R. Roe, Pastor.

Collection.....	\$ 22 00
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Sharptown—J. Conner, Pastor.

Sharptown.....	\$ 20 00
Spring Grove.....	16 50
Covington's Chapel.....	5 00
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	\$ 41 50
Less expenses.....	1 80
Total.....	39 70

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Quantico—E. H. Hynson, Pastor.

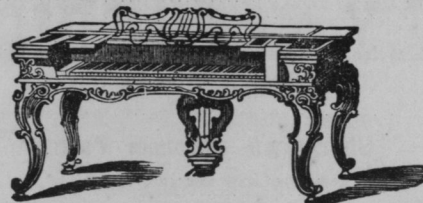
Quantico.....	\$ 5 80
Jones.....	10 50
Trinity.....	12 00
Messix.....	6 70
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Total.....	\$ 35 00

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