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SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

1. To secure Legislation respecting Stewards' Funds—J. B. Quigg, T. E. Terry, J. H. Hoffecker.

2. Post Master—Thos. E. Bell.

3. On Philadelphia Hospital—J. H. Caldwell, J. B. Merritt, E. L. Hubbard, W. F. Corkran.

4. To solicit subscribers to *Methodist Review*—T. C. Smoot.

5. To audit Secretary's accounts—J. B. Quigg, V. S. Collins, Robert Watt.

6. To nominate Trustees for W. C. A.—V. S. Collins, A. D. Davis, J. D. Kemp.

7. Tellers in vote on Admission of Women—G. L. Hardesty, R. W. Todd, C. W. Prettyman, J. D. C. Hanna.

8. Trustee for Mrs. Chatham's Funds—E. H. Nelson.

9. To nominate life directors for Maryland Bible Society—J. P. Otis, R. W. Todd, P. H. Rawlins, C. W. Prettyman.

10. On Thanks—J. D. C. Hanna, C. S. Baker, S. J. Morris.

11. On Ladies' Hall apportionments—C. A. Grise, W. R. Mowbray.

12. Delegates to Saratoga Temperance Convention—Alfred Smith, T. E. Martindale, J. A. B. Wilson.

13. To nominate standing committees—Presiding Elders, Adam Stengle, Robert Watt, R. W. Todd, F. C. McSorley.

14. To confer with the Bishop as to final adjournment—T. E. Terry, C. W. Prettyman.

15. To secure reduced railroad fare—Presiding Elders.

16. To preach missionary sermon—Robert Watt, W. T. Valiant, Alternate.

17. On anniversaries—Presiding Elders and Pastors of Wilmington.

VISITING COMMITTEES.

CONFERENCE ACADEMY—C. A. Grise, E. H. Miller, Samuel Bratt, Dr. J. Simms.

DICKINSON COLLEGE—C. A. Hill, Robert Watt, L. T. Dryden, J. M. Elliott.

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WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE—H. S. Thompson, R. K. Stephenson, I. T. Matthews, Prof. Jas. Swann.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY—J. P. Otis, L. E. Barrett, Prof. H. S. Goldey, Dr. W. L. Gooding.

MORGAN COLLEGE—A. D. Davis, W. M. Green, E. P. Roberts.

PRINCESS ANNE ACADEMY—C. W. Prettyman, L. P. Corkran, T. C. Smoot.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

I certify that on March 22d, 1891, at Centreville, Md., I ordained Julius P. West, James E. Graham, Clarence Northrup, Jno. H. Simms, Harry C. Turner and Mark E. Bowman, Deacons; and that, assisted by several Elders, I ordained Stephen M. Morgan, Ralph T. Coursey, Zach H. Webster, Wm. P. Compton, and Louis F. Sheppard, Elders.

C. H. FOWLER, Bishop Presiding.

ANNUAL MINUTES OF THE
RULES OF ORDER.

I. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

1. The President shall call the Conference to order, punctually, at all times 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 the 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 is 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 members 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 the decisions of the President.

6.—All motions for extension of time, either of a member on the floor, or the session of 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.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES AND PLANS OF EXAMINATION,

ADMISSION ON TRIAL—Discipline and Catechism, Adam Stengle; History of Methodism, J. A. Arters; Compendium of Methodism, J. T. VanBurkalow; Scripture History, R. T. Coursey; History of the United States, L. P. Corkran.

FIRST YEAR—Rhetoric, E. E. White; Christian Perfection and Sermon, W. B. Gregg; Biblical Theology, E. S. Mace; Systematic Theology, H. S. Thompson; Ancient History, I. L. Wood.

SECOND YEAR—Mediæval and Modern History, W. W. W. Wilson; Biblical Theology, J. P. Otis; Systematic Theology, Robert Watt; Sacraments and Sermons, W. T. Valiant; Logic, J. W. Easley.

THIRD YEAR—Atonement in Christ and Sermons, J. O. Sypherd; Harman's Introduction, W. A. Wise; Pope's Theology, T. A. H. O'Brien; Porter's Intellectual Science, E. C. Atkins; Church History, G. W. Burke,

FOURTH YEAR—Harman's Introduction, Alfred Smith; Watson's Institutes, Part II, E. L. Hubbard; Written Exegesis, W. L. P. Bowen; Kidder's Homiletics, A. S. Mowbray; Butler's Analogy, J. D. Kemp.

ON LOCAL DEACONS' ORDERS—W. G. Koons, A. Chandler, Isaac Jewell, E. P. Roberts, L. W. Layfield.

ON LOCAL ELDERS' ORDERS—Robert Roe, J. M. Mitchell, B. F. Price, Asbury Burke, G. W. Wilcox.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who are received by transfer, and from what Conferences?*

John Y. Dobbins, New Jersey Conference; Karl J. Stenstrom, Sweden Conference; H. O. Frazier, S. E. Indiana Conference; H. S. Wickline, Virginia Conference.

2. *Who are admitted on trial?*

Mark E. Bowman, Henry C. Turner, Edwin Gardner, Elmer L. Cross, Francis B. Short, Joseph H. Geogheghan, George P. Jones.

3. *Who remain on trial?*

Melvin D. Nutter, Aloycius Green, Julius A. Brewington, William P. Taylor, Samuel J. Baker, James W. Fogle, H. O. Frazier.

4. *Who are discontinued?*

John E. Franklin.

5. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

Julius P. West, James E. Graham, Geo. W. Todd, Samuel R. Maxwell, Trustin C. Smoot.

6. *Who are re-admitted?*
None.
7. *Who are received on credentials from other churches?*
None.
8. *What traveling preachers have been elected Deacons?*
Julius P. West, James E. Graham.
9. *What traveling preachers have been ordained Deacons?*
Julius P. West, James E. Graham.
10. *What local preachers have been elected Deacons?*
Clarence Northrup, John H. Simms, Harry C. Turner, Mark E. Bowman.
11. *What local preachers have been ordained Deacons?*
Clarence Northrup, John H. Simms, Harry C. Turner, Mark E. Bowman.
12. *Who are the traveling Deacons of the first class?*
Julius P. West, James E. Graham, T. C. Smoot, T. F. Tabler.
13. *Who are the traveling Deacons of the second class?*
G. P. Smith, William Sheers, G. T. Alderson, J. F. Anderson, F. F. Carpenter, W. W. Chaires, Warren Burr, C. P. Swain, J. W. Gray, T. L. Price, John R. Todd, Geo. W. Todd.
14. *What traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?*
Stephen M. Morgan, Ralph T. Coursey, Zach H. Webster, Wm. P. Compton.
15. *What traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders?*
Stephen M. Morgan, Ralph T. Coursey, Zach H. Webster, William P. Compton.
16. *What local Deacons have been elected Elders?*
Louis F. Sheppard.
17. *What local Deacons have been ordained Elders?*
Louis F. Sheppard.
18. *Who are the supernumerary preachers?*
Alfred T. Scott, Wm. F. Talbot, James B. Merritt, Thos. E. Bell, Thos. S. Williams, Wm. E. England, Jno. W. Poole, A. T. Melvin, Wm. B. Walton, Jas. W. Hammersley.
19. *Who are the superannuated preachers?*
James L. Houston, Alfred A. Fisher, George Barton, Geo. A. Phoebe, Jas. Esgate, Henry Sanderson, James A. Brindle, James Hubbard, Chas. J. Hammitt, Wm. W. Redman.
20. *Was the character of each preacher examined?*
This was attended to strictly in open Conference.
21. *Have any died?*
Isaac N. Foreman, John Allen, Samuel T. Gardner.
22. *Have any been transferred, and to what Conferences?*
Jacob Todd to Philadelphia Conference, Jno. H. Willey to Central New

York Conference, Edward Freeman to East Maine Conference, B. C. Warren and Julius Dodd to New York Conference, Wm. R. Sears and Karl J. Stenstrom to New York East Conference.

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 or complaints?*
None.
27. *Have any been expelled?*
None.
28. *Who are selected to be the triers of appeals?*
J. E. Bryan, S. M. Morgan, W. J. Duhadway, J. O. Sypherd, J. D. Kemp, Chas. Hill, T. E. Terry.
29. *What is the statistical report for this Conference year?*
See tables.
30. *What is the Conference Treasurer's report for this Conference year?*
See tables.
31. *What are the claims on the Conference Fund?*
\$10,315.
32. *What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied?*
\$7,198. to Conference Claimants by direction of the Conference. (See Steward's Report).
33. *Where are the preachers stationed?*
See list of appointments.
34. *Where shall the next Conference be held?*
Grace Church, Wilmington, Del.

APPOINTMENTS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT—W. L. S. MURRAY, P. E.

Bethel and Summit	Wilmer Jaggard
Charlestown	E. H. Hynson
Cherry Hill and Union	T. B. Hunter
Chesapeake City	I. G. Fosnocht
Chester	A. P. Prettyman
Christiana	B. F. Price
Claymont	G. E. Wood
Delaware City	T. O. Ayres
Elk Neck	Edwin Gardner
Elkton and Crouch's	Charles Hill
Hockessin and Ebenezer	D. H. Corkran
Hopewell	O. S. Walton
Marshallton and Stanton	C. H. Williams
Mt. Lebanon and Union	J. T. VanBurkalow
Mt. Pleasant	W. E. Tomkinson
Newark and Wesley	W. J. Duhadway
New Castle	T. E. Martindale
Newport and Elsmere	A. S. Mowbray
North East	J. B. Quigg
Port Deposit	Adam Stengle
Port Penn	F. E. McKinsey
Red Lion and Glasgow	W. H. S. Lollar
Rising Sun and Sylmar	J. E. Bryan
Rowlandville and Mt. Pleasant	F. B. Short
St. George's	G. L. Hardesty
Wilmington, Asbury	J. D. C. Hanna
" Brandywine and Edgemoor	C. A. Grise
" Cookman	Supply, W. L. White
" Epworth	Isaac Jewell
" Grace	John Y. Dobbins
" Kingswood	H. S. Dulany
" Madeley	E. C. Atkins
" Mt. Salem	W. E. Avery
" St. Paul's	L. E. Barrett
" Scott	John France
" Silverbrook	M. E. Bowman
" Swedish Mission	Supply
" Union	E. L. Hubbard
" Wesley	W. G. Koons
Zion Circuit	I. L. Wood

SUPERANNUATES.

George A. Phœbus,
James Esgate,
Henry Sanderson.

SUPERNUMERARIES.

A. T. Scott,
T. S. Williams.

EASTON DISTRICT—ALFRED SMITH, P. E.

Appoquinimink	J. D. Reese
Bayside and Tilghman's	J. M. Lindale
Cecilton	T. A. H. O'Brien
Centreville	V. S. Collins
Chestertown	R. I. Watkins
Church Hill	J. A. Arters
Crumpton	S. J. Baker
Easton	R. H. Adams
Galena	E. H. Nelson
Greensboro	R. W. Todd
Hillsboro	S. M. Morgan
Ingleside	T. H. Harding
Kent Island	W. W. Sharp
Kenton	Albert Chandler
King's Creek	J. H. Geogheghan
Marydel	G. S. Conoway
Massey's	Supply, Eben Welsh
Middletown	N. M. Browne
Millington	E. E. White
Odessa	H. S. Thompson
Oxford	H. C. Turner
Pomona	W. R. Mowbray
Queenstown	J. W. Fogle
Rock Hall	Robert Roe
Royal Oak	Supply, J. Pastorfield
St. Michael's	S. J. Morris
Sassafras	William Sheers
Smyrna	W. W. W. Wilson
Smyrna Circuit	R. K. Stephenson
Still Pond	J. D. Kemp
Sudlersville	E. C. Macnichol
Talbot	J. M. Collins
Townsend	Frank Fletcher
Trappe	W. R. McFarlane
Union and Salem	To be supplied
Wye	A. C. Jones

SUPERANNUATES.

Jas. L. Houston,
Geo. Barton,
Jas. A. Brindle.

SUPERNUMERARIES.

Jas. B. Merritt,
T. E. Bell,
A. T. Melvin.

DOVER DISTRICT—JOHN A. B. WILSON, P. E.

Beckwith	W. F. Dawson
Bridgeville	J. P. Otis
Broadkilkn	Supply, N. B. Johnson
Burrsville	T. F. Tabler

Bucktown	Supply, W. N. Conway
Cambridge	J. H. Howard
Camden	P. H. Rawlins
Cannon	W. L. P. Bowen
Church Creek and Madison	G. W. Bounds
Crapo	C. P. Swain
Denton	G. W. Townsend
Dorchester	Supply W. K. Galloway
Dover	T. E. Terry
Dover Circuit,	F. F. Carpenter
East New Market	Asbury Burke
Ellendale	J. P. West
Elliott's Island	Supply, B. Wheatley
Farmington	Jos. Robinson
Federalburg	J. W. Easley
Felton	T. H. Haynes
Frederica	J. H. Caldwell
Galestown	D. F. Waddell
Georgetown	J. D. Rigg
Greenwood	W. P. Compton
Harrington	R. T. Coursey
Hooper's Island	W. W. Johnson
Houston	W. B. Guthrie
Hurlock's	M. D. Nutter
Lakesville	Supply, L. T. McLain
Leipsic	W. M. Warner
Lewes	F. C. McSorley
Lincoln	L. P. Corkran
Magnolia	L. W. Layfield
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Milford	Robert Watt
Millsboro	James Carroll
Milton	T. R. Creamer
Nassau	H. S. Wickline
Preston	E. P. Roberts
Salem	Supply, T. B. Cooper
Seaford	R. C. Jones
Taylor's Island	Supply, J. H. Robinson
Vienna	S. R. Maxwell
Williamsburg	Supply, J. D. Lecates
Williston	W. M. Green
Woodside	J. S. Moore
Wyoming	A. Green

John R. Jodd and Geo. W. Todd, Professors in the Wilmington Conference Academy.

SUPERANUATES.
A. A. Fisher,
W. W. Redman.

SUPERNUMERARIES.
W. F. Talbot,
W. E. England,
J. W. Poole,
J. W. Hammersley.

SALISBURY DISTRICT--W. F. CORKRAN, P. E.

Annamesssex	J. T. Prouse
Asbury	C. S. Baker
Barren Creek	Supply, E. K. Copper
Berlin	T. C. Smoot
Bethel	E. Davis
Bishopville	G. T. Alderson
Cape Charles City	E. L. Cross
Chincoteague	Geo. P. Jones
Concord	C. P. Northrup
Crisfield	H. W. Ewing
Deal's Island	W. T. Valiant
Delmar	A. D. Davis
Fairmount	C. W. Prettyman
Frankford	E. S. Mace
Fruitland	J. W. Gray
Girdle Tree	E. H. Derrickson
Gumboro	J. A. Brewington
Holland's Island	Geo. W. Wilcox
Laurel	S. N. Pilchard
Mt. Vernon	G. W. Bowman
Nanticoke	F. J. Cochran
Newark	E. H. Miller
Onancock	G. W. Burke
Parksley	J. F. Anderson
Parsonburg	W. B. Gregg
Pocomoke Circuit	D. F. McFaul
Pocomoke City	W. A. Wise
Powellville	J. E. Graham
Princess Anne	C. F. Sheppard
Quantico	J. M. Mitchell
Roxanna	C. T. Wyatt
Reed's Wharf	Supply, G. W. Hastings
St. Peter's	Warren Burr
Salisbury	C. A. Hill
Selbyville	G. P. Smith
Sharptown	T. L. Price
Smith's Island	W. W. Chaires
Snow Hill	J. O. Sypherd
Somerset	T. N. Given
Stockton	Newton McQuay
Tangier	James Conner
Westover	Supply, C. K. Morris
Whitesville	Z. H. Webster
New Church and Hallwood	Supply, J. P. Outten
Quindocqua	Supply, John Jones

SUPERANNUATES.
James Hubbard,
C. J. Hammitt.

SUPERNUMERARY.
Wm. B. Walton.

JOURNAL.

The twenty-third session of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in the Church at Centreville, Md., Thursday morning, March 19th, 1891, at 9 o'clock, Bishop Charles H. Fowler, D. D., LL. D., in the chair.

The Bishop announced the 798th hymn, led the Conference in prayer, and read a selection from the 5th chapter of the Gospel by St. Matthew. He then called upon the Secretary of the last session to call the roll of Conference, and one hundred and twenty-nine members responded to their names.

J. D. Rigg was re-elected Secretary by acclamation. He nominated E. C. Macnichol and A. S. Mowbray as assistants, and W. T. Valiant as Journal Secretary, and they were re-elected.

Wm. R. Mowbray was elected Statistical Secretary. He nominated R. Irving Watkins, Jos. S. Moore, Asbury Burke, Z. H. Webster, D. H. Corkran and W. G. Koons as assistants, and they were re-elected.

C. A. Grise was re-elected Conference Treasurer, and E. H. Derrickson, John H. Howard, H. S. Dulaney and R. K. Stephenson were re-elected assistants.

The committee to nominate Standing Committees was given leave to retire to prepare the list.

The representatives of the Press were given permission to work within the chancel rail.

The hours for meeting and adjourning were fixed at 8.30 A. M. and 12 M., with devotional service from 8.30 until 9 o'clock.

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

The rules governing the last session were adopted to govern the present session.

The following paper was presented and adopted:

WHEREAS, The Conference did, at its last session, "direct the Treasurer of the Riddle Fund and of the Centenary Fund to pay over the moneys in their hands to the Treasurer of the Board of Conference Stewards, thus making one fund under one Board of Control," and

WHEREAS, There was subscribed and paid at the last session of the Conference a considerable sum of money for an Endowment Fund, and a resolution was passed requesting each preacher in the effective ranks to pay into the said fund one per cent. of salaries received; therefore

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to secure from the present session of the Delaware Legislature such additional legislation as may be necessary to fully secure for the benefit of Conference claimants of this Conference all such sums as are now in the hands of the Treasurer of the Board of Stewards, or may hereafter be collected,

paid in, given or devised by will to the Endowment Fund, or for the Distribution Fund of the Wilmington Conference.

J. F. Anderson was excused from attendance on to-morrow's session.

Dr. C. H. Payne, Corresponding Secretary Education Society, addressed the Conference in the interest of our educational work.

The Committee to Nominate Standing Committees read the list of nominations and they were confirmed. (See list.)

P. H. Rawlins, T. H. Haynes, C. W. Prettyman and J. E. Bryan were elected Ministerial Stewards, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

S. N. Pilchard was excused from preaching the missionary sermon this afternoon.

A Committee on Ministerial Qualifications was appointed, consisting of H. S. Thompson, W. M. Warner, T. E. Martindale and Adam Stengle.

It was directed that the pastors, in reporting, give the apportionments and receipts for the Missionary and Conference Claimants Collections only.

The 20th Question, "Was the Character of each Preacher examined?" was taken up. Dover District was called. The character of J. A. B. Wilson, P. E., was passed, and he was excused from reading his report until completed. The following effective elders were then called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections. W. F. Dawson, Geo. W. Townsend, Jno. H. Howard, P. H. Rawlins, J. W. Hammersley, Asbury Burke, T. E. Terry, L. W. Layfield, W. L. P. Bowen, J. M. Collins, Joseph Robinson, J. W. Easley, E. C. Macnichol, J. H. Caldwell, G. L. Hardesty, J. D. Kemp, Jas. Carroll, F. C. McSorley, W. T. Valiant, Robert Watt, G. W. Wilcox, T. R. Creamer, J. T. Prouse, E. S. Mace, W. J. DuHadway, W. M. Green, J. M. Mitchell, L. P. Corkran, H. S. Thompson,

Dr. S. Hunt, agent of the New York Book Rooms, addressed the Conference respecting the missionary treasury and our publications.

T. E. Bell was appointed Conference Postmaster.

The reception of the Conference moneys and statistical reports was made the order of the day at 11.30 o'clock this morning.

The 20th Question was resumed. Easton District was called. The character of John France, P. E., was passed, and he was excused from reading his report until completed. The following effective Elders were then called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: W. M. Warner, J. M. Lindale, T. A. H. O'Brien, C. A. Hill, J. A. Arters, E. H. Nelson, R. W. Todd, W. W. Sharp, G. S. Conoway, A. Chandler, J. A. Brindle, Newton McQuay, Alfred Smith, E. E. White, R. C. Jones, E. P. Roberts, W. R. Mowbray, Robt. Roe, J. D. Reese, S. J. Morris, W. W. Wilson, R. K. Stephenson, J. D. Rigg, T. H. Haynes, R. I. Watkins, F. J. Cochran.

Salisbury District was called, the character of T. O. Ayres, P. E., was passed and he was excused from reading his report until completed.

The following effective Elders were then called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections; W. R. McFarlane, W. F. Corkran, W. A. Wise, W. B. Gregg, Geo. E. Wood, C. S. Baker, A. D. Davis, C. W. Prettyman, C. F. Sheppard, E. H. Derrickson, W. W. Johnson, W. B. Guthrie, J. O. Sypherd, G.

W. Bowman, D. F. Waddell, E. H. Miller, G. W. Burke, H. S. Dulany, A. S. Mowbray, W. W. Redman, Edward Davis, C. T. Wyatt, T. E. Martindale, C. H. Williams, Wilmer Jaggard, Wm. B. Walton, T. H. Harding, James Conner, H. W. Ewing.

Wilmington District was called, the character of W. L. S. Murray, P. E., was passed and he was excused from reading his report at present.

The following effective Elders were then called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections; E. H. Hynson, T. B. Hunter, I. G. Fosnocht, A. P. Prettyman, B. F. Price, W. E. Tomkinson, S. N. Pilchard, D. F. McFaul, Chas-Hill, T. N. Given, J. T. VanBurkalow, N. M. Browne, E. L. Hubbard, J. E. Bryan, J. B. Quigg, J. P. Otis, Isaac Jewell, J. S. Moore, J. D. C. Hanna, C. A. Grise, D. H. Corkran, Jacob Todd, E. C. Atkins, W. E. Avery, L. E. Barrett, V. S. Collins, Adam Stengle, W. G. Koons, Isaac L. Wood.

The order of the day was taken up and the moneys and various reports were handed in.

Dr. Samuel W. Small, President of Utah University, addressed the Conference respecting that institution.

The time was extended.

The relation of J. W. Hammersley was changed from effective to supernumerary and he was recommended to the consideration of the Board of Stewards.

The relation of W. W. Redman was changed from effective to superannuated.

James Hubbard, a supernumerary was recommended to the Board of Stewards for consideration.

The relation of Olin S. Walton was changed from supernumerary to effective.

The relation of W. B. Walton was changed from effective to supernumerary.

Dr. A. Rittenhouse, Superintendent of the Philadelphia Hospital was introduced and addressed the Conference concerning that institution.

A committee on the Philadelphia Hospital was appointed consisting of J. H. Caldwell, J. B. Merritt, E. L. Hubbard and W. F. Corkran.

The Bishop presented a draft on the Book Concern for \$1,168. the dividend of this Conference, which was put in the hands of the Board of Stewards for distribution.

The Bishop announced the following transfers from this Conference; W. R. Sears to New York East Conference, B. C. Warren and Julius Dodd to New York Conference, J. H. Willey to Central New York Conference, Edward Freeman to East Maine Conference, and Jacob Todd to Philadelphia Conference.

Karl John Stenstrom, a deacon of the second class, was announced as transferred to this Conference, from the Sweden Conference.

T. C. Smoot was appointed to solicit subscribers to the Methodist Review.

It was directed that the vote on the admission of women to the General Conference be the order of the day for 10 o'clock on Saturday, that the vote be by ballot, and taken without debate.

Announcements were made and Conference adjourned on motion.

The Doxology was sung and the Benediction was pronounced by Dr. A. Rittenhouse.

FRIDAY MORNING—SECOND DAY.

Second Session.

Conference met at 8.30 o'clock with devotional services in charge of W. M. Warner.

At 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair. The Journal was read and approved.

The 14th Question "What traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?" was taken up. Stephen M. Morgan, Ralph T. Coursey and Zach H. Webster were called, the committee reported, the Presiding Elders represented, they reported their collections and were elected to Elders' orders.

The 13th Question "Who are the traveling Deacons of the second class?" was taken up. Geo. P. Smith, Wm. Sheers, Geo. T. Alderson, John T. Anderson, Frank F. Carpenter, Wesley W. Chaires, Warren Burr, Charles P. Swain, Joshua W. Gray, Thomas L. Price and Frank Fletcher were called, the committee reported, the Presiding Elders represented, they reported their collections, and they were advanced to Deacons of the second class. Thos. F. Tabler, not having been before the committee, was continued in the first class of Deacons. Geo. W. Todd and John R. Todd were called, and not having been before the committee, their cases were deferred for future consideration. The case of Wm. P. Compton, because of uncompleted examination, was deferred.

Dr. W. A. Spencer of the Church Extension Society addressed the Conference in the interests of that work.

Standing committees were appointed on Church Extension and Epworth League. (See list of committees).

The Bishop presented the apportionment to this Conference for General Conference expenses and Episcopal Fund, and they were referred to the Presiding Elders for apportionment to the respective charges.

The annual exhibit of the Book Concern was referred to the committee on periodicals.

The 5th question, "Who are admitted into full connection?" was taken up. Julius P. West, James E. Graham, Geo. W. Todd, Truston C. Smoot, Samuel R. Maxwell and Samuel J. Baker were called before the Conference. The Bishop addressed the Conference and class with great appropriateness and force, propounded the Disciplinary Questions, their characters passed, they reported their collections and retired. The committee reported, the Presiding Elders represented, and Julius P. West, James E. Graham, Geo. W. Todd, Truston C. Smoot, and Samuel R. Maxwell were admitted into full connection. Bros. West and Graham of the above class were elected to Deacons' orders, the others being already in orders.

Samuel J. Baker, because of impaired health, was continued on trial.

Wm. P. Taylor was called, and being in attendance at Drew Seminary, was continued on trial in the second year, with permission to continue at school.

The time was extended.

Jacob Todd was re-transferred to this Conference in order to permit him to vote on the admission of women to the General Conference, and on motion he was permitted to leave his sealed ballot with the Secretary.

Dr. Geo. E. Reed, President of Dickinson College, addressed the Conference in the interests of that institution.

Dr. W. W. Moffatt, Superintendent American Bible Society for New Jersey and Delaware, was introduced and represented that work.

On motion of the Secretary, a committee was appointed to audit the account of printing Minutes of the last session. (See special committees.)

The Conference adjourned on motion, announcements were made, the Doxology was sung, and Dr. W. A. Spencer pronounced the Benediction.

SATURDAY MORNING—THIRD DAY.

Third Session.

Conference met at 8.30 o'clock. Devotions in charge of J. W. Hammersley.

At 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair. The Journal was read and approved.

Jacob Todd was announced as re-transferred to the Philadelphia Conference and stationed at Trinity Church, Philadelphia.

The 18th Question, "Who are the Supernumerary preachers?" was taken up. A. T. Melvin, A. T. Scott, W. F. Talbot, J. B. Merritt, Thos. E. Bell, T. S. Williams, W. E. England were called, their characters passed, and their relation was continued.

The character of James Hubbard and C. J. Hammitt was passed and their relation was changed from Supernumerary to Superannuated. (See Disciplinary Questions).

The 19th Question, "Who are the Superannuated preachers?" was taken up. James L. Houston, A. A. Fisher, Geo. Barton, G. A. Phœbus, James Esgate, and Henry Sanderson were called, their characters passed and their relation was continued. (See Disciplinary Questions).

It was directed that the names of the Superannuated preachers be published at the end of the list of appointments according to their respective districts.

The 13th Question was resumed. Wm. P. Compton, John R. Todd and Geo. W. Todd having completed the examination for the third year, were advanced to the fourth year class. Wm. P. Compton, having passed the fourth year examination was elected to Elder's orders.

Karl J. Stenstrom was called, his character passed, and he was transferred to the New York E. Conference.

The 10th Question, "What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?" was taken up. Clarence Northrup, John H. Simms, Harry C. Turner and Mark E. Bowman were called, and being recommended in due form, the committee reported, the Presiding Elders represented, and they were elected to Deacon's orders. (See Disciplinary Questions).

The 16th Question, "What Local Deacons have been elected Elders?" was taken up. Louis F. Sheppard was called, was duly recommended, the committee reported, the Presiding Elder represented, and he was elected to Elder's orders. (See Disciplinary Questions).

A draft for thirty dollars on the Chartered Fund was ordered in favor of the Board of Stewards.

The 3d Question, "Who remain on trial?" was taken up. Melvin D. Nutter, Geo. W. Bounds, Aloycius Green and Julius A. Brewington were called, their characters passed, they reported their collections, the committee reported, the Presiding Elders represented, they were advanced in their studies and continued on trial. (See Disciplinary Questions). George W. Bounds, having failed to appear before the committee, was continued on trial in the first year, with permission to pass the first year's course of study before the present committee, privately, during the year, the year of his admission to be put opposite his name.

John E. Franklin was discontinued at his own request.

James W. Fogle, not having passed the first year's studies at last session, was called, his character passed, the committee reported, the Presiding Elder represented, he was advanced in his studies, and he was continued on trial.

A committee to nominate Trustees to fill vacancies in the Conference Academy Board was ordered, and the Bishop was requested to appoint.

J. O. Sypherd was appointed to audit the missionary accounts of the Presiding Elders.

The order of the day, the vote on the admission of Women to the General Conference, was taken up. G. L. Hardesty, R. W. Todd, C. W. Prettyman and J. D. C. Hanna were appointed tellers. It was directed that the roll be called, and that each member voting, rise and respond to his name, depositing his ballot, and that the tellers announce to the Secretary "voted."

The following resolution was presented by F. C. McSorley:

WHEREAS, "The Peninsula Methodist" continues to be a disturbing element in this Conference, keeping us in constant strife by its anonymous and abusive articles, unwise and bitter editorials, reflecting upon the character and good standing of certain members of this Conference, often striking at our chief pastors, together with other things which are known to be objectionable, therefore

Resolved, That as a Conference we refuse to further endorse it, believing its circulation among our people to be thoroughly misleading and damaging.

Resolved, That we as a Conference condemn its methods.

Signed by Robert Watt, W. T. Valiant, J. H. Howard, Wells Wilson, Alfred Smith, J. D. C. Hanna, Chas. A. Hill, L. P. Corkran, C. S. Baker, F. C. MacSorley, G. W. Townsend.

It was moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was lost by a vote of 56 to 58. After discussion, the following substitute was adopted by a vote of 76 to 48:

WHEREAS, the Peninsula Methodist is a purely private enterprise in which our Conference assumes no responsibility, financial or otherwise, therefore

Resolved, that we leave the endorsement of the Peninsula Methodist to the individual members of the Conference, and the M. E. Church at large.

(Signed) T. E. TERRY.

W. W. W. Wilson then moved to endorse "The Conference Chronicle." The motion was substituted by the following resolution which was adopted:

WHEREAS, we have withdrawn our endorsement from the Peninsula Methodist,

Resolved, that this Conference will not hold itself responsible for the management of any paper published by private enterprise, and withholds its endorsement from any such paper, leaving to the individual members of the Conference and the public generally the judgment they may deem due them on their merits.

(Signed) W. J. DUHADWAY.

The time was extended.

It was directed that the reading of the Presiding Elders' reports be the order of the day for Monday morning immediately after the reading of the Journal.

C. H. B. Day, Esq., Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy, read the annual report of that body, and it was referred to the committee on Education.

Resolutions concerning the Conference Academy were presented by J. B. Quigg, adopted, and also referred to the committee on Education.

Prof. W. L. Gooding, Principal of the Wilmington Conference Academy and E. M. Stevenson, Treasurer, spoke in the interests of that institution.

The 23d question, "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was, on motion, taken up. Grace Church, Wilmington, was nominated, represented, and unanimously chosen by a rising vote.

The tellers reported certain defective votes which were directed to be counted as they indicated.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, that we have experienced great pleasure in hearing and making the acquaintance of Dr. Samuel W. Small, President of Utah University, and that his encouraging representations of the work being done in Utah, furnish us cause for great gratitude.

Resolved, that we hereby heartily express our good will and sympathy for the great work which Dr. Small has undertaken, and commend his enterprise to the confidence and help of our people.

The tellers reported as follows: For the admission of women 65 votes. Against the admission of women 78 votes.

The vote of the laymen of the Conference was announced by the Presiding

Elders as follows: For the admission of women 2993 votes. Against the admission of women 3213 votes.

Bishop Wayman of the A. M. E. Church, was introduced to the Conference.

Dr. J. O. Peck, Secretary of the Missionary Society, addressed the Conference respecting that work.

A. G. Cox, Esq., and A. P. Prettyman were substituted for J. H. Howard and L. A. C. Gerry as assistants to the Treasurer of the Conference.

Dr. Thomas Myers, agent of the Maryland Bible Society, addressed the Conference respecting his work.

It was directed that when the Conference adjourn it be to meet on Sabbath afternoon at 2 o'clock for the memorial service, and the ordination of Elders.

The Conference adjourned on motion, announcements were made, the Doxology was sung, and Bishop Wayman pronounced the Benediction.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Conference met at 2 o'clock for the memorial service, and for the ordination of Elders, the Bishop presiding.

Devotions were led by Wm. E. Tomkinson.

The memoir of Samuel T. Gardner was read by J. E. Bryan, that of I. N. Foreman by T. R. Creamer, that of Mrs. Mary T. Cooper by P. H. Rawlins, and that of Mrs. Elizabeth A. Sanderson by A. Stengle. B. F. Price was appointed to prepare the memoir of John Allen in time for publication in the Minutes.

A hymn was sung and the memoirs were adopted.

Those elected to Elders' orders were called, and ordained, after which, on motion the Conference adjourned, the Bishop pronouncing the Benediction.

MONDAY MORNING—FIFTH DAY.

Fifth Session.

Conference met at 8.30 o'clock. Devotions in charge of Jos. Robinson.

At 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair. The Journal was read and approved.

The Bishop announced the committee to nominate Trustees for the Conference Academy. (See special committees.)

The order of the day, the reading of the Presiding Elders Reports, was called for by the Bishop, and J. A. B. Wilson, P. E., of Dover District, read a detailed report of his work. Easton District was called, and John France, P. E., read his report. The Bishop then, by request of a committee of the Easton District preachers, in a unique and felicitous address, presented Bro. France with a beautiful gold watch from the preachers of the District, as a testimonial of their esteem upon his retiring from the Presiding Eldership of the District, to which Bro., France feelingly responded.

Salisbury and Wilmington Districts were called respectively, and T. O. Ayres and W. L. S. Murray, Presiding Elders, read their reports.

Rev. J. W. Balderson, pastor of the M. P. Church of this town, and T. L. Tomkinson, of the Central Penna., Conference, were introduced.

Geo. F. Wood, D. H. Corkran, and Julius A. Brewington were on motion added to the list of assistants to the Statistical Secretary.

The Stewards report was read by the President of the Board, the report was adopted, and the moneys distributed. (See Stewards' Report).

The following Resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Stewards be, and are hereby authorized to invest Fifteen hundred dollars in the Bonds of the Wilmington Conference Academy.

E. H. Nelson was made trustee of the Conference funds voted to Mrs. Annie Chatham.

The time was extended.

J. A. B. Wilson stated to the Conference the needy condition of certain work in Dorchester County, and on motion a collection was taken for that work, which amounted to \$136.18.

On motion the money was put in the hands of J. H. Howard.

The 2d, question, "Who were admitted on trial?" was called. Mark E. Bowman, Henry C. Turner, Edwin Gardner, Elmer L. Cross, Francis B. Short, Joseph H. Gogheghan and George P. Jones, were introduced, the committees reported, the Presiding Elders represented and they were admitted on trial.

The applications for admission of John D. Lecates and Wm. H. S. Loller were withdrawn, and permission given the Presiding Elders to employ them.

It was directed that the business of the Conference be so adjusted as to admit of adjournment at noon to-morrow.

It was ordered that when the Conference adjourned, it be to meet at 3.15 o'clock this afternoon.

A standing committee consisting of one minister and one layman from each District on Stewards Endowment Fund, be ordered, the names to be presented by the Bishop.

The Bishop appointed J. B. Quigg to preside at the session this afternoon.

On motion Conference adjourned, notices were given, Doxology sung and Benediction pronounced by Dr. Thos. Myers.

MONDAY AFTERNOON—FIFTH DAY.

Sixth Session.

Conference met at 3.50 o'clock, devotions in charge of B. F. Price.

J. B. Quigg was in the chair by the appointment of the Bishop.

T. E. Martindale presented and read the report of Church Extension Board, which was adopted. (See Report).

W. W. W. Wilson presented and read the report of the committee on Church Extension, which was adopted. (See Report).

R. W. Todd presented and read the Report of the committee on Tracts, which was discussed and adopted. (See Report).

J. H. Caldwell read the report of the committee on Philadelphia Hospital, which was adopted. (See Report).

T. E. Martindale on behalf of the Temperance committee, presented a memorial to the State Department of the U. S. Government, respecting its patronage of the liquor traffic, which was adopted by a rising vote, and directed to be sent to the Secretary of State, over the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Conference. (See Report).

He also presented and read the report of the Temperance committee which was adopted. (See Report).

I. Jewell presented the report of the committee on Sunday Schools, which was adopted. (See Report).

E. H. Nelson presented his account of moneys disbursed for Mrs. Chatham, which was referred to J. O. Sypherd to be audited.

W. E. Tomkinson presented and read the report of the committee on F. A. and S. E. Society, which was adopted. (See Report).

A committee to nominate life Directors for the Md. Bible Society was appointed. (See Special Committee).

The following Resolution respecting the illness of L. A. C. Gerry was adopted by a rising vote.

Resolved, That we learn with sorrow of the illness of our highly esteemed lay brother L. A. C. Gerry; and that we earnestly pray for his recovery, trusting it may be the Lord's will to restore him speedily.

C. F. Sheppard presented the report of the Committee on W. H. M. Society which was adopted. (See Report).

V. S. Collins presented the names of Trustees for the W. C. Academy, and they were elected, the Sec., casting the ballot of the Conference. (See List.)

S. M. Morgan presented and read the Report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance, which was discussed and adopted. (See Reports.)

F. C. McSorley read the Report of the Committee on Periodicals, and E. S. Mace the report on W. F. M. Society and they were adopted. (See Report).

A Committee on Thanks was appointed. (See Special Committee).

The Bishop took the chair.

It was ordered that when the Conference adjourn, it be to meet at 8 o'clock this evening.

C. A. Grise, Conference Treasurer, read his report and an abstract of the same was ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

The Statistical report was presented, the Conference totals read and the report was adopted. (See Tables).

The Committee to audit the Secretary's accounts for printing last Minutes was read, adopted, and a collection ordered to be taken to pay deficiency.

Resolutions respecting the publication of Minutes were read, amended and adopted, as follows:

I. *Resolved*, That the committee on publication of minutes be instructed to take sufficient time and care to insure the printed Minutes being an exact and complete copy of the written journal.

II. *Resolved*, That the Conference hereby assume the financial responsibility involved in publication of the Minutes, and thus relieve our Secretaries of a heavy and unnecessary burden; but this resolution shall not preclude seeking the usual number of advertisements.

N. M. Browne was appointed to conduct the devotions at the opening of the evening session.

J. B. Quigg was appointed to take the chair in case the Bishop did not arrive in time.

On motion Conference adjourned, announcements were made, Doxology sung, and the Benediction was pronounced by J. B. Quigg.

MONDAY EVENING—FIFTH DAY.

Seventh Session.

Conference met at 8 o'clock. J. B. Quigg in the chair.

The committee to nominate Life Directors in the Maryland Bible Society, submitted the following names, and they were confirmed: R. H. Adams, J. W. Easley, T. O. Ayres, G. W. Burke, Adam Stengle, T. A. H. O'Brien, S. M. Morgan, R. W. Todd.

H. S. Thompson presented and read the report of the committee on Education, and it was adopted. (See Report).

B. F. Price offered a paper respecting the Conference Historical Society, and it was adopted. (See Reports).

R. W. Todd made a statement respecting apportionments and payments for Ladies' Hall, and C. A. Grise and W. R. Mowbray were appointed to prepare a table showing the original apportionments, amounts paid, and still due by each charge.

J. O. Sypherd, auditor of E. H. Nelson's account of Conference moneys for Mrs. Chatham read his report which was adopted.

He also reported the audited accounts of Missionary money disbursed by the Presiding Elders which was ordered on file.

J. D. C. Hanna presented and read the report of the committee on Thanks which was adopted. (See Reports).

A collection for the Sexton was ordered, which amounted to \$21.00

The Officers and Managers of Conference Education Society were presented and confirmed. (See List).

Alfred Smith, T. E. Martindale and J. A. B. Wilson were appointed delegates to a Temperance Convention, to be held at Saratoga, N. Y., in June next.

A collection was taken to pay deficiency in publishing Minutes of last year and to give Minutes to families in Centreville entertaining Ministers, which amounted to \$32.00.

V. S. Collins presented and read the report of the committee on Epworth League, which was adopted. (See Reports).

On motion the roll was called and the members of the Conference gave their orders for Minutes.

The committee called for in the report in Philadelphia Hospital was appointed. (See Special Committees).

Prof. H. S. Goldey addressed the Conference respecting plans to raise an Endowment Fund for the Conference claimants.

On motion it was requested that the pastors who have not responded to the call for *one per cent.* of their salaries for the Stewards' Endowment Fund remit the amount to the Treasurer of the Stewards by the 1st, of June.

It was directed that the Presiding Elders and pastors of Wilmington be a committee on Anniversaries for next year.

Jos. Pyle, by invitation, gave a general talk on the Stewards' Endowment Fund, Temperance, and Sunday-school.

A committee to nominate Standing Committees for next year was appointed, (See Special Committees).

A committee was appointed to inform the Bishop that the business of the Conference was finished, and to ascertain the prospect of having the appointments to-night. (See Special Committees).

A committee on reduced R. R. fare for the next session consisting of the Presiding Elders, was appointed. (See Special Committees).

The committee to wait upon the Bishop returned and reported that he would probably be ready to give the appointments by eleven o'clock to-night.

While waiting for the Bishop to complete the appointments, the Conference enjoyed a season of Christian testimony and song.

The report on Missions was read and adopted. (See Reports).

On motion it was requested that J. S. Wickline be transferred to this Conference from Virginia Conference and that his relation be changed from Supernumerary to Effective.

The committees of Examination were announced.

Robt. Watt was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon next year, with W. T. Valiant as alternate.

The Board of Church Location was announced and confirmed. (See List).

H. O. Frazier, of the S. E. Indiana Conference a Probationer in the 2d. year, was transferred to this Conference.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we commend the distressed churches in Dorchester county to the liberality of the Church within and without our territory as worthy of the most generous support.

A committee on Stewards' Endowment Fund, consisting of one minister and one layman from each District was appointed. (See List).

H. S. Thompson led the Conference in prayer, the Bishop addressed the Conference, announced the appointments, and Conference finally adjourned with the Doxology, the Bishop pronouncing the Benediction.

REPORTS.

I.—EDUCATION.

We recognize no department of our church work, as of more importance, or as interweaving itself more fully and effectively into every agency for the salvation of the race and the perfect development of character, than that of Christian education. Not only fitting for greatest usefulness, men who are to be factors in moulding the nation's thought along Christian lines, in populous centers, but sending its influences abroad, until frontier sections and foreign lands are feeling the keen edge of the polished blade as men of trained minds meet and overcome the sophistries of sceptical thought and the antagonisms of evil hearts.

Prominent among agencies helping toward these results stands the Board of Education of our church with its many auxiliaries and its multiplied currents of influence flowing in every direction. We rejoice in the growing interest taken in Children's Day, whose mission is to awaken in our youth a desire to avail themselves of the increasing educational opportunities opening to them, and at the same time to inspire in the hearts of the church at large greater devotion to every interest which offers to gratify this pure ambition. We urge upon every Sunday-school the observance of Children's Day, the use of the programmes prepared by the Board of Education, and the taking of a collection for the Children's Fund. And while engaged in efforts to swell the fund, let every pastor seek to turn the thoughts and steps of the youth in our charges towards our schools and colleges, that the next generation of peninsula Methodism may stand abreast of the brightest minds and most influential lives of the land.

In view of the deficiency of \$118 in the collections of our Conference Educational Society during the past year, we would lay afresh upon the hearts of the members of this Conference the work and claims of this society, which, during the past year has aided 10 young men to the extent of \$600. Two of these are in the Conference Academy, two in Drew Seminary and six in Dickinson College. We urge increased liberality where it is possible.

In this connection we deem it our duty to call the attention of our ministers to the action of the board of Bishops, at their semi-annual meeting in May last, in adopting a paper formulated by the committee on Law and Administration, in which the following points among others were embodied.

"We * * * express the belief that the Educational collection taken in all our congregations and reported to the annual Conferences as the Educational collection, should be regarded and treated as a connectional fund, to be administered by the board of Education directly, or by such auxiliary of the board as the Annual Conference may direct.

When collections are taken for local schools or colleges, for building houses, for endowments, for paying teachers, or for meeting the current expenses of the schools, they should not be reported as Educational collections in pursuance of the provisions contained in paragraph 344, sections 5, 6 or 7 in the discipline.

All collections for the Sunday School Fund, taken on Children's Day, should go to the Treasurer of the board of Education. and if the general Educational collection be taken on the same day, that is on Children's Day, the combined collection shall be equally divided between the Sunday School Fund and the General Fund. The only control the annual Conference has over the money collected, and reported as the Educational collection is to designate the auxiliary that should administer it for the purposes of the Board."

We are glad to know of an increased prosperity in the Conference Academy, and that the reputation of its students for high scholarship is so fully maintained that its graduates have entered the Sophomore class in Dickinson College, while graduates in similar preparatory schools have entered the Freshman class. We regard this fact as strong commendation of the work done in our own academy under the present management, and linking this fact to that of the harmony and loyalty to government, which characterizes the students, among whom are ten or twelve who are preparing for the Christian ministry, we can see little reason why any of our people should seek elsewhere for an educational home for their boys and girls.

We congratulate the Trustees of the Academy upon the fact that the hope of years is materializing in a Ladies' Hall, which by the terms of the contract, is to be completed in the month of July, at a cost of \$20,000, and which, with its modern conveniences, will prove an attractive home for the daughters of our peninsula Methodism.

The growing prosperity of Dickinson College, under the presidency of Dr. Geo. E. Reed, L. L. D., is gratifying. During the past year a larger number of students has been enrolled than ever before in the history of the institution, with the promise of still larger increase for next year. The Law department is in full operation, and Dickinson College has taken the lead among all the colleges and universities of the land in establishing a Chair of the English Bible and Semitic History, which is filled by Prof. Robert W. Rogers, Ph. D., one of the foremost Oriental scholars of the day, so that in coming years, more than ever, students of Dickinson may go forth from these Biblical studies on systematic principles, and along the line of scientific research, thoroughly prepared to defend the authority of the Scriptures against every sceptical attack.

The great need of Dickinson College, as well as of our Conference Academy is *Endowment*, and we should urge upon our people of means to remember both of these institutions in their wills.

Drew Seminary keeps fast hold upon our interest, by the annual coming of some of her best students into our Conference. The past year has been one of marked success in all departments of her work. Extra courses of lectures, covering a wide range in theology have been added to the regular courses of study, and these have brought unusual advantages to the 220 students in attendance, during the year. Her library possessions are especially rich, containing works

and manuscript of great worth. The Tyerman collection of pamphlets, very rare and valuable for all students of Methodism, has recently been added. All these advantages, together with pleasant rooms, are furnished to students free of charge.

The remarkable development of the Woman's College of Baltimore enrolling more than 300 students at the opening of the third year of its existence is unparalleled in the history of Methodist Colleges. It is now under the presidency of Dr. John F. Goucher, the liberal founder of Goucher Hall. The opportunities here offered we believe to be second to none within reach of young ladies in the land, and we counsel such as are seeking higher educational advantages to go to the Woman's College of Baltimore.

II.—TEMPERANCE.

1. The Temperance conflict continues to call for the wisest counsel and best endeavor of all lovers of humanity and friends of the Lord Jesus Christ. New perils and new opportunities confront us.

The defiance of the liquor interest, the perplexity occasioned by Supreme Court decisions and the apparent failure of many well-planned campaigns, all point to the necessity for a new era in the reform.

2. It especially behooves the Methodist Episcopal Church which has been, in the forefront of all the great reforms of the century, to be true to her best self in this one, and to emulate the zeal and indignation of her great founder; whose ringing words on this subject might well be recalled to our thought. He said "These poisoners general murder his Majesty's subjects by wholesale. They drive them to hell like sheep. The curse of God is in their garden, their walks, their groves. Blood, blood is there, the foundation, the floor, the walls, the roof of their dwellings are stained with blood." It is not for our Church to moderate a single point of her antagonism to this monstrous wrong with such sentiments behind her.

3. We re-affirm our previous deliverances upon the subject of License, high and low; believing that any form of it is powerless to remedy the evils of the traffic, and that all of them have the effect to endorse and protect a business which ought everywhere to be outlawed.

4. While we aim at State and National Prohibition, we pledge our support and co-operation in sustaining the present Local Option laws operating within the bounds of our Conference territory, believing as we do, that they have in a great measure restrained the traffic, and removed from before the eyes of our youth the temptation of the open saloon, and we furthermore pledge ourselves to use all legitimate means to secure a strengthening of these laws at the hands of our State Legislatures.

5. We most earnestly and respectfully protest against the proposed removal of the restrictions placed upon the traffic by the present law of the State of Delaware. We hope that our honorable Senators and Representatives will not fly in the face of the moral sentiment of the State, at the bidding of the

Liquor League of the city of Wilmington. If the statute will authorize the sale of liquor, let there be all possible restraint put upon its ravages.

6. While we do not claim to regulate consciences or to control the votes of our people, we do fully believe and solemnly assert that the time has come when christian men can no longer condone or excuse this iniquity, by supporting at the polls any man who is in league with it, or who will to any extent, legislate in its interest. The ballot of every Methodist Christian ought to be *free and clean*, cast only and always on the side of righteousness and humanity; and this, we are persuaded, cannot be, so long as a blind devotion to party is set above the claims of God and the well-fare of your fellow-men. It is our high calling, therefore, to do all we can by voice and vote to bring about the entire prohibition of the Liquor Traffic in the State and Nation.

7. We recognize the W. C. T. U., as the most aggressive and efficient organization for the furtherance of these ends, to be found within the bounds of our Conference territory. Its wise work among the young, its well directed appeals for advanced legislation, and its quick entrance into all open doors, challenge our admiration. We bid the white ribbon army Godspeed, and pledge to it all possible support and co-operation.

8. As a part of the great Methodist Episcopal Church, we hereby most emphatically protest against the proposed sale of intoxicating liquors, under the authorization of the Commission in charge of the World's Fair. The attempt to make that great exposition an advertisement for the liquor business of this county is an insult to our Christian Institutions.

9. We would recommend the appointment by this Conference of three Delegates to represent it in the Tenth National Temperance Convention to be held at Saratoga Springs, July 15th, 1891, the credentials to be certified by the Secretary of this body.

CENTREVILLE, MD., March 23, 1891.

To HON. JAMES G. BLAINE, *Secretary of State*:

WASHINGTON, D. C.

It is a matter of general knowledge that in December last, a circular was sent out from the Department of State to the Consular officers of the United States in various foreign countries, which has for its avowed purpose the increase of the traffic in intoxicating liquors in those countries, and that the information thus secured has recently been printed in pamphlet form at the Government Printing Office and circulated among the brewers and beer dealers of this country. We therefore, the ministers of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in session convened, do hereby most respectfully and with all possible emphasis, protest against the policy of using the General Government or any department of it, as an agent in the fostering and extension of this peniculous and awful traffic, so as to debauch and afflict the people of other lands. It seems that such a requirement laid upon our representatives abroad, is an abuse of their prerogatives, and a reflection upon the Christian

government which has sent them forth. We can but hope that our Washington officials will hasten to repair as far as may be, this grave wrong done to these sister nations and to the moral sentiment of our own people.

On behalf of the Conference,

C. H. Fowler, Bishop Presiding.
J. D. Rigg, Secretary.

III.—CHURCH EXTENSION.

From the current number of "Christianity in Earnest," the official organ of our board of Church Extension, we learn that the entire receipts up to March 1st, 1891, covering a period of twenty-five years, were in round numbers \$4,096,000. Of this a little less than two-thirds, or \$2,668,000 were used in the General Fund, derived chiefly from collections in our churches and used chiefly for donations to churches, and a little more than one-third was used in the Loan Fund, of which \$713,600 is permanent capital, and \$714,400 loans returned, making the \$4,096,000. With this amount used as indicated by donations and loans, 7,570 churches, or more than one-third of the entire number owned by our denomination, received aid from the board.

March 1st, 1891, the board at Philadelphia had on file grants to 308 different churches.

For Donations	\$61,645 00	
For Loans	78,350 00	
	<hr/>	\$139,995 00

And had on file 47 applications not yet considered asking :		
Donations	\$21,150 00	
Loans	19,200 00	
	<hr/>	\$40,350 00

Requiring for work in hand at that date	180,345 00
To meet this there were in the treasury	21,904 55

Requiring additional receipts to do the work in hand at that date of 158,340 45

For the current fiscal year, to end October 31st, 1891, the general committee of Church Extension has asked the church for \$301,000, an increase of \$47,650 over the amount asked for the preceding year. The apportionment of this amount among the several annual Conferences was made with unusual care upon an equitable basis, as indicated by the number of members, the value of church property and the actual contributions for the support of the gospel and for benevolent purposes.

Under the apportionment so made the Wilmington Conference is asked to raise by collections \$4,000. The collections reported to this Conference will be our response to this call. The amounts apportioned and received are as follows:

District.	Amount asked.	Amount received.
Wilmington	\$1330	885
Easton	850	530
Dover	850	702
Salisbury	970	587
Total	<hr/> 4000	<hr/> 2704

IV.—FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Within the sixteen states where this Society is operating there is in round numbers a population of sixteen million people, about one-third of whom are unable to read and write. Of this vast number upwards of three million are blacks, and over one and one-half million are whites.

To make them good citizens these people need industrial and professional training, which this Society supplies. The colored people need physicians of their own race to attend their sick. When they were in bondage their masters provided medical attendance for them, but now left to provide for themselves, most of them are too poor to pay the prices charged by white physicians, and many white physicians regard it as inimical to their practice to have it known that they attend colored people, hence the necessity of physicians of their own race.

They need teachers for their children, and ministers of their own race to preach the Gospel among them.

The Romanists are doing what they can to draw them into their church.

From these facts we see the necessity for this Society to carry the Gospel to this people, and give them the advantages of primary, industrial and professional education.

Inasmuch as this year (1891), will close twenty-five years of work in this Society, it may be well to look at the result attained.

In order to this we would note, that about (\$3,000,000) three million dollars have been received and expended among the colored people, and the balance of (\$500,000) five hundred thousand dollars, has been expended among the whites, the largest part of this last-named sum since 1880.

The present school property in lands, buildings, furniture and libraries is estimated to be worth (\$1,500,000) one million five hundred thousand dollars. In addition, the endowment secured for different schools amounts to over (\$300,000) three hundred thousand dollars.

The first financial transaction of the Society in beginning its work in the fall of 1866 was to authorize the Treasurer to borrow (\$1,500) fifteen hundred dollars to send twenty-five teachers into the field. The first year's work ended without debt.

The receipts have increased from this small beginning twenty-five years ago, till for the year ending June 30th, 1890, the income from all sources was (\$264,684) two hundred sixty-four thousand six hundred eighty four dollars.

The increase for this year is the largest in the history of the Society, being an increase of (\$17,851) seventeen thousand eight hundred and fifty-one dollars. Within twenty years from the first organization of a normal school for this people (16,000) sixteen thousand in one winter were actually teaching in public and private schools. Estimating thirty to each teacher, this would give about a half a million receiving instruction.

We have a company of a million strong in the South to-day that look to us for leaders from our Church and our own schools where, in 1864 we had no

following, and this result is largely due to the ministry educated by this Society.

To-day there are more than one hundred physicians doing skillful service, fifty per cent. of whom are having marked success; some of whom have a remunerative practice among white people.

This Society has forty-three schools of collegiate academic grade. Three of these schools are professional; twenty-eight preparatory or academic, sixteen among the whites and twelve among the colored; twelve collegiate, three among the whites and nine among the colored people.

Among these colleges is Morgan College located in Baltimore, Md., of which Rev. F. J. Wagner, D. D. is President, and which is meeting with great success. Rev. John F. Goucher, D.D., who has already given (\$40,000) forty thousand dollars to this institution, offers to pay the debt of (\$5,000) five thousand dollars on this school, provided a like amount, to add to the endowment, be raised before the first of June 1891.

The Academy at Princess Anne is also having great prosperity.

At Lynchburg, Va., this society has in sight (\$10,000) ten thousand dollars, and also eleven and one-half acres of fine land within fifteen minutes walk of the post office.

In view of the above the committee would recommend, 1st, That the second Sunday of May, 1891, be observed as the Quarter-Centennial Celebration of the society, and as far as practicable the collection for this society be taken on that day.

2d, That our Young People's Societies and Sunday Schools take a special collection on that day for this cause.

3d, That the above proposition of Rev. J. F. Goucher, D. D., be presented to the favorable consideration of our people.

The Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society stands to-day for Christian education for all classes, for Christian philanthropy without prejudice, and Christian statesmanship that knows but one country and one flag.

We nominate as visitors to Morgan College, Brothers A. D. Davis, Wm. M. Green, E. P. Roberts, and to Princess Anne Academy Brothers C. W. Prettyman, L. P. Corkran, T. C. Smoot.

V—TRACTS.

It is impossible to estimate the value of the tract as a factor of the evangelizing agencies of the church of Christ. Tracts are condensed spiritual provisions, put up in handy and portable packages for easy distribution to the Father's needy children. They are leaves shaken from the tree of life for the healing of the nations.

The unchurched and homeless masses of our native population and the inflowing tide of depraved and woe-begone humanity from foreign shores, are a continual menace to both our civil and religious institutions. These millions will not come to our Sunday Schools and churches. They never get within range of the voice of the living ministry. They are here in such vast numbers that they can scarcely be touched in personal ministrations by the few and busy

workers in Christ's vineyard. They can often be reached and influenced for good, by the little tract in their own language, dropped into their hands by the passing stranger. While they might resent spoken words as an impertinence, they will not become angered at the unoffending tract; and many of them, as has been demonstrated a thousand times, will lay its lessons to heart.

The machinery of Methodism for doing this work is ample. Its operation can be made to permeate all these unsaved masses, and to reach the outer boundaries of American life. It is imperative that we put this machinery into full and effective operation.

We are pleased to know that the Wilmington Conference stands in the front ranks of our English-speaking Conferences in the support of this cause, and yet we are contributing only about 2 cents per member and probationer. Under the inspiration of the fact, that one half we contribute is available for home work in our several charges, we ought to do better.

But the Tract Society is also doing a much-needed work in foreign lands. Methodist presses, supported more or less by donations of the Tract Society, are at work in most of our mission fields, furnishing eager multitudes with this cheap literature in their own vernacular, and the cry of the heathen and the needs of the cause of Christ are far beyond the ability of our society to suitably heed.

The general Tract Society asks this Conference to apportion among its charges the sum of \$1,100 for this cause. While, on account of other pressing claims, already assumed, and the general financial prostration resulting from repeated crop failures in much of our territory, your committee must reluctantly decline to recommend this assessment upon our people, we do most earnestly recommend the following action:

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to faithfully represent to our people the great and important work of our Tract Society, and that we will strive to make the minimum of the collection for this cause, an average of at least three cents per member and probationer.

VI.—SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

The Sunday-School of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is one of, if not the greatest secret of our success as a Church.

In this department of our work our children and young people are taught it is better to build a Christian character than to found an Empire. Intellectual attainments are to be valued. Spiritual culture must be pre-eminent.

If our doctrines are to be firmly fixed in brain, and soul, this is the place where they must be taught and enjoyed by teacher and children to the edification of all.

The permanency of our doctrines, and stability of our Church depend greatly upon the teaching in our Sunday-schools.

The success of the Sunday-school Union during the past year is truly gratifying, having organized twenty-one Sunday-schools every Sunday, making a total of 1,092.

The Sunday-school is the recruiting ground for our Church. The great army of believers marching on to victory, depend upon the battalions found in

our Sunday-schools for success. Save our Sunday-school and you save the world. Spiritual seed abundantly sown here, means the salvation of our country, destruction to anarchy, the blotting out of agnosticism, the uprooting of infidelity, and the establishing more firmly the flag of our country and our Church in righteousness and purity.

Your committee earnestly recommend the purchase of all our Sunday-school books, Periodicals and Children's Day Service, from our Book concern, knowing as we do from experience, we cannot purchase a better class of books, or cleaner literature anywhere in this country than at the Book Concern.

We also recommend the use of the Epworth Hymnal No. 2, (referred to by Dr. Hunt,) when published.

Our Catechism ought to be in the hands and hearts of all our scholars, for the teaching of doctrine, the building up of character, and the permeating of Christian life.

It is a matter for Thanksgiving, that the National Sunday-school committee has given us two Temperance lessons for this year.

Steady training of our schools in this work for a few years more, means the death knell to the rum traffic, and the establishing in this fair country of the motto, "This Nation is an Enemy to Rum."

VII—BIBLE.

Knowing that the holy Scriptures constitute the foundation of all Christian work, we consider their universal distribution among all peoples of the first importance.

In this the 75th year of the existence of the American Bible Society, the only institution of the kind in this country, we note with pleasure some of the efficient work it is doing.

From the Bible House in New York, the issue this year of Bibles and portions, reaches one and a half millions in nearly three hundred languages and dialects, and these volumes are being distributed in our own and other countries.

Our beloved Methodism continues to receive liberal donations of Bibles for our work both at home and abroad, thereby commending its claims to the cordial and liberal support of our people.

This society has recently inaugurated a plan to supply every Sunday School scholar with a Bible of his own.

From all we can glean, the Maryland Bible Society was never in better condition than now, and we are informed that it hopes to donate \$1500 to the Parent society to aid in its foreign and missionary work. It is a fact that all donations from individuals and churches to this society are used for the distribution of the holy scriptures, and no part thereof for expenses, these being fully provided for outside of donations. The Bible Society of the State of Delaware, the Bible Society of Kent County, Del., and the Sussex County Bible Society of Delaware are aiding in the work of distributing God's Holy Word.

Rejoicing in the increasing distribution of the Scriptures, and earnestly

praying that they may speedily become broadcast over the whole world, therefore,

RESOLVED, that we commend the work of Rev. W. W. Moffett, Superintendent American Bible Society, and Rev. Thomas Myers, Agent Maryland Bible Society, and bespeak for the societies they represent the same liberal patronage in the future as in the past.

VIII—PHILADELPHIA HOSPITAL.

We rejoice in the great success which has attended the founding of this noble charity, and in the growing promise and sympathy that mark its development.

During the past Conference year the sum of \$35,500 has been added to its resources, and early in the summer its doors will be open to receive and minister to the suffering.

The grounds and buildings have cost \$150,000, and the endowment fund has reached the sum of \$205,500.

We respectfully submit the following resolutions:

1. That we rejoice in the establishment and prospective usefulness of a Methodist Episcopal Hospital in the city of Philadelphia for the benefit of invalids in all the Conferences adjacent to that city.
2. We will, so far as may be deemed expedient give to our people in all our Conferences an opportunity to contribute to this worthy object.
3. That we will cordially welcome the Superintendent, Rev. A. Rittenhouse, D. D., to any of our charges whenever he thinks proper to visit us.
4. We recommend the appointment of a committee of our ministers from each district to co-operate with the Superintendent in his work among us.
5. We recommend the women of our church to form auxiliary branches of "The Woman's Association of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital of Philadelphia."

IX.—EPWORTH LEAGUE.

This, the latest born of Methodism, comes to us bearing not only the stamp of approval of our chief pastors, but also the impress of its approval by our Heavenly Father. Its marvelous growth, from nothing to 5000 chapters, as local societies are called, and over 300,000 enrolled members; its lofty aim, "attainment of purity of heart and constant growth in grace," its motto, "Look up, Lift up;" its symbolic badge, "Purity through the blood of Christ," the character of the work already accomplished, as attested by thousands of pastors and tens of thousands of members; the plans of holy warfare for the future,—each, all, declare that the Epworth League was not born of man's devising, but of God; that it is not of earth, but of heaven.

We believe that the League aims as a providential agency in assisting the solution of the vexed question of *amusements for the young*, and *what shall we do with our young converts?*

We believe also that the Epworth League is the very best society for the young people of the Methodist Episcopal Church. We are aware that certain

other young peoples' societies are doing similar work, and claim their superiority in the fact that they are broader in their views and more liberal in their spirit because they break down all denominational distinctions. We claim the superiority of the Epworth League to consist largely in just this fact, that it does propose to work within denominational lines. We believe if the doctrines of Methodism are the doctrines of the Bible, and the polity of Methodism is wise and good, then our youth should be taught to believe our doctrines, to love our polity, and to obey our rules. We believe that just as long as we have denominational Sunday-schools and denominational churches, just so long must we have a denominational young people's society to train our youth to believe in God and the Bible, not in a general way, but after the good old Methodist fashion. We would therefore urge all our pastors who are contemplating organizing a society in their charges to see that it be a chapter of the League; and if any other society has been organized, to use all fair and Christian endeavor to remould that society into the Methodist form of an Epworth League.

The Epworth Herald, the organ of the League, with the marvelous circulation above 38,000 after only nine months' existence, we most cordially endorse; and we commend it to pastors and people as being a most efficient ally in training our youth in usefulness and holiness. We hope that every chapter will form a club for this paper; and that pastors will use their influence to increase its circulation.

We are glad to report that each of the four Presiding Elder's districts of our Conference have been organized into District Leagues with the following Presidents:

Dover District, Rev. J. W. Easley; Easton District, Rev. R. K. Stephenson; Salisbury District, Rev. H. W. Ewing; Wilmington District, Rev. Vaughan S. Collins.

At the second annual convention of the Sixth General Conference District League, held in Baltimore, Md., in November last, the honor of being the banner district, Leaguewise, among the forty-nine districts of the twelve annual Conferences composing the district, was awarded to Wilmington district of our Conference.

There are now about forty chapters organized within the bounds of our Conference. Would it not be possible, by a little effort on the part of pastors and Presiding Elders, to have a chapter in every charge? God grant that the holy fire which burned on the family altar of the Epworth Rectory may be kindled in every Epworth League, until a host of John and Charles Wesleys shall go forth preaching and singing the gospel of Jesus Christ to all the nations of the earth.

X.—WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Your Committee are impressed with the remarkable development and work of this society, which place it among the wonders of this wonderful age. Although it has but just completed the first decade of its history, it has reached proportions which make it one of the mighty evangelizing forces of the times.

It is in the large cities that the most fruitful fields for its activity are found, and in these it has been in labors most earnest and aggressive.

Its policy is not to go into communities where there are churches, but as there are vast numbers of the population in the large cities who are of no church, to these does this society seek to come like an angel of mercy.

It seeks the uplifting of foreigners, and indeed its work begins and its influences are exerted among them as soon as they set foot upon our shores.

It is stated upon good authority that through the zeal and earnest efforts of Mrs. Matthews a devoted missionary among the immigrants at Bedloe's Island, saloon keepers who formerly did a large business among the ignorant emigrants, have complained that their business has been almost ruined; and it was the influence of this society which caused the lamented Secretary Windom as one of the late acts of his life to bring about that form of legislation which prevents the sale of liquor anywhere near the place where emigrants land.

The society is seeking through proper methods to suppress the infamous business of the ship Wyoming, every voyage of which is bringing to our shores from ignorant communities in Europe, girls and young women who are to become Mormon wives. Dr. Small tells us the society is doing a great work in Utah, and others tell us it is doing a precious work for the Master in the South.

The society is gaining such a hold upon the affections and liberality of the people, that its income during the year closing last November was nearly \$49,000 more than that of the preceeding year. And the board of managers felt warranted in making appropriations to the work for the coming year amounting to \$214,000.

We most heartily recommend the society to the more pronounced indorsement of the Conference and would respectfully offer the following:

Resolved, That we as pastors will most cordially welcome to our churches the representative of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and will give her all possible facilities for presenting its claims and organizing auxiliaries among us.

2. That we have heard with pleasure of the help and encouragement given by this society to pastors in our own Conference laboring in the midst of extreme difficulties and hindrances, whose hearts have been cheered by an occasional box packed full of comfort which this society has sent.

XI.—SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

WHEREAS, In the proper respect for and observance of the Lord's Day lies the safety of our Christian and, indeed, our civil institutions. And

WHEREAS, There are manifestly practices and tendencies, in our land and in our midst, at variance with said respect and observance; therefore

Resolved, That we hail with pleasure the evidences of an arousing conscience and an intensifying interest both on the part of the church and the State, that the Sabbath and its claims shall be more jealously and securely maintained.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of Postmaster General Wanamaker in ordering that the handling of mail matter on the Sabbath be limited strictly to that which is deemed necessary and unavoidable, and we earnestly pray that said order may be faithfully observed and executed.

Resolved, That, if camp meetings must remain with us, the utility and wisdom of which are with many surely a question of doubt, we rejoice in the growth and strength of a sentiment among our preachers and laymen which has put Sunday traffic under the ban. We think, however, that the Sabbath desecration incident to and caused by the holding of camp-meetings will not, cannot, be entirely eliminated until the Sabbath day ceases to be any part of the time in which camp meetings are in progress.

Resolved, That we declare our disapproval of, and enter our protest against the practice of some newspaper proprietors in sending out their publications and causing them to be distributed in many of our towns along the line of the railroad on the Sabbath day. As these newspapers are supposed to be educational agencies and stimulants in matters of secular interest, so ought they to be in the morals of the people, including certainly an example of, and an impulse to a right observance of and reverence for the Lord's Holy Day.

Resolved, That, in view of the approaching World's Fair in Chicago, we express our earnest, prayerful wish that the authorities, in making their rules and regulations, shall decide for the maintenance of the rights of the Christian Sabbath, and shall, in pursuance thereof, keep the gates of the Fair Ground shut from Saturday night to Monday morning.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this body be instructed to forward the above resolution to the commissioners of the before-mentioned Fair with information of the action of the Conference respecting it.

XII.—PERIODICALS.

WHEREAS, The Methodist Episcopal Church publishes religious literature in large quantities, equal to the best to be found elsewhere, and for Methodists the best, and as cheap; and realizing the necessity of religious papers in the homes of our people, therefore

Resolved 1. That we urge our Sunday Schools to use our own Sunday school literature in preference to any other.

2. That we will make a special effort this year to extend the circulation of the *Christian Advocate*, as well as that of the *Quarterly Review*.

3. That we recommend the trimming of the leaves of the *Quarterly Review*, and that the price of the *Christian Advocate* be reduced to \$2.00, believing that such reduction would result in its wider circulation.

XIII.—HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

In this paper our purpose is to report the anniversary exercises of our Conference Historical Society, which were highly interesting. A portion of a

hymn was sung, followed with prayer by the Rev. T. L. Tomkinson, of the Central Pennsylvania Conference. The opening address delivered by the Rev. Charles A. Hill, pastor of the church, contained an account of Methodism in Centreville and its vicinity, and was an interesting paper, abounding with trophy incidents of the evangelistic work of our predecessors, unfolded in the role of providence and grace. The programme called for a paper on the Centenary Anniversary of Bethel M. E. Church of Cecil county, Md., prepared by the Rev. S. T. Gardner, whose absence, by death, prevented its delivery, which the Rev. Charles Hill was expected to read, but it did not come to hand. Also a paper giving some account of Dover District, was omitted by reason of the absence, through sickness, of the Rev. W. E. England, appointed to prepare and read it. A paper was read by the Rev. C. F. Sheppard, having Salisbury District for its subject, which furnished some interesting incidents and statements. The Rev. J. B. Quigg was present with a paper giving a history of the Conference Academy, recording its present prosperity with the outlook of continued success; also the Rev. Dr. Caldwell had a paper on the Centennial Anniversary of the Death of John Wesley, the great founder, under God, of Methodism, both of which, we may be justified in saying, abounded with stirring incident—general, special and monumental—in Methodist annals, but for the want of time were omitted, but will be handed in for the custody of the society. The reading of these papers would have been interluded by appropriate selections of sacred song, but for the want of time. But the occasion of the papers will be kept as pearls in the archives of the society. I would herewith recommend that a meeting of the managers of our society be held on the last Thursday of June next, in Asbury Church, Wilmington, for the purpose of reconstructing and perfecting the Constitution and By-Laws of the society, and consider whatever else may be necessary to its more complete and permanent organization. The meeting to begin at 3 o'clock P. M., notice of which is hereby given.

B. F. PRICE.

XIV.—THANKS.

The present session of our Conference will long be remembered as one of the most delightful of our history. The cordiality of our reception by the friends of this hospitable and pleasant town, the preparations for our comfort both at the church and at our homes, the uniform kindness of all the officials of this church, call for an expression of our gratitude to those whose favors have rendered our Conference a memorable one, therefore

Resolved 1. That we return our sincere thanks to the kind friends of Centreville who, without respect to denominational ties, have opened wide their doors for our entertainment, and especially to the ladies who have denied themselves many privileges of the Conference sessions to administer to our comfort.

Resolved 2. That we acknowledge with great pleasure the courteous and constant attention of our brother, the Rev. Charles A. Hill, the pastor of this church, whose provision for our comfort and work has greatly facilitated the transaction of business and enhanced the pleasure of our sessions.

Resolved 3. That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the directors of the Queen Anne's and Centreville National Banks, and to the County Commissioners, for rooms for the use of our committees, to the choir for the excellent music furnished, to the Official Board for their kind consideration in beautifying their church and opening it for our Conference sessions, to our faithful and efficient secretaries for their exacting labors so satisfactorily performed, and also to the railroads for the reduction of fare.

Resolved 4. That it has been a source of great gratification to welcome into our midst our beloved bishop, the Rev. Charles H. Fowler, D. D. LL.D, whose dignified manner and impartial rulings have won our affection and esteem. With thankfulness to God we have witnessed his vigor and health restored after an illness that filled the church with alarm, and we pray that God may preserve his strength for many years that he may perform with great success the will of God committed to his care.

Resolved 5. That we recognize the arduous services of the sexton, and recommend that a liberal collection be immediately taken in his behalf.

Resolved 6. That the secretaries be directed to place in the hands of the pastor of this church a number of minutes sufficient to supply each family entertaining ministers or official lay visitors with a copy, and that a collection be taken among the members of the Conference and visiting laymen only, to meet the expense of the same.

XV—ON MISSIONS.

Amount appropriated \$1,889 00
 Distributed as follows :

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

To Read's Wharf	\$250 00
To Parksley	244 00
To Cape Charles City	200 00
To New Church and Hallwood	100 00
	794 00

DOVER DISTRICT.

To Dorchester	\$400 00
To Lakesville	95 00
To Bucktown	100 00
	\$595 00

W. L. S. MURRAY,
 JOHN FRANCE,
 JOHN A. B. WILSON,
 T. O. AYRES.

In the above appropriations I concur.

C. H. FOWLER.

XVI.—LADIES' HALL.

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Conference Academy, urged there-to by the action of the Conference, has contracted for the building of the "Ladies' Hall," and the cost thereof, including the heating apparatus, will amount to nearly or quite Twenty Thousand Dollars; and the financial provision therefor is inadequate, without incurring an increased bonded debt, which may cause great embarrassment; and in order to aid in this important work, this conference has appropriated the fund designated the Tract Fund, amounting to Sixteen Hundred Dollars, more or less, upon certain conditions; and has also apportioned the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars to the churches of the Conference, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees have resolved to seek subscriptions to the bonds of the Academy for the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars, therefore,

Resolved, 1. That the conditions affixed to the former action of this Conference, upon which the subscription aforesaid, was to have been made, are hereby repealed.

2. The Trustees of the Centenary Fund are hereby directed to subscribe for Three Hundred and Twenty Shares of the stock of the Conference Academy, and to pay for the same with the fund aforesaid or any security or stock in which the same may have been invested.

3. All the charges and churches of this conference are hereby appealed to, in the interest of this important work, and those which have not contributed their apportionments, are hereby entreated to do so without delay.

4. That the Committee on Publication of the Minutes, is hereby instructed to continue the publication of the said apportionments, or any balance thereof remaining unpaid.

5. We hereby acknowledge our indebtedness to the Hon. Eli Saulsbury, W. H. Jackson and Joseph Pyle, Esquires, for their liberal subscriptions to the bonds of the Academy.

6. We also commend the Finance Committee appointed by the Trustees, to secure subscriptions to the bonds of the Conference Academy, to the favorable consideration of our people.

XVII.—CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Conference Board of Church Extension begs leave to submit its report of the work done during the year just closed.

Two meetings of the Board were held: the first at Fletcher Hall, Wilmington, May 13th, and the second in the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Dover, June 18th, 1890.

The reports of the Treasurer showed that on April 1st, 1890, the sum of \$2,748.50 had been paid to the Treasurer of the Parent Board.

A large number of applications for aid were presented. After unusually careful consideration the following were duly recommended:

	<i>Donations</i>
East Lake Park,	\$200 00
Wesley,	150 00
Zion or Morgan's Creek Neck,	75 00
Crowsentown,	150 00
Zion or Cecilton,	300 00
Queenstown,	250 00
Nicholl's, Loans, \$100 00	75 00
Kenny, " 200 00	125 00
Madison, " 200 00	200 00
Street, or Lakeville, " 300 00	300 00
Hawkins,	150 00
Westover Parsonage, Loan, 150 00	
Epworth,	100 00
Bucktown, Loan, 200 00	200 00

The following grants have been made during the Conference year :

	<i>Donations.</i>
Bethel, Del,	\$300 00
Bladesville,	100 00
Hooper's Island, Md.	50 00
East Lake Park, Del.	200 00
Morgan's Creek Neck, Md.	75 00
Madison,	250 00
Woodside, Del.	300 00
Lakesville, Md.	300 00
Kenny, Md.	125 00
Epworth, Sussex county, Del.	100 00
Nicholls, Md.	75 00
Wango, Md.	150 00

The following were granted on conditions not as yet complied with :

	<i>Donations.</i>
Bucktown, Md.	\$200 00
Cecilton, Md.	300 00
Crowsentown, Md.	100 00
Queenstown, Md.	200 00

These, if paid, would overdraw our account by the sum of \$87.44.

A list of Loans outstanding at the close of the Fiscal year ending Oct. 1st, 1890 is hereto appended.

Locust Grove, Md., balance,	\$199 00
Hallwood, Va., balance,	267 33
Pittsville, Va., balance,	75 00
Little Creek, Del.	600 00
Read's Wharf, Va.	250 00
Chincoteague Island, Va., balance,	50 00

Hoopersville, Md,	200 00
Madison, Md,	250 00
Lakesville, Md,	300 00
Kenny, Md,	100 00

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board.

T. E. MARTINDALE, Secretary.

XVIII.—WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

We recognize in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society one of the grand agencies in the M. E. Church for spreading gospel light and truth among all nations. It is doing a work in heathen lands that the Parent Society has never done and never can do.

More women and girls were baptized last year than in any previous year in the history of these missions.

In North India alone they have 215 schools of all kinds, with over 5,000 pupils, 29 assistant missionaries, 233 bible readers, over 12,000 learning to read, over 7,000 receiving religious instruction, and 22,000 women treated in the dispensaries.

Their organizations number 5,557, and their membership 138,850 and they raised during the year in their quiet way \$220,329.

There were never so many open doors, and never such a demand for money as to-day. In view of this fact we strongly urge that all our pastors as far as practicable, who have not an organization of this kind already within the bounds of their charge, open the way for such an auxiliary. We find according to the minutes of last year 82 charges paying nothing to this cause, and 24 paying but one dollar each, the preacher doubtless paying that, hence we entreat for this society a candid hearing and that the people be informed of its grand success.

We would also call attention to the "Heathen Woman's Friend" a periodical published in the interest of this society and ought to have a circulation of 50,000.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

Your Board of Stewards make their annual report, as follows:

The treasurer has the following invested sums, from which we receive the interest for distribution, viz:

The Riddle Legacy, \$1,900 at 5 per cent.

The Bates " \$2,350 at 6 " "

The Philena Reynolds Legacy, \$200 at 4 per cent.

The Centenary Fund, \$2,000 at 6 per cent.

One thousand dollars of the Centenary Fund has recently been paid into the hands of treasurer and not now invested. The further sum of \$300 paid on subscriptions to the Endowment Fund of the Conference at its last session, \$504 on the one per cent. of salary paid in by the preachers at this session, and \$29 paid at the Stewards' anniversary at this session, not invested, making in all the sum of \$8,283.

We have received for distribution this year \$7,198; an increase from all sources of \$77.

From interest on Riddle Legacy	\$ 95 00
" " " Bates Legacy	141 00
" Book Room dividend	1168 00
" Centenary Fund	180 00
" Chartered Fund	30 00
" Conference Treasurer	5385 00
Total	\$7198 00

Which we have distributed

To seven Superannuated Preachers	\$1575 00
To six Supernumerary "	1200 00
To twenty-six widows	4423 00
Total	\$7198 00

The report by Districts is as follows:

	<i>Apportioned.</i>	<i>Raised.</i>
Wilmington District	\$1690	\$1951
Easton "	1357	1362
Dover "	1245	1290
Salisbury "	945	881

Total from Districts	\$5584
Increase over last year from collections,	\$71

To us has been committed the consideration of the claims of the Superannuated and Supernumerary Preachers and of the widows and orphans of deceased preachers of our Conference, and the distribution of the funds raised for their relief.

We recognize the fact that each superannuated preacher, each widow and the young children of deceased preachers of the Conference, have a disciplinary claim on this fund according to their several necessities, and also that all supernumerary preachers, whose cases have been referred to us by the Conference. We have endeavored to perform our duty according to the law of the church, and the best information we have been able to obtain as to the real need of each claimant. The demands upon the funds have been more numerous and more urgent than at any time in the history of the Conference, and our work has been more delicate, if possible, and more difficult. It has been a source of regret to us that we have not only been unable to give the amounts asked for, which we do not think have been unreasonable, but we have been compelled in many instances to give less than last year. While the increase in the fund has been but \$77, the increase in claimants have been three, and an increase in the amount of claims presented \$1,565.

We congratulate the Conference on the fact that new interest has been awakened in the Endowment Fund of the Conference, as the fund is intended to supplement the collections and augment the amount distributed to superannuated and supernumerary preachers, and the families of deceased preachers, we continue to call the attention of friends of beneficiaries to it as an object worthy of their benevolence.

Resolved, That each preacher in the effective ranks, is hereby requested to bring at least one per cent. of salary received, for the Endowment Fund, to the next session of the Conference, and that the said amount is not to be taken from the regular Conference Claimants' Collection.

P. H. RAWLINS,
T. H. HAYNES,
J. E. BRYAN,
C. W. PRETTYMAN,
THEO. J. VANNEMAN,
JOHN H. HOFFECKER.

Stewards.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

[The letters designate the present relation. P., Probationer; D., Deacon; E., Elder; S, Superannuated; Sp., Supernumerary. 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.	Easton, Md.	2
1888 Alderson, G. T.	D.	Bishopville, Md.	2
1888 Anderson, J. F.	D.	Parksley, Va.	1
1870 Arters, J. A.	E.	Church Hill, Md.	5
1877 Atkins, E. C.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	2
1877 Avery, W. E.	E.	"	4
1870 Ayres, T. O.	E.	Delaware City, Del.	1
1881 Baker, C. S.	E.	Crisfield, Md.	1
1889 Baker, S. J.	P.	Crumpton, Md.	1
1876 Barrett, L. E.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	4
1836 Barton, George	S.	Church Hill, Md.	
1859 Bell, T. E.	Sp.	St. Michael's, Md.	
1876 Bowen, W. L. P.	E.	Cannon, Del.	1
1885 Bowman, G. W.	E.	Widgeon, Md.	2
1891 Bowman, M. E.	P.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1843 Brindle, J. A.	S.	Cordova, Md.	
1860 Browne, N. M.	E.	Middletown, Del.	1
1857 Bryan, J. E.	E.	Rising Sun, Md.	1
1886 Burke, Asbury.	E.	East New Market, Md.	1
1865 Burke, Geo. W.	E.	Onancock, Va.	3
1888 Burr, Warren.	D.	Oriole, Md.	2
1890 Bounds Geo. W.	P.	Church Creek, Md.	1
1890 Brewington, J. A.	P.	Gumboro, Del.	1
1845 Caldwell, J. H.	E.	Frederica, Del.	
1888 Carpenter, F. F.	D.	Dover, Del.	1
1865 Carroll, James.	E.	Millsboro, Del.	1
1888 Chaires, Wesley W.	D.	Crisfield, Md.	1
1876 Chandler, Albert.	E.	Kenton, Del.	1
1881 Cochran, F. J.	E.	Nanticoke, Md.	1
1876 Collins, J. M.	E.	Neavitt, Md.	1
1883 Collins, V. S.	E.	Centreville, Md.	1
1888 Compton, W. P.	E.	Greenwood, Del.	1
1862 Conoway, G. S.	E.	Marydel, Md.	3
1868 Conner, James.	E.	Tangier, Va.	3
1885 Corkran, D. H.	E.	Hockessin, Del.	1

1881 Corkran, L. P.	E.	Lincoln, Del.	1
1876 Corkran, W. F.	E.	Salisbury, Md.	1
1887 Coursey, R. T.	E.	Harrington, Del.	1
1873 Creamer, T. R.	E.	Milton, Del.	4
1891 Cross, E. L.	P.	Cape Charles City, Va.	1
1860 Davis, A. D.	E.	Delmar, Del.	2
1869 Davis, Edward,	E.	Bethel, Del.	1
1884 Dawson, W. F.	E.	Lloyd's, Md.	3
1884 Derrickson, E. H.	E.	Girdle Tree, Md.	2
1876 Dobbins, J. Y.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1871 Duhadway, W. J.	E.	Newark, Del.	1
1886 Dulany, H. S.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1885 Easley, J. W.	E.	Federalburg, Md.	3
1845 England, W. E.	Sp.	Seaford, Del.	
1866 Esgate, James,	S.	216 Oxford St., Portland, Maine,	
1887 Ewing, H. W.	E.	Crisfield, Md.	2
1859 Fisher, A. A.	S.	Bridgeville, Del.	
1889 Fogle, Jas. W.	P.	Queenstown, Md.	2
1868 Fosnocht, I. G.	E.	Chesapeake City, Md.	2
1856 France, John,	E.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1890 Frazier, H. O.	P.	Masten's Del.	1
1887 Fletcher, Frank,	D.	Townsend, Del.	1
1891 Gardner, Edwin,	P.	Elk Neck, Md.	1
1891 Geoghegan, J. H.	P.	Cordova, Md.	1
1884 Given, Thos. N.	E.	Chance, Md.	1
1889 Graham, J. E.	D.	Powellville, Md.	1
1885 Gray, J. W.	D.	Fruitland, Md.	2
1873 Green Wm. M.	E.	Williston, Md.	2
1890 Green, Aloycius,	P.	Wyoming, Del.	3
1857 Gregg, Wm. B.	E.	Parsonsburg, Md.	1
1879 Grise, C. A.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	5
1883 Guthrie, Wm B.	E.	Houston, Del.	1
1851 Hammersley, J. W.	Sp.	Denton, Md.	
1882 Hammitt, C. J.	Sp.	Kinsey, Alabama,	
1873 Hanna, J. D. C.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	3
1883 Hardesty, G. L.	E.	St. Georges, Del.	1
1871 Harding, T. H.	E.	Ingleside, Md.	1
1848 Haynes, T. H.	E.	Felton, Del.	1
1845 Hill, Charles,	E.	Elkton, Md.	4
1878 Hill, Charles A.	E.	Salisbury, Md.	1
1833 Houston, J. L.	S.	Trappe, Md.	
1882 Howard, J. H.	E.	Cambridge, Md.	2
1878 Hubbard, E. L.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1850 Hubbard, James,	S.	Laurel, Del.	
1869 Hunter, T. B.	E.	Cherry Hill, Md.	2
1859 Hynson, E. H.	E.	Charlestown, Md.	2
1884 Jaggard, Wilmer,	E.	Chesapeake City, Md.	1
1870 Jewell, Isaac,	E.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1886 Johnson, W. W.	E.	Hooper's Island, Md.	1

1872 Jones, R. C.	E.	Seaford, Del.	1
1891 Jones, G. P.	P.	Chincoteague, Va.	1
1872 Kemp, J. D.	E.	Still Pond, Md.	1
1886 Koons, W. G.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	5
1871 Layfield, L. W.	E.	Magnolia, Del.	1
1879 Lindale, J. M.	E.	Tilghman, Md.	4
1885 Mace, E. S.	E.	Frankford, Del.	1
1876 Macnichol, E. C.	E.	Sudlersville, Md.	1
1864 Martindale, T. E.	E.	New Castle, Del.	1
1889 Maxwell, S. R.	E.	Vienna, Md.	1
1868 McFarlane, W. R.	E.	Trappe, Md.	1
1884 McFaul, D. F.	E.	Pocomoke City, Md.	1
1873 McQuay, N.	E.	Stockton, Md.	1
1873 MacSorley, F. C.	E.	Lewes, Del.	2
1865 Melvin, A. T.	Sp.	Chestertown, Md.	
1853 Merritt, J. B.	Sp.	Crumpton, Md.	
1869 Miller, E. H.	E.	Newark, Md.	2
1885 Mitchell, Jas. M.	E.	Quantico, Md.	1
1886 Moore, J. S.	E.	Woodside, Del.	1
1887 Morgan, S. M.	E.	Hillsboro, Md.	2
1858 Morris, S. J.	E.	St. Michael's Md.	2
1883 Mowbray, A. S.	E.	Newport, Del.	1
1886 Mowbray, W. R.	E.	Pomona, Md.	3
1871 Murray, W. L. S.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	5
1870 Nelson, E. H.	E.	Galena, Md.	2
1890 Nutter, M. D.	P.	Hurlock, Md.	3
1876 O'Brien, T. A. H.	E.	Cecilton, Md.	2
1872 Otis J. P.	E.	Bridgeville, Del.	1
1853 Phoebus, G. W.	S.	53 Third Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.	
1881 Pilchard, S. N.	E.	Laurel, Del.	1
1870 Poole, John W.	Sp.	Farmington, Del.	
1882 Prettyman, A. P.	E.	Booth's Corner, Pa.	3
1868 Prettyman, C. W.	E.	Fairmount, Md.	4
1836 Price, B. F.	E.	Christiana, Del.	5
1887 Price, T. L.	D.	Sharptown, Md.	1
1886 Prouse, J. T.	E.	Hopewell, Md.	1
1850 Quigg, J. B.	E.	North East, Md.	5
1869 Rawlins, P. H.	E.	Camden, Del.	4
1858 Redman, W. W.	S.		
1885 Reese, J. D.	E.	Blackbird, Del.	1
1867 Rigg, J. D.	E.	Georgetown, Del.	1
1884 Roberts, E. P.	E.	Preston, Md.	1
1867 Robinson, Joseph	E.	Farmington, Del.	2
1873 Roe, Robert,	E.	Rock Hall, Md.	2
1845 Sanderson, Henry,	S.	Wilmington, Del.	
1858 Scott, A. T.	Sp.	"	
1886 Sharp, W. W.	E.	Kent Island, Md.	2
1888 Sheers, Wm.,	D.	Sassafras, Md.	5
1859 Sheppard, C. F.	E.	Princess Anne, Md.	1

1891 Short, F. B.	P.	Liberty Grove, Md.	2
1879 Smith, Alfred,	E.	Smyrna, Del.	1
1888 Smith, Geo. P.	D.	Selbyville, Del.	3
1889 Smoot, T. C.	P.	Berlin, Md.	1
1870 Stengle, Adam,	E.	Port Deposit, Md.	1
1873 Stephenson, R. K.	E.	Smyrna, Del.	3
1888 Swain, C. P.	D.	Crapo, Md.	1
1860 Sypherd, J. O.	E.	Snow Hill, Md.	1
1887 Tabler, T. F.	D.	Burrsville, Md.	
1857 Talbot, Wm. F.	Sp.	Dover, Del.	
1886 Taylor, W. P.	P.	Madison, N. J.	
1876 Terry, T. E.	E.	Dover, Del.	5
1858 Thompson, H. S.	E.	Odessa, Del.	1
1887 Todd, John R.	D.	Dover, Del.	
1888 Todd, Geo. W.	D.	Dover, Del.	
1853 Todd, R. W.	E.	Greensboro, Md.	2
1871 Tomkinson, W. E.	E.	Bellevue, Del.	1
1876 Townsend, G. W.	E.	Denton, Md.	1
1891 Turner, H. C.	P.	Oxford, Md.	1
1877 Valiant, W. T.	E.	Deal's Island, Md.	1
1859 Van Burkalow, J. T.	E.	Rockland, Del.	1
1874 Waddell, D. F.	E.	Galestown, Md.	1
1879 Walton, O. S.	E.	Woodlawn, Md.	1
1848 Walton, W. B.	Sp.	Salisbury, Md.	
1853 Warner, W. M.	E.	Leipsic, Del.	1
1886 Watkins, R. I.	E.	Chestertown, Md.	1
1885 Watt, Robert,	E.	Milford, Del.	2
1887 Webster, Z. H.	E.	Whitesville, Md.	3
1889 West, J. P.	D.	Ellendale, Del.	1
1866 White, E. E.	E.	Millington, Md.	3
Wickline, H. S.	E.	Nassau, Del.	1
1872 Wilcox, G. W.	E.	Holland's Island, Md.	1
1882 Williams, C. H.	E.	Stanton, Del.	1
1857 Williams, T. S.	Sp.	In Minnesota—P. O. not known	
1869 Wilson, J. A. B.	E.	Dover, Del.	5
1877 Wilson, W. W. W.	E.	Smyrna, Del.	2
1884 Wise, Wm. A.	E.	Pocomoke City, Md.	2
1884 Wood, I. L.	E.	Zion, Md.	1
1886 Wood, G. E.	E.	Claymont, Del.	1
1886 Wyatt, C. T.,	E.	Roxanna, Del.	2

LOCAL PREACHERS' DIRECTORY.

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The last column indicates the Post Office.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

1886	L	Brown, A. R.	Sylmar, Md.
1887	L	Bullock, M. B.	Wilmington, Del.
1886	L	Booth, M. A.	Newport, Del.
1888	L	Budd, Henry,	Carlisle, Pa.
1885	D	Cann, John,	Fairhill, Md.
1890	L	Cantwell, R. D.	Elkton, Md.
1888	L	Cathers, A. W.	Elk Mills, Pa.
1891	L	Cooper, T. B.	Willow Grove, Md.
	D	Dodd, David,	Wilmington, Del.
1875	L	Dumbracco, J.	Wilmington, Del.
1869	L	Ford John,	North East, Md.
1864	L	Fryer, Thomas,	Cherry Hill, Md.
1885	L	Gollie, Delaplaine,	Wilmington, Del.
1886	D	Green, Daniel,	Newport, Del.
1888	L	Grant, S. E.	Newark, Del.
1889	L	Greaves, H. A.	Wilmington, Del.
1867	L	Hammond, Wm.	North East, Md.
1884	E	Harris, J. W.	Wilmington, Del.
1888	L	Hamilton, Wm.	Wilmington, Del.
1868	L	Hendrickson, Wm. T.	Centreville, Del.
1888	L	Hinchliff, E. V.	Elkton, Md.
1874	D	Hodson, Jabez,	Wilmington, Del.
1890	L	Kane, John F.	Summit Bridge, Del.
1891	L	Kershaw, C. H.	Port Penn, Del.
1866	L	Logan, Samuel,	Charlestown, Md.
1859	D	Miller, Wm. T.	Mechanic's Valley, Md.
1867	D	Morris, C. K.	Wilmington, Del.
	D	Mulford, R. W.	Summit Bridge, Md.
1862	L	Mendenhall, Eli,	Wilmington, Del.
1878	L	McCoy, J.	Wilmington, Del.
1888	L	McKinsey, F. E.	Port Penn, Del.
1888	L	McLaughlin, John F.	Wilmington, Del.
1887	L	McCrea, A. C. T.	Wilmington, Del.
1889	L	Perks, W. T.	Rockland, Del.
	L	Roop, S. J.	Wilmington, Del.

1889	L	Short, F. B.	Colora, Md.
1889	L	Smedley, G. H.	Wilmington, Del.
1889	D	Simms J. H.	Wilmington, Del.
	E	Simmons, John,	Edge Moor, Del.
	D	Simmons, C. E.	Wilmington, Del.
1888	L	Talley, Nelson L.	Wilmington, Del.
1889	L	Thorp, John,	Wilmington, Del.
1868	L	Todd, Lewis E.	Wilmington, Del.
1867	D	Thatcher, Albert,	Wilmington, Del.
1870	L	Weldin, G. W.	Wilmington, Del.
	L	White, John,	Wilmington, Del.
1876	D	White, Wm. L.	Wilmington, Del.
1889	L	Wise, J. M.	New Castle, Del.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

1866	L	Ayres, James F.	Leemont, Va.
	L	Beauchamp, John H.	Fairmount, Md.
	L	Conner, J. W.	117 Monroe St. Chicago, Ill.
1864	D	Devereaux, J. J.	Snow Hill, Md.
1874	L	Daniel, James T.	Wenona, Md.
	D	Edes, John P.	Edesville, Md.
	D	Galloway, Wm. K.	
1890	L	Hasting, Goldsboro W.	Seaford, Del.
	L	Hill, M. M.	Delmar, Del.
	L	Jones, Jeremiah,	Gumboro, Del.
	D	Leatherbury, Perry A.	Onancock, Va.
1883	E	Nelson, Alonzo,	Crisfield, Md.
1858	L	Robinson, John,	Sharptown, Md.
1864	L	Scott, James H.	Mt. Vernon, Md.
	D	Scott, George E.	Williamsville, Md.
1884	L	Simonson, J. F.	Crisfield, Md.
	L	Strickland, W. G.	Klej Grange, Md.
	D	Terry, Geo. R.	New Church, Va.
1774	D	Tyler, John,	Ewell, Md.
1867	L	White, H. P.	Dames Quarter, Md.
	L	Wilson, James M.	Monie, Md.
1887	L	Winder Edward J.	Onancock, Va.
1890	L	Williams, W. S. H.	Ocean View, Del.

DOVER DISTRICT.

1865	L	Betts, W. H.	Millsboro, Del.
1866	L	Conway, R. H.	Harris, Del.
1866	E	Conway, W. N.	Milton, Del.
1890	L	Collison, Geo. W.	Denton, Md.
1865	L	Clifton, G. W.	Lincoln, Del.
1866	E	Donoho, S. M.	Cambridge, Md.
1890	L	Fisher, G. M.	Denton, Md.

		Given, D. J.	Dover, Del.
1852	D	Harris, Wm.	Bridgeville, Del.
1854	E	Hazzard, R. B.	Hurlock, Md.
	D	Kenney, J. L.	Hynson, Md.
	L	Millman, Jesse	Ellendale, Del.
	L	Minner, Sam.	Mastens Cor., Del.
	D	Morgan, W. W.	Concord, Del.
1866	L	Northrop, C. L.	Hurlocks, Md.
	L	Robinson, Jas. H.	Salem, Md.
	L	Sipple, John	Harrington, Del.
	L	Sullivan, John L.	Fowling Creek, Md.
	L	Todd, Noah L.	Toddsville, Md.
1888	L	Wilson, Wm. D.	Lewes, Del.
1854	E	Willis, J. S.	Milford, Del.
1840	E	Wheatley, B.	Linkwood, Del.
		Wright, Everet	Hurlocks, Md.
	D	Wright, D. R.	Preston, Md.

EASTON DISTRICT.

1858	L	Benson, E. T.	Royal Oak, Md.
	E	Dill, James R.	Wilmington, Del.
1881	L	Faries, Wm.	Smyrna, Del.
1871	L	Gudgeon, A. M.	Chestertown, Md.
1889	L	Hynson, J. L.	Church Hill, Md.
	L	Jones, Adam C.	Easton, Md.
	D	Numbers, Thos.	Millington, Md.
1856	L	Perkins, Dr. J. A.	Chestertown, Md.
1884	D	Proctor, C. W.	Chestertown, Md.
1890	L	Purnell, James	Millington, Md.
1881	L	Roe, Herman	Smyrna, Del.
1889	L	Roberts, John B.	Middletown, Del.
	L	Sentman, C. H.	Odessa, Del.
1831	L	Stubbs, James	Smyrna, Del.
1885	D	Welch, Eben	Galena, Md.
1790	L	Wilds, John S.	Kenton, Del.

ROLL OF THE DEAD

OF THE

WILMINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

NAME.	DATE OF DEATH.	PLACE OF DEATH.
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, Pa.,
Amos A. Ewing,	January 19th, 1872,	Cecil County, Md.
Alfred Cookman,	. . . . . 1871,	Newark, N. J.
James Augustus Massey,	July 9th, 1891,	Royal Oak, Md.
James Brandreth,	October 3d, 1872,	Frankford, Del.
T. J. Thompson, D. D.,	November 29th, 1872,	Wilmington, Del.
Robert E. Kemp,	March, 6th, 1875,	Greensboro, Md.
Wesley Kenney, D. D.	June 24th, 1875,	Smyrna, Del.
Henry Sutton,	March 23d, 1876,	Philadelphia, Pa.
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.
Andrew J. Crozier,	January 21st, 1879,	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. I. Bain,	May 13th, 1880,	Pocomoke City, Md.
Wm. Urie,	November 13th, 1880,	Smyrna, Del.
Thomas F. Plummer,	February 2d, 1881,	Wilmington, Del.
Elijah Miller,	April 15th, 1881,	Sudlersville, Md.
John W. Pierson,	May 6th, 1881,	Wilmington, Del.
Francis B. Quigley,	August 19th, 1881,	Hopewell, Md.
Thomas J. Prettyman,	February 27th, 1882,	Newark, Del.
Benj. W. Chase,	December 11th, 1882,	Seaford, Del.
Lucius C. Matlack, D. D.,	June 24th, 1883,	Cambridge, Md.
I. T. Cooper, D. D.,	April 12th, 1884,	Camden, Del.
Henry Colclazer,	December 18th, 1884,	Philadelphia, Pa.
John L. Taft,	May 30th, 1884,	Norristown, Pa.
John Shilling,	July 22d, 1884,	Wilmington, Del.
A. W. Milby,	June 13th, 1886,	Harrington, Del.
Elon J. Way,	July 5th, 1886,	Baltimore, Md.
Valentine Gray,	January 21st, 1887,	Gap, Pa.
Isaiah Johnson,	March 4th, 1887,	Bridgeville, Del.
Wm. J. O'Neil,	March 9th, 1887,	Church Hill, Md.
Jos. Dare,	October 22d, 1888,	Newark, Del.
Frank M. Morgan,	February 11th, 1889,	Philadelphia, Pa.
William Merrill,	October 23d, 1889,	Upper Fairmount, Md.
Isaac N. Foreman,	June 12th, 1890,	Lincoln, Del.
John Allen,	December 13th, 1890,	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Sam'l T. Gardner.	January 3d, 1891,	Pivot Bridge, Md.

IN MEMORIAM.

REV. JOHN ALLEN.

The Rev. John Allen was born in Berkely, England, March 13, 1818, and came to this country when thirteen years of age, and died in Brooklyn, N. Y., December 13, 1890. His first sermon was preached in Old Sands St. M. E. Church, Brooklyn, in 1840. He had brothers who were preachers. He was received on trial in the Philadelphia Conference in 1841, and was identified with the Wilmington Conference at its organization, and continued in its effective ranks six years, since which he was supernumerary till his death. From Delaware he removed to Newark, N. J., and afterwards to the city of Brooklyn. He was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, N. Y. He left a widow and four children to mourn his departure. Bro. Allen was a man of striking individuality, he was social and intellectual, and somewhat unique in the pulpit. He lived and died in the faith of the gospel, which he professed and preached for half a century. He "rests from his labors and his works do follow him." Amen.

REV. SAMUEL THOMAS GARDNER.

Rev. Samuel Thomas Gardner was born on Kent Island, Queen Anne County, Md., on the 20th day of March, 1831.

He was the youngest of six sons of Richard Gardner, who was a highly respected citizen, farmer and shop-keeper.

His early education was limited to such advantages as the public school of his neighborhood furnished.

Though not blessed with early religious training, he became greatly concerned about his personal salvation, when he was 19 or 20 years of age.

In a weekly prayer meeting, held in a little log school house near his home, he earnestly sought religion, and was powerfully and gloriously converted to God in 1849 or '50.

He immediately attached himself to the Methodist Episcopal Church of his native place, and joined the class held in the private house of old father James Hopkins, with Samuel Ringgold as his leader.

He at once became an active, zealous and faithful worker in the church for the salvation of others.

Through his earnest solicitation, a "Band Meeting" of the old Wesleyan type was organized, composed of a half dozen young men, who held a secret service once a week for the purpose of telling each other their faults, and pointing out any inconsistencies of each other's life or spirit.

He became a close and diligent student of the word of God, and read the Bible through on his knees before he entered the ministry; entirely abstaining from eating on Friday for years.

His mind early turned toward the subject of sanctification as a distinct blessing, which he earnestly sought, and professed to find one night about midnight, on his way from prayer meeting, after a mighty struggle in prayer to God.

From that hour he became one of the most earnest advocates of the doctrine of holiness.

His call to the ministry dates back to the time of his conversion. He began at once to study and prepare himself for the great work to which he devoted his life.

He was licensed as a local preacher in 1855, during the pastorate of the Rev. Wm. B. Walton, and recommended by the last Quarterly Conference of that charge, to the Philadelphia Annual Conference for admission on trial.

In the Spring of 1855, he was received and appointed to Smyrna Circuit, as assistant to the Rev. Sol. Cooper.

In 1857 he was sent to Vernon and Williamsville Circuit as assistant to Joseph Gregg. In 1858 he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Ames, and appointed to Kent Circuit with Joseph Aspril. 1859 he was appointed to Centreville Circuit, with Rev. E. Miller. In 1860 he was ordained Elder by Bishop Baker and appointed to Talbot Circuit with the Rev. H. R. Calloway. In 1861, March 12th, was married to Miss Anna Louisa Baker, daughter of Thomas Baker, Esq., of Chestertown, Md., and appointed in charge of Denton Circuit. On the 24th of December, 1861, he was called to mourn the loss of his estimable wife, who left an infant son to the care of her sorrowing husband. The son has grown to manhood and is now the Rev. Thomas B. Gardner, of the Troy Conference, N. Y. In 1862 he was returned to Denton Circuit. In 1863 he was sent to Millington Circuit as assistant to the Rev. Stephen Townsend. In 1864 he was sent to Milford Circuit. On October 21st of 1864, he was married to Miss Louisa A. Moffett, daughter of Richard Moffett, Esq., of Kent county, Md. In 1865-66 he was appointed to Hillsborough Circuit; in 1867-68 to Camden, Del.; 1868 to '70, Church Hill, Md.; 1870 to '71, Church Creek, Md.; 1871 to '74, Denton Circuit, the second time; from 1874 to 1877 he served Deal's Island, and from 1877 to 1879, Annapessex; from 1879 to 1882, Delmar; 1882 to '83, Quantico; from 1883 to 1886 he sustained Supernumerary relation, the last year of which he served as pastor of Wesley Church, Wilmington. In 1886 his relation was changed to effective, and he continued as pastor of Wesley. In 1888 to '89, to Magnolia, and from 1889 to '90, to Bethel and Glasgow. He was in the second year of his pastorate among this people, and never more happy in his work, than on this charge.

On Tuesday, December 30, 1890, he complained of not feeling well. In the evening attended an entertainment given by the Sunday School in

his church. It was with great difficulty that he reached the church, and ascended the steps, after reaching it, almost staggering as he walked up the aisle toward the pulpit. When the services were over he returned to his home and retired. This was the last service he rendered to his church. Though up and about for the following three days, complained of feeling badly, and on Friday afternoon took a short ride in the country, but complained very much during the evening, and could not sleep at night except as he dosed a little sitting up in his chair.

At early dawn on Saturday morning a messenger was sent in haste for the doctor, who came at 11 o'clock A. M., and remained with him for an hour, doing what he could for his relief but without success. He continued in a stupor from the effects of the medicine, except occasionally arousing until 4 o'clock P. M., Saturday, January 3, 1891, when, without a struggle, he breathed his last, dying of heart failure, thus ceasing at once to work and live.

His last sermon on the Sabbath before was preached from the text, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem." He leaves a widow and two sons besides the one already mentioned, Rev. Ed. S. Gardner, a candidate for admission into this Conference, and Mr. Frank Gardner teacher of the public school, in the village where his father died, who mourn the loss they so keenly feel. Brother Gardner was a man of unswerving fidelity to truth and duty. He was a strong thoughtful preacher, and able expounder of the word of God.

His funeral services were held in the church of which he was pastor, on the 7th of Jan. 1891, under the direction of Rev. W. L. S. Murray, Ph. D., D. D., Presiding Elder of the Wilmington District, a large concourse of people attending the services.

A committee of five ministers appointed by the Preachers' Meeting of Wilmington, and the pastors of adjoining charges both Methodist and Presbyterian were present to express their sympathy with the bereaved and sorrowing widow and children, and also their esteem and appreciation of the life and character of our deceased brother.

His remains were deposited in the cemetery adjoining the church to await the final summons, when he shall come forth to shine like the glorified body of his risen Redeemer, when soul and body shall be caught up to be forever with the Lord.

"Thou art gone to the grave; but we will not deplore thee;
Where God was thy ransom, thy guardian, and guide;
He gave thee, he took thee, and he will restore thee;
And death has no sting, for the Saviour has died."

REV. ISAAC NEWTON FOREMAN.

Rev. Isaac Newton Foreman was born March 26, 1843, in the State of Pennsylvania, and died at Lincoln, Sussex County, Del., June 12, 1890. He was converted at the age of sixteen in Scott Church, Wilmington, and

united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He learned the trade of coach-trimming and worked at his trade until the year 1872, when feeling the call of God upon him to preach the Gospel, he left his employment and served as a supply at Madeley Chapel, then a mission of Grace Church, Wilmington. This meant a financial sacrifice, for he then was receiving \$35 per week for his labor. In his position as pastor of Madeley, he did not receive quite one-third of that amount. Surely he was not of the number of whom it is said "They preach for money." In all his ministry he did not receive one-half, sometimes not one-third as much as he could have earned at his trade.

He joined the Wilmington Conference in 1873, and has been the first to fall from the ranks of the class then received. The scholarly Milby was the chairman of the examining committee which is proof that the work was well done, and Brother Foreman well qualified when reported by him "very good."

He served Madeley for two years after joining the Conference, making a pastorate of two years and eight months in Wilmington where he had lived, and among people with whom he had labored as a mechanic.

When he began, he preached in a carpenter shop with eight members and probationers. When he left there was a good church building worth six thousand dollars, a large congregation, a flourishing Sunday School and a good membership.

He was sent to Lincoln circuit in 1875, and remained three years. Went to Leipsic in 1878 and was re-appointed in 1870. In 1880 he was appointed to Pomona, but in 1881 by request of Lincoln was again appointed there and served another full term of three years. In 1884 he was sent to Nassau Circuit and served with great acceptability a term of three years, leaving behind him precious memories and his name a revered household word. A member of that charge was heard by the writer to say "I wish we could have Brother Foreman again, I would give double the amount I now give."

In 1887 he went to Denton, Md., and remained three years. In the last year of his work on Denton Circuit he began to break down, a victim of Bright's disease.

At the Conference of 1890 it was the judgment of others that he ought to rest, but moved by a holy ambition, he desired to continue in the work and the people of Lincoln whom he had already served six years with full knowledge of his enfeebled condition, urgently petitioned for his re-appointment to them which was done, and for the third time he became pastor of Lincoln Circuit. He was royally welcomed by that people who loved him so well, and entered upon his work in feebleness but made strong by loving sympathy and the earnest prayers of his people.

Three short months he labored, getting his work well in hand, when unmistakable symptoms made him realize that he had come to that devoted people, who preferred him to all others, to die upon the field of his longest pastorate.

On the 9th of June he attended to his duties in Quarterly Conference. Tuesday, 10th, he was about his beloved work. Wednesday, 11th, though not confessing that he was worse than usual, he remained in his study. On Thursday, 12th, in the early morning, he was about his room, and then lay down upon his bed and seemed to be sleeping, but when the doctor came in he at once pronounced him dying. In a few brief hours he passed out of the body to be present with the Lord.

During the night preceding his death his wife frequently heard him whisper, "Precious Saviour," "Dear Jesus." Thus we know his communion was with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ.

Thus we outline his life. But it is not the rough outline of a country, rugged mountains and rushing rivers, by which its worth and beauty are to be judged or estimated. We must go within, behind the barren mountains lay the fertile plains; beyond the waste of waters, the green meadows. So we must estimate true worth, genuine manliness and true piety.

Brother Foreman was a loyal Methodist and a fearless preacher. He was true to every interest of his church, the uncompromising enemy of sin, he ceased not to exhort and rebuke.

The great trial of his life was brought out because of his hostile attitude against the great curse of our land. There was a time when he was "persecuted for righteousness sake;" men said evil against him' falsely, but he came through the fire without so much as the smell of burning upon him.

He had large sympathies and was very tender. This endeared him to all the people and made him to be desired in times of trouble, hence he went near and far to visit the sick and bury the dead.

Thus lived and died a "Good man full of faith and the Holy Ghost." He fell at his post with his armor on, having fought a good fight.

Services were held at the parsonage at Lincoln, conducted by Rev. Robert Watt, Rev. T. R. Creamer and Rev. H. L. Bunstein of the Presbyterian Church of Milford. The latter as Chaplain, read the service of the G. A. R., of which Bro. Foreman was an honored member.

His remains were taken to Wilmington, where further services were held, conducted by Rev. W. L. S. Murray, P. E., assisted by Revs. Stengle, Hanna, Barrett, V. S. Collins and D. H. Corkran, Grise, and T. Snowden Thomas. He was buried in Mt. Salem Cemetery. We tender loving sympathy to her who mourns him most, and commend her to Him who has promised to be a "husband to the widow," and cherish the hope of meeting him in the resurrection.

MRS. MARY T. COOPER.

Mrs. Mary T. Cooper was born on the 3d day of March, 1811, in Greensboro, Caroline County, Maryland. Her mother died while she was an infant, but, her father marrying again, she was at the early age of three years placed under the care and training of a stepmother, who was indeed

a true Christian mother to her. Often in her more mature life she would speak of her stepmother in affectionate terms, as the only mother she ever knew.

Her stepmother was an earnest Methodist, and the weary itinerant was always sure of a cordial welcome, and all the comforts of a well-to-do Eastern Shore home. Thus in her early associations she was in sympathy and spirit drawn to the church she in after life so much adorned.

The date of her conversion and union with the church is not precisely known. In her early life she was always thoughtful of and kind to the poor, and by timely aid and sympathy brought light and comfort to many an otherwise gloomy and sorrowful heart. With her more intimate friends and companions, she was ever cheerful and bright, and her society was much sought after.

In 1831 she was united in marriage to the late Rev. I. T. Cooper, D. D. who at that time was a popular and rising member of the bar of Kent County, Delaware, and left her father's home to reside in Dover. So bright and promising were her husband's prospects in the legal profession that many of his friends endeavored to dissuade him from entering the ministry, to which he felt himself called. Upon the submission of the matter to her, she replied: "Do as you think and feel would be right and best for you." With this encouragement and support, they entered the itinerancy, and he became a member of the Philadelphia Conference in 1834. Though young and full of life, she accepted the laborious, exposing and often perplexing life and work of the "travelling preacher's wife" of that day with true Christian fortitude, never complaining, but cheerfully accepting whatever lot in the church was her's.

She was an active working member of the "Dorcas Societies" and other benevolent organizations among the ladies of the several charges to which they were appointed by the church. Attentive to and regular in her attendance upon all the social meetings and other means of grace as her health and domestic duties would permit. Ever attentive to and watchful over her family, she early taught her children the value of Bible study, church and private worship and Christian living, they all learned at her knee, to pray, and in after years they were permitted to see and realize in her life the personification of the virtues and Christian character she had endeavored so earnestly to teach them to live, and to witness the patient endurance and Christian fortitude attainable by a firm unwavering faith and trust in God.

She was an earnest Methodist Christian, a devoted, self-sacrificing wife and mother, always self-forgetful in her solicitude and care of her family and friends. In her advanced life, for a score of years, she was almost uninterruptedly, by day and night, in summer and winter, the patient and constant attendant upon, and comforter of her suffering and greatly afflicted husband. Under this severe and long-continued strain, surmounted by the greatest affliction of her life, his death, nature gave way, and she became a terribly suffering, though patient invalid. For more

than six long years she endured the severe pains and unknown tortures of nervous exhaustion, with a submission and resignation, not possibly of earthly birth. And often in the darkest hour, as if looking for something yet to be accomplished by her, she would say, "I cannot understand why the Lord keeps me here, for I am good for nothing." She longed to be at rest and rejoin her companion of more than fifty years of life's pilgrimage in that bright and better world where parting is unknown.

This intense suffering finally conquered, and on the twentieth day of October, 1890, she quietly and peacefully passed away from earth to her home above, in the eightieth year of her age. A long life well lived.

"There is no death! what seems so is transition;
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life Elysian,
Whose portal we call death."

ELIZABETH A. SANDERSON.

Mrs. Elizabeth Anne Sanderson, wife of our Brother Rev. Henry Sanderson, was born near Newark, Del., August 22nd, 1818, and died in Wilmington, Del., January 14th, 1891, in her 73rd year. She was a daughter of John and Elizabeth Fitzsimmons, who resided between the town of Newark, and Ebenezer M. E. Church, and who were devout and active members of our church in the former place. During a revival service held in Ebenezer Church in 1839, by Rev. Henry S. Atmore, Sister Sanderson was happily converted, immediately connected herself with the church, and attested the genuineness of her faith by an upright walk for more than fifty-two years, when through death she escaped from death and life eternal gained.

Her life though quiet and unobtrusive was nevertheless useful. The nobility and worth of her character may be inferred from the character and standing of the gentlemen who successfully sought and obtained her hand in matrimony. She was married four times, and in each case to a minister of the gospel in our church, and in each case also to a widower; and in each case, except the first, she became a step-mother, and in each case, except the last, the marriage bond was dissolved by death in its third year.

On the 26th day of March, 1849, she became the wife of Rev. John Bayne of the Philadelphia Conference. In the third year of this marriage he died on Zion Circuit in Cecil county, Md. Two weeks after his death her first and only child was born. But her maternal joys were of brief duration, for this son, bearing his father's name, died before he completed his fifth year. After the death of Brother Bayne, she removed to Wilmington, Del., and connected herself with Union M. E. Church, of which she was a member at the time of her decease.

On the 18th day of October 1855, she was married to Rev. William Hiron, an esteemed local preacher of our church, who resided near

Smyrna, Del. But as before intimated, this marital union too was soon dissolved, and she again became a widow within the brief period of three years.

She again joined the itinerant ranks by marriage with the Rev. Daniel Lamdin, also of the Philadelphia Conference. Brother Lamdin had served our church on this Peninsula thirty-nine years in the pastorate, and eight years in the presiding eldership on Easton and Wilmington Districts respectively. But ere the third anniversary of this marriage was reached, death again bereft our Sister, and left her in the sorrows of widowhood.

She became the wife of Rev. Henry Sanderson, of our Conference, July 13th, 1869, and shared with him the lights and shadows of the itinerant's lot for more than twenty-one years, when after a brief illness she passed away from her earthly home in the precious hope of an abiding habitation in Heaven.

Mrs. Sanderson was a woman of sterling traits of character and of great usefulness. The clearness of her early conversion left no ground for subsequent harassing doubts respecting the genuineness of the work of grace then begun in her heart, and this experience was cultivated by a daily reading of the Holy Scriptures and a faithful attendance upon the various means of grace in the house of God. Hence she was eminently qualified to fill conscientiously the various positions to which she was called. And perhaps nowhere did her religion shine more brightly than in the delicate and difficult relationship of step-mother, especially in the last marriage, when she assumed the responsibility of maternal care over a large family of motherless children, as a sacred and God-given trust. How faithfully she kept her charge is in some measure indicated in their unfeigned sorrow upon the occasion of her death, as well as in the liberal expenditure of her personal funds for their education and subsequent comfort.

Sister Sanderson was also a generous contributor to the various benevolent enterprises of our church. Though by no means wealthy, yet she had a moderate income which she was ever ready to share with the needy. Besides the constant liberal responses to the many calls for help from local objects, and the ordinary claims of the church, she gave to Union Church on the occasion of its dedication \$500. And it was her purpose to bequeath an additional sum to this church and likewise also to make liberal bequests to our "Conference Claimant's Funds" and to Bishop Taylor's Mission in Africa. But unfortunately for these objects, death occurred before the necessary papers were executed.

Appropriate funeral services were held in Union Church on Saturday morning, Jan. 17th, by her pastor, assisted by Revs. T. S. Thomas, and A. T. Scott; after which her mortal remains were interred beside those of her first husband and only son, in the cemetery at Newark, Del.

PRESIDING ELDERS' REPORTS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Wilmington District has forty charges, filled by thirty-three itinerants, six local preachers and one missionary.

The pastors and their families have suffered more from sickness and bereavement during the last twelve months, than in any like period for four years.

S. T. Gardner died January 3. James E. Bryan will read the memoir. Since Brother Gardner's death I have filled the vacancy with local preachers, attending to the benevolences myself. The parsonage at Bethel has been painted and otherwise improved. The Centennial services were a great success.

Sister Elizabeth A. Sanderson, wife of Henry Sanderson, fell asleep in Jesus, January 14. Adam Stengle will present a paper at the proper time.

We are in most thorough sympathy with the W. F. M. Society and aid our sisters in every possible way. Their quarterly and annual meetings are seasons of special interest. Their representatives are elect ladies. Their literature, white-winged.

The W. H. M. Society is growing rapidly. Their convention held at Newark, Del., March 12th, addressed by Rev. W. C. Willing, D. D., was one of great interest. Sister N. M. Browne reports that the needs of the work are such that nothing less than a live and vigorous society in every church, will meet the demands. There are at present twenty chapters of the Epworth League in the District, with an enrolled membership of 1,250. The convention held May 22d, at Elkton, attended by delegates from twenty-six charges, was a very enthusiastic meeting. Brother Charles Hill and his people, who have improved their church property at an expense of about \$1,000, gave the League a hearty reception and royal entertainment.

An Epworth League Assembly was held on Brandywine Summit Camp Ground, beginning July 29th, which continued four days with increasing interest. Besides home talent, we were favored with scientific lectures, as follows:

"Pestalozzi," by W. L. Gooding, Ph. D., Principal of Conference Academy.

"Elementary Chemistry," Prof. F. Roop Smith.

"Geology" and "Plant Pathology," by Prof. F. D. Chester, of Delaware College.

"Electricity," by C. R. Van Trump, of Wilmington Electric Light Company.

"Economic Entomology," by W. H. Beckwith of Delaware College.

"The Story of the Heavens," by George M. Phillips of West Chester.

To Rev. Vaughan S. Collins, A. M., the President of the District League,

and also of the General Conference District League, is due the credit for the origin and success of the Assembly.

Of the one hundred and sixty quarterly conferences, I have held all but two. The vote has been taken on admission of women to the General Conference and resulted as follows: For, 592; Against, 720. Total, 1,312.

During the third quarter every quarterly conference unanimously requested the commissioners of the World's Fair to keep the doors closed on Sunday.

Rev. Karl John Stenstrom was transferred from the Sweden Annual Conference of the M. E. Church to the Wilmington Conference by Bishop H. W. Warren, and took charge of the Swedish Mission, July 5, 1890. Rev. Julius Dodd, stationed at Hockessin and Ebenezer, was transferred to the New York Conference, December 11, 1890, by Bishop C. H. Fowler. Rev. O. S. Walton, having improved in health, was secured to fill the vacancy. At Hockessin, a lot for a parsonage has been bought and paid for near the church, about \$500 have been subscribed, and the contract awarded to complete a house for the pastor by the first day of June.

Temperance, until last November, was greatly promoted by a local option law in Cecil county, which had been in existence for ten years. Great efforts were made by our pastors in the county and others who believe in the law to maintain it at the polls, but in this the friends of temperance were defeated. What are the results? Statements have been made in public and in private that there has been more drunkenness in Cecil county during the few months since High License has been adopted, than during the ten years of local prohibition. In New Castle county a great deal of temperance work has been done in various ways, but with few apparent results.

Two Camp Meetings have been held, one at Brandywine Summit; Rev. A. P. Prettyman, whose church is in close proximity to the grounds, had charge. This camp was visited by Chancellor J. F. Spence S. T. D., of Grant Memorial University, also by Bishops Taylor and Thoburn, who favorably impressed our people with the importance of missionary work in Africa and India.

The other camp was held at Woodlawn, Cecil county, Md., and was visited by Rev. Geo. E. Reed, D.D., L.L.D., President of Dickinson College, who won golden opinions for himself and the college; others also broke the bread of life to the waiting multitudes. Rev. Isaac Jewell, who is now closing the fifth year of a pastorate that has developed every department of church work at Rising Sun, had charge for a second time. Bro. Jewell has induced his people not only to strengthen their stakes but to lengthen their cords. A board of Trustees has been organized, a lot of ground purchased at Sylmar in a growing town on the railroad, about two miles from Rising Sun, and \$900.00 have been subscribed to erect a church which will cost from \$1500, to \$2000.

The Sunday-schools of the District are being better provided for each succeeding year. Nearly all repairs, enlargements and improvements have been made either in whole or in part for the better accommodation of the Sunday-school work and workers. I have sought to impress Sunday-school authorities, especially the Sunday-school committee, with their duty in regard to Sunday-school literature. Again and again have I pointed them first of all to our own pub-

lications assuring them that any book bearing the stamp of the Methodist Book Concern or approved by the same, may be put into the hands of the children of Methodist Sunday-Schools without reading and with perfect safety.

While some schools exchange libraries, others put in a few volumes each month. Port Deposit has, so far as we are informed, made the greatest outlay this year, having expended on their library \$300. Rev. J. P. Otis, now closing his third year, has seen the pleasure of the Lord prosper in his hand, in the conversion of souls and in the building up of believers.

At Christiana, B. F. Price is closing his fourth year as pastor, and the fifty-fifth of his ministry. His people earnestly desire his return. His eye is not dim, nor his natural strength abated. He has reduced the parsonage debt during his pastorate from \$1,000 to \$500. Only those who know the situation can adequately appreciate his labors.

Hart's Church, Elk Neck, D. F. McFaul, pastor, has had a new roof and is undergoing repairs.

Rev. J. B. Quigg reports the church at North East out of debt, the first time since it was rebuilt, and a blessed revival resulting in seventy or eighty converts.

Rev. E. H. Hynson has had a good year at Charlestown, his people have shown their appreciation not only by adding many comforts to the parsonage, but also by giving him a good horse.

At Cherry Hill, T. B. Hunter, pastor, \$67 have been spent in furniture for the parsonage, and \$629 on the cemetery owned by the church. Bro. Hunter has held a revival of considerable interest at Baldwin's Factory, which has impressed the people at that place with the importance of building a church. A lot has been promised, and arrangements are being made to erect a church thereon.

At the close of last conference, I secured four young men as supplies, Fred. E. McKinsey who has greatly built up and strengthened Port Penn; Edwin Gardner, son of the late S. T. Gardner, who has attended to every interest at Red Lion; George P. Jones who has had eighty-one conversions at Hopewell; and F. B. Short who has served Rowlandville and Mt. Pleasant, and they promised him \$400 salary if the Bishop will send him back. \$200 have been paid on church improvements, Bro. Short has been organist, chorister, financier, evangelist, class leader and preacher in charge. He will report 48 conversions.

One hundred and sixty-six dollars have been expended on the church at Summit, J. S. Moore, pastor. St. Georges asks to stand alone, and promises more salary for next year than the two churches pay this. \$370 have been paid on church and parsonage at Mt. Lebanon, T. C. Smoot, pastor. A revival has greatly strengthened the work at this place.

T. N. Given has had two successful revivals, one at Marshallton, where the church has had \$100 expended on it, the other at Stanton, both resulting in ninety-six conversions.

W. E. Tomkinson has had hard work at Claymont which he has faithfully performed. A layman writes, "Our church is looking up; we have glorious meetings which are better attended than for years."

Delaware City, S. N. Pilchard, pastor, for the better accommodation of the teams of their country members, has purchased two lots adjoining the church, and paid \$100 on the debt. They have added greatly to the comfort of the pastor and his family by the attention they have given the parsonage.

Rev. E. L. Hubbard, at New Castle, has paid \$1000 on church debt. When he came to his kingdom, the liquor men and their allies hoped that he might make their yoke easier. Whereas his predecessor did lade them with a heavy yoke, he has added to their yoke. His predecessor did chastise them with whips; he has chastised them with scorpions.

Newport Church, J. E. Bryan, pastor, has been thoroughly renovated and improved, the auditorium beautifully frescoed, and the floor covered with a neat bright carpet. At the re-opening the pastor was assisted by Revs. T. Snowden Thomas, L. E. Barrett, T. A. Fernley, and E. L. Hubbard. The whole cost \$2,121 was provided for except \$400. The Spirit has been poured out upon the people, souls have been saved and the church built up.

Our beautiful church at Chesapeake City, built of Port Deposit granite, was dedicated May 18th. The pastor, I. G. Fosnocht, was assisted by Bishop Foss, Rev. J. S. Willis and Dr. J. O. Peck. The church cost \$9,000. The Church Extension Society donated \$500, and after doing the very best we could at home and abroad, we dedicated with a debt of \$2000. Notwithstanding their great efforts to pay for their church, they increased their benevolences and have rejoiced in a blessed revival.

Wesley, associated with Newark, N. M. Browne pastor, was greatly damaged by fire. The insurance was promptly paid. Plans for reconstruction were immediately secured and the contract awarded to L. T. Grubb & Son, of Wilmington, Del. The work was completed in the most satisfactory manner at a cost of \$1,350.00.

Oct. 12th, the church was re-opened, Revs. T. E. Terry, R. C. Jones and the writer assisted the pastor. Since the re-opening, the people have rejoiced in one of the most sweeping revivals ever witnessed in the community. Presbyterians and Methodists placed their offerings on the same altar. John Calvin and John Wesley embraced each other. The Methodists testified to their belief in the final perseverance of the saints. The Calvinists sung "Tis free grace and never dying love."

Zion circuit to which a fourth preaching place has been added during the year, under the pastorate of Isaac L. Wood, has had unparalleled success. The work done by Bro. Wood has been marvelous. He has been in protracted meetings twenty-two weeks, which resulted in one hundred and ninety-six conversions. He has made eight hundred and fifty-five pastoral visits, met every apportionment on benevolences, aided a frontier preacher, and prepared for an examination in Syracuse University. His people have shown their appreciation not only by substantial tokens but by an increase of salary of \$200.

Wilmington as a city is making substantial growth. We are trying to meet the demands upon us, but are painfully aware of the need which we are unable to supply. There are 23,000 or about one-third of the population who have no church or Sunday-school affiliation. Many of these are honest and honorable

people who make no profession, among the laboring classes, the poor, the masses, but they are interlarded with the dangerous elements of society, the victims of the rum traffic, gamblers and free-booters, who prey upon society, and disturb the peace.

On May 26th, delegates appointed by the city quarterly Conferences met at Fletcher Hall to take into consideration the question as to how these people may be reached and saved. After two sessions of careful and prayerful consideration in which there was a great difference of opinion, and hence no plan was adopted nor concert of action entered into, yet, the discussion of the subject has so aroused the churches and their pastors that missions have been started, Sunday-schools organized, and new work opened in many neglected parts of the city.

Mizpah, a mission at 4th and Shipley streets, has joined us from the Independent Methodists, bringing with them 23 members, 3 probationers and 70 Sunday-school scholars. They have united with Brandywine Quarterly Conference.

In addition to the bringing in of the above-named mission, Dr. C. A. Grise, has led in purchasing a lot in East Lake Park, and in erecting a chapel thereon at a cost of \$1000. To this the Domestic Missionary Society gave \$70.00, the Board of Church Extension a donation of \$200.00. The writer assisted by Mrs. Thomas Darlington secured the balance, so that the chapel is without debt.

Since the opening June 29th, J. T. VanBurkalow has had charge, a Sunday-school of about 100 scholars has been organized, a protracted meeting held, resulting in ten or twelve conversions, a leader appointed and the work is in a growing condition.

May 27th the Christian Mission at Front and Jefferson streets, having forty members and about sixty Sunday-school scholars, voted unanimously to join us. They were received by W. G. Koons, and associated with Wesley quarterly conference. They have just closed a protracted meeting in charge of J. W. Harris, a local preacher, in which sixty professed faith in Christ.

Wesley church building, only about two years old, was leveled to the ground, because it was entirely too small. A contract was awarded to W. H. Foulk & Son to build a church two story, 50 x 70 feet, and also a parsonage for \$8,454. They have a church property worth about \$20,000. This new and beautiful church was dedicated November 2nd. Dr. S. F. Upham, and Dr. Jacob Todd, preached morning and afternoon, Joseph Pyle and the writer made addresses at night. The parsonage has been nicely furnished and is very comfortable. Bro. Koons is closing his fourth year, during which time he has built two churches and was never more prosperous than at present. The corner-stone of a Methodist Church has been laid in Elsmere, a beautiful suburb of Wilmington. The church will soon be ready for dedication. It is a frame building, built according to Church Extension plan No. 108, selected by Mrs. C. C. Elwell, the daughter of Rev. Dr. Boulton of Chicago.

Mt. Salem, W. E. Avery, pastor, is without debt, the first time in the history of the present church. Arrangements are being made to displace the lamps for gas. The pastor reports benevolences ahead of any previous year.

The brave little band worshipping in a store room calling themselves Cookman Methodist Episcopal Church, has increased in members and strength, under the pastorate of W. L. White. They are now searching for a lot on which to build, and collecting money for the same.

Silverbrook, C. K. Morris, pastor, gives promise of becoming a strong self-supporting society. The trustees have bought a lot on Second and Woodlawn avenue, for \$960, all of which they have paid except \$150. They propose to sell the present frame church and build one of brick.

Rev. Adam Stengle, is closing his fifth year at Union, where he has served eight years in eleven. They have paid debts, and paid for improvements during the year, to the amount of about \$2,000. No church on the district is in better condition than Union.

Epworth regrets that the pastoral term is not longer, for, Rev. D. H. Corkran's pastorate has been the longest in duration, and the most successful in conversions, and material development the church has ever known.

Madeley has grandly sustained herself under the leadership of Rev. E. C. Atkins. Her increased financial responsibilities have been promptly and fully met.

The high standard on benevolences maintained, and every department of church work in a very satisfactory condition.

Kingswood, Rev. J. Edgar Franklin, has paid a mortgage of about \$600, and has cleared the way for building a new church, which is an immediate and imperative necessity.

St. Paul's Church has secured two first-class instruments, viz; an organ and piano for the Sunday-school, at a cost of \$1,200. Through the members of St. Paul's, encouraged and led on by their pastor, L. E. Barrett, a new Sunday school was organized September 12th, at Eighth and Franklin streets, which had a formal opening October 5th, when they raised \$120 to furnish a rented room. The school has grown so rapidly, that there is an immediate necessity for a church, a lot has been bought at Seventh and Harrison, at a cost of \$3,125, on which it is their purpose to erect a chapel in the near future. They have secured already about \$1,200 in cash and subscriptions. Harrison street Methodist Episcopal Church has been chosen as the name, and they believe they have the finest location for a Methodist Church in the city of Wilmington.

Rev. V. S. Collins is closing his third year at Scott, which, after extensive repairs and improvements, was re-opened October 19th, Dr. Geo. E. Reed, President of Dickinson College, preached in the morning, Hon. Charles B. Lore, and Joseph Pyle, addressed the Sunday-school in the afternoon, and Rev. J. S. Willis preached in the evening. The day was a great success. The total cost \$2,760 was all provided for.

The trustees of Grace Church have just completed a parsonage on a lot of ground adjoining the church. The building is modern in design and massive in appearance. Total cost \$15,000. \$5,000 of which has been paid. This church not only does great things for herself and pastor, but aids every struggling enterprise in Wilmington, and many outside. The membership earnestly desire, and

the trustees have unanimously resolved to invite this body to hold its next session in Grace Church.

Dr. Jacob Todd, is closing his fifth year in the above-named church. He has so thoroughly identified himself with all our interests, that we deeply regret his departure.

Asbury, the mother of us all, now in her second century, has had the greatest revival on the district, 250 having professed conversion at her altars.

The mens' meeting held on Sunday afternoon during the revival, were seasons of great interest and power. J. D. C. Hanna, the pastor has been abundant in labors and blessed with great success.

The country has had but few such years in financial affairs as the present. There have been but few such winters for gathering people together as the past, and yet in the face of all these difficulties, we have bought seven lots, one for a parsonage, and six for churches. Two new parsonages have been built, nine churches improved, at a total cost for parsonages, lots and improvements of \$50,000, \$30,000 of which have been paid. To the benevolences the pastors have been loyal and have done what they could. Their reports which I will not duplicate are surprising in good results. We will be in advance of our apportionment on missions, and make a good showing on all other benevolences. There has not only been earnest toil, but sacrifice as well.

Nine, or nearly one-third of the charges have voted on increase of salary. About 350 Christian Advocates are taken. 19,000 pastoral visits have been reported, and the best of all, conversions in almost every church,—whole number of conversions 1,500. The Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad.

We rejoice in His blessing, in the development of the work, and in hope of eternal life.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. S. MURRAY, P. E.

EASTON DISTRICT.

In making this, my last official report as Presiding Elder of Easton District, I would first of all make an acknowledgment to the great Head of the Church, through whose abundant mercy and providential care I have been enabled to complete the work committed to my charge.

It also affords me pleasure to say that the peace and harmony which has prevailed during the past five years, has not been disturbed during the present Conference year, and we come to the Conference session realizing that whilst our success has not been as abundant as we could have desired, yet the Lord has been with us in our work and labor of love.

Death has entered three of the families of our preachers. In the early part of the year, Brother C. A. Hill and wife, were called upon to part with their lovely little daughter Carrie, who was taken by the angels to her Heavenly home. In the month of November death invaded the District parsonage, and a

little grand-child greatly beloved, was taken from us to be forever with the Lord; and on the 10th of the present month Rev. J. D. Reese, was called to mourn the loss of his father, who had been for many years an official member of the church within the bounds of the Baltimore Conference.

Among the Laymen of the District who have passed away during the year, and worthy of mention, are the names of James Benson, of St. Michaels, Henry Fisher, of Hillsboro, and James Plummer, of Chestertown, all of whom had long been connected with the church in official relation, and whose piety and devotion, as well as large liberality have given them an imperishable name in the communities where they lived and died.

With the exceptions above noted, the preachers and their families have been preserved, and as a rule enjoyed exceptionally good health.

The lack of a sufficient number of effective members of Conference to fill all the appointments of the District has necessitated the employment of supplies for a number of charges.

Rev. J. B. Merritt, a supernumerary member of the Conference, has continued to supply Crumpton Circuit; and it would be superfluous for me to say that he has ably as well as faithfully filled the appointment.

Rev. J. D. Lecates, a local preacher, has supplied Wye and Halls Circuit, for another year. The present year has been one of marked success in the charge. Over ninety souls have been converted under his ministry, and liberal collections secured for the church benevolences. Brother Lecates comes recommended by a unanimous vote of the Quarterly Conference for admission into the traveling connection.

Salem and Union Circuit has been filled by the appointment of Rev. J. H. Geoghegan, a young local preacher, who graduated in the early summer at Washington College, Chestertown, Md. Our young brother has done good work and comes well recommended for admission into the Conference on probation.

Rev. Eben Welch, a local preacher, was continued for another year in charge of Massey's Circuit. He has labored faithfully in this difficult field, and has so endeared himself to the people that they would be glad to have him continue as their pastor.

During the month of October Rev. J. H. Willey, of Chestertown Station, was transferred to the Central New York Conference and appointed to University Avenue Church, Syracuse, New York. The vacancy was provided for by transfer of Rev. R. Irving Watkins, from Townsend to Chestertown, and Townsend supplied by the appointment of Herman Roe, a local preacher, whose ministry has given great satisfaction to the church and people of Townsend.

Thus equipped, the District has gone forth upon its great mission, and today we bring our trophies, that God may be honored, and the church rejoices in the fact that her ministers have not wrought in vain.

During the preceding years of my Eldership, Easton District had been gradually and surely advancing on all lines of Church work, and as this was to be the last year of my term, I had hoped to make it the most successful of all,

but we have been called upon to confront the fact—stern fact—that the present year has been a year of great financial distress.

Our District covers a territory included in what is known on our Peninsula as the "Peach Belt," and two successive years of failure in the peach crops have brought great financial distress upon our people. This impoverishing of the people has greatly affected our Church, especially in its benevolent collections, church improvement, and salaries of pastors.

Quite a number of the preachers come to the Conference session with deficits in their salaries as the result of this depression. In many charges the salary is not large at best, and where there is a falling off, as is the case this year, some of our brethren are compelled to experience a deprivation which is hard to bear.

The Domestic Missionary Society, the design of which is to supplement small salaries, is so small a fund that when divided among a number, gives but a pittance to each; and yet even this pittance has gladdened the hearts of several of our deserving brethren. The \$212, of this collection placed in my hands for Easton District, have been as wisely and judiciously distributed as possible.

Church Building.

The work of Church building and improvement has gone forward wherever such enterprise was practicable.

The new church at Cecilton, which was in process of erection at my last report, was completed in the early part of the year, and dedicated on the 15th of June, the pastor, T. A. H. O'Brien, being assisted at the dedication by Rev. Theodore Stevens, of the Philadelphia Conference, and Revs. T. E. Terry, and E. C. Atkins, of our Conference. The church is a brick building, with tower, bell, and stained glass windows, and regarded as a handsome structure. It cost \$7,270., nearly all of which has been paid.

A new Church has also been built on Pomona Circuit to take the place of Walton's Chapel, which was burned during the preceding year. The building is of brick, is valued at \$2000, and is entirely clear of debt. As a compliment to the pastor, W. R. Mowbray, through whose personal efforts the new church was erected, it is to be known hereafter as Mowbray Chapel. The dedication services were held July 27th. Revs. W. W. W. Wilson, J. D. Rigg, A. S. Mowbray and J. H. Willey assisted the pastor at the dedication. This with a one hundred dollars in repair at Bond Chapel makes a good showing for Pomona Circuit.

On Tilghman's Island a lot has been donated for a new church at the lower end of the Island, and the pastor, Rev. J. M. Lindale, has already a good subscription on hand with which to begin the new enterprise.

The church improvement going forward at Smyrna when I made my last report, was completed soon after Conference, and on the 27th of April, the church was re-opened with an able sermon by Rev. Dr. Reed, President of Dickinson College. The improvement cost \$5,000, and has all been paid excepting \$500, all of which is covered by available subscriptions.

Friendship Church on Appoquinimink Circuit has been repainted within and without at an expense of \$347, all of which has been paid.

At Chestertown, R. Irving Watkins, pastor, \$2,000 has been secured in reliable subscriptions for the purpose of putting in a pipe organ, and other internal decorations. The work has already been commenced and will be completed in the near future.

A chapel at present under the care of our church at Chestertown, has been built at Morgan's Creek, the entire cost of which has been provided for by the friends of the enterprise, and a donation of \$75 from the Church Extension Society.

Another church improvement, and one which gives me pleasure to report, is that made on the church in which we are now assembled. The Conference was asked a year ago to hold its present session at Centreville, and this request was made in part by the pastor, Rev. C. A. Hill, with the hope that such an honor as entertaining the Conference would lead to a very much needed church improvement. The repairs consist of a new roof, cornice, painting of the outside walls, frescoing of the lecture and main audience rooms, new carpets, new pews, new pulpit furniture, and placing of this unique and beautiful ceiling. All of which make an improvement of which the pastor and his noble hearted people may justly feel proud.

It is worthy of mention that the pews are the gift of Mrs. Jno. T. Smith, and Thomas E. Bryan, and the pulpit of George C. Smith; this beautiful hard wood ceiling of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Busted and their mother Mrs. Eliza Wilkinson; and this beautiful marble baptismal font by the friends in memory of Carrie C. Hill, the deceased daughter of the pastor. The entire cost of improvements amounting in the aggregate to \$2,850 have been paid.

Oxford Church has been enriched by a \$300 organ.

Royal Oak, of Royal Oak Circuit, and Spaniard's Neck, on Church Hill Circuit, each report repairs to the extent of \$100, all of which has been paid.

Bethel, on Smyrna Circuit, has expended over \$300, in the erection of sheds for their horses, a much needed improvement elsewhere as well, and one that ought to be encouraged in all our rural charges.

The following amounts have been paid on church indebtedness; St. Michael's, \$300; Queenstown \$938; Galena, \$150; Marydel, \$300; Bay Side, \$225, and others in smaller amounts.

Parsonages.

No new parsonages have been built during the year, but improvements have been made to quite a number, making them much more attractive and comfortable. We may mention the following:—Chestertown, where \$525 were expended. Middletown, \$447. Rock Hall, \$200. Hillsboro, \$113. Smyrna, \$201. St. Michaels, \$146. Cecilton, \$118. Centreville, \$65. Kent Island, \$75. Greensboro, \$75. Church Hill, \$54. Pomona, 50. Odessa, \$50. Kenton, \$60. Sudlersville, \$40, and \$140, has been paid on the debt of the Bay Side and Tilghman Island parsonage.

Conference Collections.

These have received the usual attention, and although they may not be quite equal in amount to those of last year, for reasons already referred to, yet it is due to the pastors and churches to say, that the figures reported represent a persistency of effort, which in ordinary good or prosperous times would have brought large returns. With a determination, born of their love and zeal for the cause of Christ, the preachers have toiled day and night to win success where success seemed impossible.

I will not consume the time of the Conference by reporting, as has been my custom, the names of the charges and amounts raised. These were heard from when the roll of the District was called. Dr. Leonard visited our District in the month of December and preached at Smyrna and Middletown. His eloquent sermons on the subject of Missions were highly appreciated by our people, who would be glad to have him come again.

Sabbath Schools.

We shall report this year 84 schools on our District with a roll of over 8,000 scholars. Showing that a great responsibility rests upon the church in the training of these children. Every year makes some improvement and advancement in this great work. The Berean Lesson Leaves are universally used, and the only regret we have in regard to this system is that by the introduction of these lesson leaves, the Bible as a book, has been so largely displaced. I am sure it was never so intended, but nevertheless such is the case. The Church Catechism is used in our schools, but not to the extent that it should be. I am pleased to report that our schools, in the rural parts of the District, are coming more and more to realize that it is their privilege and duty to keep at work through the winter months, as well as through the summer.

Epworth League.

This is a new factor among our churches and in our church work. What is to be the result of this movement remains yet to be seen, but so far as the present is concerned, it certainly is doing a good work, for, and among our young people. At my last report there were but two Chapters organized on the District, but during the present year the Society has taken on new life. On October 23rd, 1890, a Convention was held, and a District League organized, with Rev. R. K. Stephenson, as its President. Since that time Bro. Stephenson has been abundant in labors, seeking to stir up the churches on the subject.

Up to the present, 16 Chapters have been organized, with a membership of over 600. This society has been a great help to the pastors in extra meetings and is doing good in training stalwart young men and women for greater usefulness in the church of God.

Pastoral Visiting.

I had intended to report the number of pastoral visits made by the preachers on the District. But the lack of full Statistics on the subject will pre-

vent such report. I am prepared to say, however, that this important part of a pastor's work has not been neglected by the preachers. My observation and experience as a Presiding Elder have convinced me of the fact that no minister can afford to neglect the duty of visiting the members of his church and congregation at their homes. We would not under-value the preaching, for God has chosen by the preaching of the Gospel to save them that believe; but no Methodist preacher, however eloquent his preaching, can accomplish his work unless he visits as a pastor.

Revivals.

The present year has not been characterized by a number of wide-sweeping revivals in particular charges, but the showers of grace have been falling everywhere, and on nearly every church.

Kent Island leads the District with 164 conversions: Wye follows with 95; Hillsboro, 75; Easton, 70; Rock Hall, 70; St. Michael's, 71; Ingleside, 58; Smyrna, 50; King's Creek, 55; Greensboro, 43; Masseys, 47; Marydel, 40; Queenstown, 40; and many other charges who report a less number—making in the aggregate for the District, 1,200 conversions, and 1,050 probationers.

In two or three instances evangelists have been employed to assist in holding revival services, but only where the pastor has been overburdened with work, or where the exigencies of the situation have seemed to demand such extraordinary assistance; for we are of the opinion that a revival of religion, which comes as the legitimate fruit of the united prayer and effort of pastor and church, is more permanent in its results and helpful to the cause.

The reason for the per cent. of loss observable between the number reported as converted and the number joining on probation is not to be accounted for by the explanation that a number have removed, but is due sometimes to the fact that too many seekers of salvation are led to make a profession without being truly converted, and I am not certain but that the same reason obtains as to why so many of our converts, joining on probation, are lost to the church before the expiration of their probation.

It may be a source of congratulation to be able to report a large roll of probationers, but it is far more profitable to have our probationers so soundly converted as that they will hold on and become useful members to the church.

The question as how to best care for probationers is one of the live questions of the hour. A number of the pastors of our District have been using the probationer's "band-book" with good effect. Others have deemed it wise to organize probationers into separate classes, and by appointing leaders especially qualified for such work to secure for these young Christians the best possible training in the divine life.

There are many other matters upon which I might report but I will not tax either your time or your patience any longer.

I wish to say in closing that I feel under special obligation to the preachers and laymen of the District for their sympathy and co-operation in my work.

The years of my Eldership have been full of labor and responsibility, but I

now retire with a consciousness of having honestly striven to discharge the duties of my office.

For the peace and harmony which has prevailed and for the prosperity that has attended the District, I ascribe all praise and glory to the Great Head of the church.

JOHN FRANCE, P. E.

DOVER DISTRICT.

A homeward bound English ship from Calcutta hove to in a cyclone in mid ocean, by a shift of wind was thrown aback and lost her rudder; manning the braces, they sought to pay off before the wind, but she was rolling yard arms under and almost covered with the waves and it seemed must founder. The hearts of all but one began to fail. Straining at the same brace, the captain putting his mouth to the ear of his mate shouted, "Do you know what I am going to do with this ship?" No said the mate in despair. "Well I am going to bring her through this gale and put her in the India Dock at Liverpool." And he did it.

There is such a thing as being mastered by circumstances, and there is a possibility of rising superior to an adverse situation and wresting victory from the hands of defeat.

In most instances and along many lines this is what my brethern have done upon Dover District. The conditions have been less favorable for success than usual, following upon a previous year of agricultural devastation. We have this year not only suffered from shortage in cereals, but the almost entire destruction of the fruit crop. From peaches, the staple of this territory, instead of realizing more than a million, not one dollar was realized. And for the first time in many years the oyster yield in Dorchester was a comparative failure. These two ruinous years have involved our people in financial distress and made our church work more difficult. Yet, with this prospect before them, there was but one reduction of estimate for ministerial support, that of \$23, at Church Creek. This however, the stewards contended was not a reduction they not having regarded it as a part of their estimate, but an excess paid above it. If we accept their judgment in the case, no estimate was reduced and twelve charges increased their apportionments to an aggregate of \$1000, though in two cases untoward circumstances caused a reconsideration late in the year. I fear that in many instances a deficit will be shown in the column of receipts though the aggregate will be more than last year. I am glad that upon this line at least the church is richer in willingness than in ability. But the real difficulty even in these times, is not found in a lack of means, so much as in the want of system. With or without system however, there will be found I think a small advance upon the receipts of pastors for the year, and a substantial increase in the sum total of the benevolent collections, while nine churches have been built including a few begun before but now completed. Five new and commodious

parsonages increase the number upon the District to thirty-seven. Many troublesome church and parsonage debts has also been liquidated or greatly lessened. In that grandest and most inspiring of all our work, the salvation of souls the largest percentage of tangible results has obtained in

CAROLINE COUNTY,

Where Wm. M. Green, in his first year at Williston, leads the District with a success, I trust no less pleasing to God because it can be tabulated. Every church has been blessed with an outpouring of the Spirit. 232 have professed conversion. At the first Quarterly Conference, with all the gloomy fiscal conditions understood, they added \$100 to the salary and have paid in full. The parsonage debt has also been liquidated and the benevolences 18 per cent in advance. The Christian Advocates number 3, visits, 549. The vote on the eligibility of women stood 9 for and 2 against.

At Burrsville T. F. Tabler has had a fruitful ministry. The converts number 170 which gives the charge second place on the District. A parsonage has come into existence at an expense of \$1000 of which \$175 is yet to be provided. The offerings for salvation beyond have suffered but little diminution. The support of the pastor being earned, could and should have been paid in full. But this would have broken the record of the charge for never paying up. Shepard's Church however, is the only one remiss. Strange that 170 new converts could see their spiritual father pinched in his support without sacrificing less than 50 cents apiece for his relief. Advocates 3, visits 300. Vote for 11, against 3.

DENTON,

Served by Henry S. Thompson so far appreciated his ministry as to add 6 per cent. to his support, and to greatly improve the parsonage.

Here also a revival of great interest and power has blessed the community. Nor was its coming through any fortuitous circumstances, but the resultant of a most thorough preparation of the Church beforehand. 125 were converted. The thank offerings are increased 31 per cent. 3 Advocates taken, 600 visits made. The vote was 27, for and 2 against. No wonder they had a revival.

FEDERALSBURG,

With James W. Easley, though yielding to Preston a church paying \$150 yet kept ministerial support at the original figure, nor have the gifts to extend the truth declined by the reduction of the charge, and the extensive revival of last year is now followed by 60 recent believers.

Two new churches have been built to hold intact our line. They, with one other, sustain a quasi relation to the charge, being identified with its Quarterly Conference, but supplied by another pastor. During the vacation John R. Outten, a student of the Academy, and since Clarence Northrup have supplied it. This anomalous relations is not longer desirable.

The Advocate list reaches 12. 466 visits made and the vote stood, for 31, against 11.

PRESTON,

upon which E. S. Mace hoisted his flag last March, has shown some fruit in 12 conversions. A parsonage worth \$1100, projected, built and \$800 paid this year; while the call to "go or send" has been respected, as shown by an advance of 21 per cent. 3 Advocates, 500 visits, 40 affirmative and 30 negative ballots upon the burning questions of the hour, complete the summary for the charge and also the county.

Five appointments of

CAROLINE

are all that belong to this District. They include 18 churches, an increase of two, a parsonage for each charge, two having been built this year. The value of church property is \$27,800.00.

The collections reach forward to \$901, ministerial support is \$4418, \$3234 for building debts, probationers, 327; full members, 1884. Advocates 24, visits 2415.

IN KENT CO., DELAWARE.

Among its twelve charges

FARMINGTON,

Where Joseph Robinson is pastor, leads the county in accessions to the church, there being 83 on probation. 200 have been raised on an old and troublesome parsonage debt, and the remaining \$350 is provided for. 4 Advocates and 300 calls are reported.

The vote was 78 for and 72 against. Next to Dover this was the largest vote on the District.

AT HARRINGTON,

T. L. Price has been in the struggle to build and pay for a church costing \$7000. \$3000 of which has been raised and paid this year. It was dedicated by that prince of church dedicators, J. S. Willis and the debt provided for by good subscriptions. About 80 conversions reported and 700 visits. The vote stood 17 for, 14 against.

MILFORD,

With Robert Watt stands second in actual accessions to the church, which number 75. The missionary offering is also the largest on the District, while the benevolences as a whole are in advance of last year, being \$205 per member with the salary maintained and paid at \$1200. A pipe organ has been placed in the church at an expense of \$400. All church collections average \$8.96 per member. 30 Advocates are taken, an increase of 5, pastoral visits 1040, the third highest in number on the District.

IN DOVER,

T. E. Terry, closes his fourth year with 37 converts, and \$1,527 in response to the call of "go or send," nearly as much as for all ministerial support. The advance is 31 per cent. \$2.19 per capita, and for all church purposes, \$7.20. Thirty-seven Advocates are taken, which is the highest number on the District. Visits 674.

The vote stood 37 for, 58 against. Yet they elected two ladies to the board of stewards at the last Quarterly Conference. Coming events cast their shadows before, when the sun shines behind them.

The record of Dover is one of which neither pastor nor people need feel ashamed. The pastor is invited to return for the fifth year. The pastor has been made Sunday-school superintendent with the result of unifying the administration and other benefits, not to be despised.

AT WYOMING,

A. Green tells of 43 converts, and a meeting still in progress, with collections up to last year. Five Advocates and 852 visits are reported. The vote was 14 for, and 12 against.

HOUSTON,

with James Carroll closing his third year has 26 accessions following the great revival of last year. A parsonage has been built, and the collections advanced, 5 subscribers to Advocate secured, and 852 visits made. The work is well done at every point. A new parsonage has been built this year.

FELTON,

E. C. Macnichol is closing his third year with an invitation to return. 21 conversions. 8 Advocates and 720 visits reported. The vote was 23 for, and 43 against.

The pastor is the superintendent of the Sunday-school, and the experiment seems productive of good to the church.

CAMDEN,

has asked the return of Bro. Rawlins, for the fourth year. They have had 14 accessions, 11 Advocates are taken, and 550 visits made. The vote stood 19 for, 29 against.

LITTLE CREEK,

J. P. West, pastor, was left with supplies in the summer, while Bro. West visited the home of his youth in Denmark. Since his return 15 have been added to the church. The means to save others reaches nearly the figure of last year, while two Advocates are taken, and 275 visits made. Vote stood 5 affirmative, 1 negative.

S. R. Maxwell's work at

LEIPSIK

has resulted in 20 accessions. Collections increased 12 per cent. \$600 raised for a new church, 5 Advocates and 510 calls are reported.

IN MAGNOLIA

Wm. P. Valiant reports 12 accessions, the missionary collection up with last year. 5 Advocates and 352 visits. The vote here was adverse also by 12 to 28.

FREDERICA

to which Dr. J. H. Caldwell is invited to return for the fourth year, shows 11 conversions. The missionary collections up with last year. 4 Advocates, 494 visits.

James M. Mitchell at

WOODSIDE

closing his first year, reports \$1,000, raised for church building and furnishing a parsonage. The pastor with great propriety refused to dedicate until the last dollar of debt was raised. The collections here considering the circumstances, are well up. 3 Advocates, 396 visits.

SUSSEX CO., ELLENDALE,

with W. L. P. Bowen, has had 45 conversions, with the collections 58 per cent. in advance, 3 Advocates taken, 300 visits made, and all the work greatly forwarded.

AT CANNON,

Ralph T. Coursey has seen 28 conversions, made 600 visits, received 5 subscribers to Christian Advocate, and raised an aggregate of \$286 on all benevolences.

Lewis P. Corkran at

GREENWOOD

reports 17 conversions, collections \$14 in advance, 4 Advocates taken, 580 visits. The vote stood 32 for, 41 against.

BRIDGEVILLE,

Under George W. Townsend, has had 37 conversions, the collections are well in advance of last year, 10 Advocates are taken, and 558 visits made. The vote stood 8 to 12.

FROM LEWES,

F. C. McSorley, comes with 34 conversions, a part of the parsonage debt paid, the benevolences advanced beyond last year, while 15 Advocates are taken, and 1,000 visits made. The vote stood 17 to 16.

LINCOLN.

Here was stationed Bro. Foreman, upon whom a year ago the seal of death was fixed, and read by all but himself. To this charge, however, by the request of the people he was assigned for the third term. It proved to be not for labor, but demise among friends, whose kindness relieved the anxieties of his ebbing life, until on June 12th, the wheel was broken at the cistern. Another hand wrote the story of his ministry and presented it at the memorial service yesterday.

Brother Foreman was taken from Salem to fill the vacancy, and continued until transferred in December to the East Maine Conference. Since which time H. O. Frazier, has well supplied the work, and sought to recover it from its misfortune. The collections will be but little more than half what they were last year. 40 visits have been made on the work, and 8 Advocates taken. The vote stood 6 for, 1 against. Ninety-two have been converted.

SEAFORD

is served by Wm. J. Duhadway, in the third year. 20 conversions, the collections up with last year. A beautiful parsonage built, and on the whole about

\$2,285 expended for church purposes, tells something of results accomplished. 16 Advocates are taken, and 500 visits made.

IN MILTON,

T. R. Creamer, completes his third year. The distinguishing feature of this pastorate this year, was the fight for the closing of the bar-rooms of the town, by the W. C. T. U., the pastor and his membership. Every influence was used against them, and though twice successful before the Courts, at last by one of the judges the good work accomplished was arbitrarily overthrown. I am glad one pastor leads the fight and did it so well. Though his ruin was prophesied and threatened, yet with his support in hand, congregations larger than ever, and an invitation to return for the fourth year, in a place which never before retained a pastor for three, shows that fidelity to truth is no disadvantage to a minister.

There have been 20 conversions, the collections well up. 6 Advocates taken, and 570 visits made. For all church purposes Milton has raised \$2,473. The vote stood 23 for, 15 against.

The recent death of Rev. Valentine Creamer, the father of the pastor there have removed one of the faithful men who stood by our church on the border, during the times which tried men's souls.

AT GEORGETOWN,

Brother Kemp, has had a war against difficulties most serious, in that it has become a point of departure rather than a port of entry. Yet, with a moving population and inadequate employment for those who remain, there have been 23 conversions, 13 Advocates, 609 visits, and the best record of the charge for benevolent work maintained. It shows what can be done when one proposes to do it, and sticks to his text.

MILLSBORO,

Where G. W. Wilcox has labored, have been 12 converted and a very fair collection report. This is a field of hard, and often unrequited labor. A man needs a strong body, as well as piety, to do this work. 4 Advocates taken, 300 visits have been made.

AT NASSAU,

because of the sickness of the pastor, the work has not succeeded as well as it would under other circumstances. Yet the year has not been a failure. 5 Advocates, 300 visits, 9 conversions, and the collections fairly up.

In Dorchester, Co., our bow still abides in strength. John M. Howard, in

CAMBRIDGE,

the county seat, leads with over 100 conversions, and heads the District in pastoral work, the number of visits having reached 1,127. The Advocates are 15, while the collections are 21 per cent. in advance.

The question is now being considered of enlarging the church at an early date. The vote stood 38 for, 15 against.

AT EAST NEW MARKET,

L. W. Layfield, closes his third year with 52 conversions. His collections

up with last year, and visits are reported at 1,010. The vote stood 10 for, 51 against. 5 subscribers for Advocate. Here we have lost nothing but gained much under the present pastorate.

Brother A. Burke at

CRAPO,

rejoices in a year of success. Two churches built and paid for during the year without diminution of collections. 42 conversions, 650 visits tell of work done and success achieved. 7 Advocates are taken. The vote stood 27, to 31.

AT GALESTOWN,

George Hardesty, also reports 42 conversions, a church improvement, the collections in advance, and 700 visits. The vote stood 42 for, against 31. There have been two years of victory, Advocates number 4.

HURLOCK CHARGE,

Brother Nutter, has succeeded in building a church at Williamsburg, worth \$2,000. The end of the debt is not yet. The collections are 10 per cent. in advance of last year. 5 Advocates are taken, and conversions number 21. Visits 275. The vote affirmative 5, negative 19.

AT VIENNA,

Frank Fletcher has paid in this hard year, the troublesome parsonage debt of \$724, and the collections are kept up notwithstanding. 21 have been converted, 10 Advocates are taken, and 340 pastoral visits made. 11 for, 18 against, is the status of the vote.

ELLIOTT'S ISLAND,

where J. M. Collins, closes his third year, has liquidated the debt upon the parsonage. More than \$1 per member is reported for benevolence. 400 visits. The vote, 2 for, and 10 against. 1 Advocate taken.

CHURCH CREEK

has again been blessed with the presence of Brother James Hammersley. Ten conversions have rewarded his labors. The people have taken 4 Advocates, and received 385 visits from the pastor. Brother Hammersley contemplates retirement this spring. If he must do so, then one of the true and faithful men of this Conference will be lost from our ranks. One who seems never to have known envy, but has been able, gracefully and kindly to decrease. God bless and preserve these kindly spirited fathers, who loving the work more than themselves, have no bitterness but love for their more active brethren.

AT BECKWITH,

W. F. Dawson, is building a commodious parsonage, while the benevolent work has been allowed to suffer but little. 4 Advocates taken, 408 visits made. The vote stood 18 for, 31 against. Five conversions are also named.

Our new work in Dorchester is still being owned of God. It began this year with

HOOPER'S ISLAND,

self supporting as before, more has been paid the pastor than in the previous year. \$650 has been raised on new property and old debts, leaving but \$770 indebtedness, with \$250 of good subscriptions. We have 4 churches and a parsonage. \$5,000 worth of property where four years ago we had nothing. We have also 146 members and probationers, 4 Sunday-schools with 216 scholars. The increase has been 44 this year, with \$527 for ministerial support, and \$101 for the benevolences. Visits 680, 2 Advocates taken. The vote stood 31 for, 13 against. C. P. Swain, in his fourth year, is really the founder of this charge.

AT SALEM,

three months after Conference, Bro. Freeman, the pastor was changed to Lincoln to supply the place of Bro. Foreman, deceased, and Salem was put in charge of Bro. Oscar Hurst, who served it with marked acceptability until the opening of the school term in the fall, when Baynard Wheatley was put in charge, the appointment being united with Dorchester Church, making an appointment of 8 churches. He has had two junior preachers since, Robert P. Smith, who from illness was compelled to return home, when James H. Robinson, of Drew, took his place. They have been greatly blessed in revival work and from no membership at Linkwood, we have a church of about 50 members; more than 900 visits have been made in this work by the various pastors.

Brother Wheatley is also one of the pioneers of this recovery, having begun at the beginning four years ago.

The vote was 17 for, 26 against. 4 Advocates, 760 visits.

The experiment was made last Conference, of so enlarging Taylor's Island charge as to embrace Lakeville, and with Bro. Bounds in charge maintains three preachers on the field, Joseph A. Thomas and L. T. McLain. Late in the year, Bro. Thomas returned to school, and Lakeville was separated from Taylor's Island, and put in charge of Bro. McLain, who seems to have held the work together quite well. The people have paid him more than \$200, in support and given him \$52 on his collections. At this place we have met the first serious difficulty in this recovery. We were invited to the community to build. Hardly had we entered upon the work, however, when great opposition was developed, and though we went steadily on, we have been greatly embarrassed by debt. Some of the claims against it were purchased by one unfriendly to us and we have been in serious trouble.

We have in this charge three churches, 77 members and with 20 conversions this year, no doubt it has a future. The church at Lakeville is built on Church Extension plan No. 19 A., and is both beautiful and comfortable.

Bro. McLain has made 300 visits, and sometimes been compelled to labor with his own hands for a support. Yet he has stood by the work, and something is likely to come of it. On the

TAYLOR'S ISLAND

part of the work, one of the most important things done was returning to Madison from which we were compelled to go many years before. Now, however,

in response to many invitations, we returned, bearing the olive branch of peace and the people responded in kind. The Methodist Prot. Church was opened for our use and everything that Christian fraternity could suggest has been done to make it pleasant for us. After letting us have the use of their church, they came to our opening and helped to pay our bills.

This church is called the "Pattison Memorial" after Rev. Robt. Pattison the father of Gov. Pattison,—not being able to pay out on the opening day, the dedication was postponed until July next, when Gov. Pattison has promised to be present.

This work is doing well and but for two or three embarrassing church debts we could call the victory complete.

Some of these are of such a character, the claims being in the hands of our greatest enemy, that we must raise money where we can to meet them. I recently visited the Central Pa. Conference in this interest. The brethren after giving me a hearing contributed to the cause the sum of \$119, the initiation being taken by Bishop Fowler, Dr. W. W. Evans and our old Conference hero, J. B. Mann with \$10 each, followed with \$5, by T. L. Tomkinson, formerly of our Conference, and others. Our pastor is carrying a load of these things on himself to his most serious embarrassment. A recent accident, followed by severe illness has kept him from the seat of Conference. I fear that anxiety over the situation financially has something to do with his illness. 5 Advocates, 1095 visits by Bro. Bounds, second highest number on the District.

Twenty-one churches have been secured in this county in the last four years, and nineteen of them in this newly recovered work. The three brethren in this field have added each a commonwealth to the estate of Methodism and launched nineteen churches upon a career of salvation. Before their leadership in one District of Md., the liquor shops were closed and laws of protection changed to prohibitory. More than this, hundreds of souls have been saved, many of whom have already finished their course, swept into port, furling their sails and cast anchor on the other side, where all the ship's company meet. I would put a circlet of honor upon the heads of these men, but God will crown them with a diadem in the brightness of which the sun shall appear as a burst of midnight. After these 111 years of occupancy of

DORCHESTER CO.,

we have these 13 charges, 41 churches worth \$68,900, 11 parsonages worth \$13,200, making our total property in this county \$82,100. An increase of \$11,100 during the year. Full members 2101, probationers 423, total membership of 2524. The contributions for support of the ministry have reached the sum of \$9,024, for benevolent purpose \$1,984.

Upon the entire District there are taken 295 Christian Advocates, and there have been made by all the pastors, the grand total of 12,653 pastoral visits during the year.

In telling the story of those actually engaged for the Master, not less to be had in remembrance are those

NO LONGER ACTIVE.

The Fathers who were worn and weary, awaiting amongst us the final transfer, are W. E. England, A. A. Fisher, J. W. Poole. Fathers, we salute you, and though with harness buckled for conflict, we do not forget those whom time hath admonished to put it off. Of consorts of our more early called we have Rebecca P. Milby, Mollie P. Johnson, Emma R. Prettyman, Sallie E. Williams. The widow of Rev. I. T. Cooper, D.D., has found the refuge of the saints during the year; and Laura Weston, in her heroic effort to provide for herself has moved beyond our limits. Though no longer permitted to glean after reapers who were then numbered, thou art not forgotten by those who still wield the sickle. The work of the

EPWORTH LEAGUE

has not as yet had a fair opportunity of demonstrating its possibilities upon the District. When first organized, before the Conference of 1890, it was thought that its President and Secretary would push in to successful emulation with any in the Conference. The next session removed the secretary from our allotment, however, and the President finding himself in a large church requiring all there was in him to lead it successfully, wisely determined that the appointment had the first claim, and it were better to thoroughly do his work, than to half do it in two fields and succeed greatly in neither, so gave it up. There was much delay in securing his successor. A most excellent selection was recently made however, in Rev. James W. Easley, who is so circumstanced in his charge that he can give the necessary attention to this without neglecting the other, and both will be operated efficiently.

Leagues are organized at many points, and where organized are a power and blessing to the church. If not disturbed in his methods I predict a great outcome to his zeal and efforts in this direction.

THE EVANGELISTS

who have visited our fields and blest us with their labors are Mrs. Kenney, Miss Nettie VanName, William K. Galloway and Andrew J. Dolbow. Their services were of real worth to the church. May they come again!

THE CAMP-MEETINGS,

five in number, one less than formerly, left nothing especially to distinguish them with a single exception. At the Camden Union Camp Ground, the meeting was in the hands of the national campmeeting committee under the presidency of Wm. McDonald. While the meeting in results fell short of what we had hoped, yet it was a time of refreshing and the teachable and humble found it good to be there. The tents numbered 167 and a large auditorium 60x80 feet was built by the association as a permanent improvement. If the policy of management can be greatly broadened, this may become an important centre for various institutions of religion and philanthropy. There is at this time a standing offer to lay hold and occupy at Rehoboth and permanently utilize the camp-meeting facilities of the place. The opening of the Baltimore and Eastern Shore Railroad makes probable the founding of a camp-meeting on its line, not

far from the old Ennal's Spring camping place, where for fifty consecutive years the tribes went up to worship.

The generous facilities offered by the President Gen. Seth are all that could be desired. An equally liberal policy on the part of the Railroad management would make possible great camp-meetings at both Camden Union and Rehoboth.

At the annual meeting of the District Stewards, in May last, one important step was taken. Before mentioning it, however, I want to here record my most grateful acknowledgment for the consideration and kindness shown to me personally. After having advanced my support very materially each year they proposed a further increase, which under all the circumstances of our people at this time I thought better to decline. They then voted me a vacation of four weeks. Though unable to accept this, I yet am no less grateful for the consideration and kindness of my brethren. It lightens labor to know that it is appreciated by those who understand it best. The important matter considered by them was this: in 1889 they took into consideration the lack of system in providing for

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT,

and appointed a committee to formulate a plan after the best methods known to them and to report at the next meeting in 1890, which they did, the scheme embracing the following features:

1. To district the charge.
2. To take a complete census of each District, having a steward or other collector for every section.
3. To estimate in the beginning of the year the whole amount needed, adding a sufficient margin to cover contingencies.
4. Where not subscribing, to apportion to each according to ability, using envelopes for collection. But when for any reason the envelopes fail to appear then the steward in charge of the District, to call upon all in arrears once a month, using his best endeavors to conform to the disciplinary method to balance book once per month.

While it came too late to be employed this year it is hoped that it may receive general adoption in the future where nothing better obtained.

This aims to remedy a great evil from which those must suffer who can least afford it. While a delicate matter for ministers to reform, would it not be a practical theme for the next electoral Conference? A method, with the endorsement of our representative laymen, would be likely to secure adoption where needed. The difficulty with all systems is that they will not work themselves. Many things have been tried, but the evil of too small support, lack of promptness in collecting, and general uncertainty about getting it at all, brings needless anxiety to many parsonages. I have been dealing with this problem for 8 years, but am yet far from a satisfactory solution. The increasing number of transfers from us to regions where larger salaries are more promptly paid, ought to awaken many to the gravity of this matter. Perhaps there is no question upon which the Presiding Elder can make himself felt to better advantage

to the church than upon this, but he alone is insufficient. It is easier often to persuade brethren to increase estimates, than to prevail upon them to devise ways and means to bring their promises to fruition. Yet too much has already been accomplished to be ignored, and our people are entitled to full credit for the consideration they give to the problem, and the efforts they are making to solve it. While they are responding with constantly increasing liberality to the calls of the church to strengthen her lines of advance, they are not unmindful of the army of occupation. How the one keeps step with the other the willing eye may readily see. I am making not only my fourth report of this field, but the eighth of district supervision. On two districts in this time with reference to the collections, not including Conference Claimants, Domestic Missions, and other local collections for ourselves, but the nine collections for aggressive work, Missions, Bible, Tract, Sunday-school Union, Church Extension, Freedman's Aid, Education, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Woman's Home Missionary Society, the aggregate for these all in the eight years, accounting those of the present year at the same figure as last, though they will be in advance the aggregate number for the whole period is \$54,819, while ministerial support has increased over the following quadrennium, estimating the present year the same as last, \$57,301 or \$2,482 more increase in ministerial support than the sum total of the nine benevolences. Let these figures stand as the only reply to erroneous statements. "Yet all this availeth nothing so long as they see Mordecai the Jew, sitting at the King's gate."

The report of Conference Academy I have from the hands of Dr. Gooding, and herewith present it:

DOVER, DELAWARE, March 16th, 1891.

Number of teachers including principal	7
" " students 1889-90	139
" " " 1890-91	119
Board of Education Beneficiaries	11
Conference Education Society Beneficiaries	1
Value of Property	\$ 60,000 00
Indebtedness	10,000 00
Receipts for Board and Tuition	10,371 09
Expenditures	10,366 98
Net Receipts	\$ 4 11
Rental, one-third	\$ 1 37

An important movement long hoped for now approaches fruition.

The foundations of the Ladies' Hall are laid, and the walls above ground. The contract is made, and both interest and honor command us to go forward. The one great requisite is money. This ought to be raised and need trench upon no other claims, or prevent their further enlargement. The prospect is for a year of fruitfulness and blessing. May the Giver of harvests receive His share for these enterprises, which glorify His name and bless humanity.

Under all the unfavorable conditions from which we are suffering, yet more has been raised for church purposes than formerly. While the showing is for \$48 less in receipts for ministerial support, yet their difference will be more than made up to the brethren on their return home. The amount for building improvements, and the payment of debts, nearly equals last year, while the benevolent collections aggregate \$1,107,—\$325 in advance of last year.

The total expenses for church purposes for the year has been \$40,680. An average of \$388, or a little more than 1 per cent. per day per capita.

In summing, the total of benevolences has advanced during quadrennium, from \$5,838 to \$10,152, 74 per cent. ministerial support, 25 per cent. increase during quadrennium, over past quadrennium \$27,090, not from 1887-1889, but counting sums total of each quadrennium, this is the increase.

Our people having held their own through the embarrassments of the present, with the prospective change to better conditions, may a spirit of gratitude lead us out into yet larger strivings for the uplift of the world. And all the more, because these years of greater doing for the salvation of others away from our own territory, have times of the greatest enlargement at home.

Do not these figures furnish a demonstration that this is the scattering which tendeth to increase?

I call especial attention to the statistical tables of these my brethren, who have made the year glorious by hard toil, nor sought a golden way of success, content to work for what they won.

I am impressed that a district as a whole is seldom manned by an equally consecrated enthusiastic and untiring band of laborers. I thank God for permitting me to stand with those as a fellow helper to the truth. All honor to these who with clear heads, warm hearts and ready hands are moving our District up to its legitimate place among the thousands of our Israel. The church, appreciating heroic and holy endeavor will find them out, and bid them go up to her higher opportunities and graver responsibilities.

To speak of our noble people who, in their time of depression and poverty, have so royally responded, and rallied to the call of their leaders, would trench too much upon your time, yet bebut an inadequate tribute to their faithfulness this year. Their score is kept above, their record is on high. Under continued, earnest, intelligent, devoted, self-sacrificing leadership, they will march out, and up and onward to higher and better things to which the Lord hath called them, for there remaineth yet much land to be possessed.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOHN A. B. WILSON. P. E.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

In itemizing this report I will begin with

Trust Funds.

I had intrusted to me \$900 missionary money, to be used in the Virginia work. That amount has been expended as directed by the report in the minutes of 1890, see page 31. I herewith present my vouchers.

I was also intrusted with \$204 of Domestic Mission Funds, to be used at my own discretion. The same has been distributed, and I now present my vouchers.

A Correction.

The minutes of 1890 say, Salisbury District was "Deficit" on Missions \$433. The fact is, the District was \$433, in excess of its apportionment.

Church and Parsonage Work.

We have built new churches during the year as follows:

No. 1. At Sycamore on Concord Circuit,

Epworth

by name. Bro. Benjamin F. Elliott and family, with Bro. Noah James and others originated the enterprise and pushed it through to completion. It is a handsome country church, and is well finished and furnished. Rev. J. P. Outten was the last pastor.

No. 2, is a Tabernacle at Hebron, on the Baltimore and Eastern Shore Railroad, which is the half-way place between Salisbury and Barren Creek. The lot was donated by sister Nelson. Rev. N. P. Johnson has been in charge of Barren Creek of which Hebron is a part. We have organized the new church and pray God to bless and prosper the plant.

No. 3, St. Peter's, Rev. Warren Burr pastor. This is a handsome church with two rooms, spire and bell, pulpit set, pews and windows are all of the latest designs. A large Frink light lights the audience room. It is one of the very best churches on the District.

No. 4, is John Wesley, by name, and takes the place of an old one of the same name. It is on Powellville Circuit. Bro. John T. Wimbrow and family have done most of the work and paid most of the bills. Rev. W. W. Redman is the pastor. The church is a good modern building.

No. 5, is in course of erection at White Haven on Nanticoke Circuit. It will be a good church of modern design. Bro. Stephen Daulby and others are pushing the work to completion. Rev. D. F. Waddell is the pastor.

No. 6, is at Laurel, where a transformation has been wrought in the interior of the building. New pews, new pulpit set, new Frink chandelier, new carpet. The result is a handsome audience room and lecture room. Rev. J. O. Sypherd is the pastor.

No. 7, is at Gumboro. The transformation in this case is so complete as to amount to a new church, and gives to Gumboro Methodism what it has long needed—a good church. Rev. W. W. Johnson is the pastor.

No. 8, is at West's Woods, on Gumboro Circuit. This is a new church of good size, quality and finish. I understand that the Short and West families have been the originators and builders of this church. Rev. W. W. Johnson is the pastor.

No. 9, is at Franklin City. The chairs have been taken out and pews put in, shutters put on, and the pulpit and altar carpeted. Rev. T. H. Harding is the pastor.

No. 10, At Bishopville, has been repainted and refitted, and is a gem of neatness. Rev. G. T. Alderson is the pastor.

No. 11, At Delmar. The church has been made longer and a side room added. New pews, new carpet, new lights. The whole is very much improved, and the seating capacity is about double. Rev. A. D. Davis is the pastor.

No. 12, Cokesbury on Pocomoke Circuit, has been repaired and repainted and is in a much improved condition.

No. 13, Williams, on Pocomoke Circuit, has been repainted. Rev. J. E. Graham is the pastor in the two last named cases.

No. 14. Rev. C. W. Prettyman has contracted for a new church to be built on Fairmount charge which will take the place of the one that was lost by fire last fall.

No. 15. Rev. C. T. Wyatt, pastor at Roxanna has secured the gift of a lot on which to build a church, and plans are being arranged to build in the spring and summer months.

No. 16. Rev. C. S. Baker, pastor at Deal's Island has paid a church debt, and greatly improved parsonage property.

No. 17. Rev. A. S. Mowbray, pastor at Pocomoke City, has improved the parsonage property.

No. 18. Rev. H. S. Dulany, pastor at Parksley, has improved church and parsonage property.

No. 19. Rev. G. E. Wood has bought a bell for the church at Chincoteague.

No. 20. Rev. S. J. Baker has built a parsonage at Westover.

No. 21. Rev. G. W. Burke has repaired and refurnished the parsonage at Onancock, and made it a handsome and convenient preacher's home.

No. 22. The church at Nanticoke, D. F. Waddell pastor, has been repainted.

No. 23. Rev. James Connor has paid a part of the parsonage debt at Tangier Island.

No. 24. Rev. W. B. Gregg has paid the church debt at Bethel. The amount was \$1,500. This sets free a handsome church that has long carried a heavy burden.

No. 25. Rev. C. W. Prettyman has raised for building and improving church property \$486.

No. 26. Rev. W. F. Corkran, of Asbury, Crisfield, has paid \$820 debt on parsonage, and on improvements upon church and parsonage, the additional sum of \$310 has been raised.

There have been 55 cases of church and parsonage building and improvement, costing about \$20,000.

Literature.

There are 125 Christian Advocates taken.

There are 26 Methodist Reviews taken.

There 9 Gospel In All Lands taken.

Epworth League.

There is a District organization of the Epworth League on the District, with Rev. H. W. Ewing as its President.

Circular Letters.

The experience of last Conference suggested to me the thought of issuing circular letters in print, so that my utterances touching the various interests committed to my care might be a matter of record.

Circular Letter No. 1.

Subject, "PROBATIONERS."

Dear Brother _____

The minutes show that you have _____ Probationers on your Church Record. Please report to me on or before September 15, 1890, as follows:

1. Number of Probationers dropped _____
2. " received into full membership _____
3. " dismissed by letter _____
4. " decreased _____
5. " continued on probation _____

Your total disposed of should equal the number on your record.

Yours truly,

T. O. AYRES, P. E.

N. B.—Success is the result of *push* and *plan*. Please push *this* plan, and fill the *blanks*, and mail this paper to me as indicated above.

Mailed to pastor April 25, 1890.

This matter has been pushed all the year and with the following results of probationers.

The whole number, reported to last Conference as found in the minutes was 1,380.

Taken into full membership,	722
Dropped,	358
Deceased,	11
Dismissed by letter,	39
Continued on trial,	190
Lost sight of,	60
Total	1380

Or out of 1,380, 722 have been received into full membership, which we think is the best record ever made in the Conference.

Circular Letter No. 2.

TO DISTRICT STEWARDS.

The annual District Stewards' Meeting of Salisbury District will be held in the church at Salisbury, May 20, 1890. Stewards will please report at the church on their arrival in town.

The Annual Dinner will be served at 12.45 P. M.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.—The business meeting will be opened at 2 P. M.

1. Prayer.
2. Report of Presiding Elder.
3. Appointment of committee to estimate Presiding Elder's salary.
4. Committee to examine district parsonage furniture.
5. Apportionment of the Presiding Elder's salary to the several charges.
6. Miscellaneous.

N. B.—It is all-important that every Steward attend, so that there be no dissatisfaction among the charges. Please write me if you will be present.

T. O. AYRES, P. E.

Circular Letter No. 3.

Subject, "CHILDREN'S DAY."

Dear Brother ———

The cause of Christian education is one of paramount importance to the success of the cause of Christ, and on its success or failure hangs the success or failure of Christian civilization. The church must save the world, or the world will destroy the church. The world is willingly paying for its own destruction. God has made it the duty of the church to persuade the world to pay for its own education and salvation. The command of Christ to his church is, "Go teach all nations." The Duke of Wellington said, "Obey your marching orders." Please do your best for a big success on Children's Day, and report the result of your collections to me on or before July 1, 1890.

Yours truly,

T. O. AYRES, P. E.

This letter brought us very fine results in the way of meetings and collections.

Circular Letter, No. 4.

Subject, "PASTORAL VISITING."

District work has revealed to me the fact that more pastoral visiting is a great craving of the people. Saint and sinner alike, desire it and are always helped by it. We are taught and required by the Bible and Discipline to visit from house to house, and, "as ye go, preach" short, pointed little sermons suited to each case, state and condition. There is a vast difference between a

visit by a pastor and a pastoral visit. In a pastoral visit pastoral work must be done. Make pastoral visits in the shop, store or factory, in the family, in the field or the streets, or by the wayside; anywhere, everywhere where you have a chance to speak a few earnest words of godly admonition and encouragement. Such will always be appreciated. Keep a record of pastoral work; our plans for *this* year contemplate making a new use of pastoral visiting. Said plans will develop later, the Lord willing.

Yours truly,

T. O. AYRES, P. E.

In response to this call the pastors have reported 16,070 visits. The highest number made by any one man was 810. The lowest was, 106. Average 346.

Circular Letter, No. 5.

"NOW CONCERNING THE COLLECTIONS" THAT LIE BETWEEN CHILDREN'S DAY AND MISSIONS.

Dear Brother:—We have long since learned the sad consequences of delay, and we have also learned that the cry of "hard times" is a chronic and pessimistic cry. The wise man heeds none of these things, but resolves to "go to work to-day" and to use the best help at hand. *He who neglects his work to-day has double work to-morrow.* We should collect the Lord's part as the days go by and not wait till our substance is consumed on ourselves. At Conference roll-call we will regret our failures and resolve on harder work for the future. *Now* is the time to *plan* and *execute* for the *future*, and he who does it *well* and *wisely* will have no cause to "mourn at the last" but will "come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves with him." I don't ask you to *rush* but to *make* and *work* a *plan*.

Yours truly,

T. O. AYRES, P. E.

Circular Letter, No. 6.

Subject:—"WOMEN AS LAY DELEGATES."

The Late General Conference Ordered:

1. That each Quarterly Conference shall elect two laymen who shall assist the pastor in taking the vote on "Shall women be admitted as lay delegates to the Electoral and General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church."
2. The election to be held in each congregation at some time during the months of October and November.
3. All members, male and female, over twenty-one years of age, will be entitled to vote.
4. The ballots shall be in the following form, "For the admission of women as lay delegates," and "Against the admission of women as lay delegates."
5. Pastors will please carry into effect this order of the General Conference and report the same to me on or before the 10th of December, 1890.

T. O. AYRES, P. E.

The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Whole vote 2,028, (and the largest taken in the Conference.) For the admission of women 1,024. Against

MEMORABILIA.

No.	DATE.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.	DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.
1	Mar. 17, '69	Wilmington	M. Simpson	S. L. Gracey,	1872— { J. B. Quigg. T. J. Thompson, Wesley Kenney, Chas. Hill.
2	Mar. 16, '70	Port Deposit	E. S. Janes	"	
3	Mar. 8, '71	Dover	L. Scott	"	
4	Feb. 21, '72	Laurel	E. R. Ames	I. E. Martindale.	Reserves—J. D. Curtis, R. W. Todd.
5	Mar. 5, '73	Easton	L. Scott	"	1876— { L. C. Matlack, W. E. England.
6	Mar. 4, '74	Salisbury	I. W. Wiley	"	
7	Mar. 17, '75	Smyrna	E. S. Janes	"	
8	Mar. 15, '76	Wilmington	L. Scott	"	Reserves—J. B. Quigg, J. H. Caldwell.
9	Mar. 7, '77	Milford	E. R. Ames	"	1880— { L. C. Matlack, A. W. Milby, Chas. Hill.
10	Mar. 13, '78	Chestertown	R. S. Foster	"	
11	Mar. 19, '79	New Castle	M. Simpson	"	
12	Mar. 17, '80	Dover	E. G. Andrews	"	Reserves—J. H. Caldwell, R. W. Todd.
13	Mar. 16, '81	Lewes	Thos Bowman	Jno. D. Rigg,	1884— { J. H. Caldwell, Chas. Hill, J. B. Quigg.
14	Mar. 8, '82	Middletown	J. F. Hirst	"	
15	Mar. 7, '83	Cambridge	M. Simpson	"	
16	Mar. 5, '84	Wilmington	W. L. Harris	"	Reserves—T. E. Martindale J. A. B. Wilson.
17	Mar. 12, '85	Snow Hill	S. M. Merrill	"	
18	Mar. 4, '86	Elkton	W F Mallaleu	"	
19	Mar. 17, '87	Crisfield, Md.	H. W. Warren	"	1888— { Jacob Todd, D. D., J. A. B. Wilson, D. D., N. M. Browne.
20	Mar. 7, '88	Wilmington	C. D. Foss	"	
21	Mar. 20, '89	Easton, Md.	R. S. Foster	"	
22	Mar. 26, '90	Milford, Del.	Thos Bowman	"	Reserves—W. S. Robinson, John France.
23	Mar. 19, '91	Centreville, Md	C. H. Fowler	"	

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This table shows the actual estimates and receipts on salary of the Presiding Elders of Dover and Salisbury Districts.

Heretofore it has been the custom to make needed changes on the statistical tables, so as to correspond with the account of the Presiding Elders, but it is deemed by the Publishing Committee best not to change the adopted tables, and print these personal statements. No statement was handed in from the P. E's of Wilmington or Easton Districts save that made in the usual way by the Pastor.

DOVER DISTRICT.			SALISBURY DISTRICT.		
NAME OF CHARGE.	Estimate.	Receipts.	NAME OF CHARGE.	Estimate.	Receipts.
Beckwith.....	\$ 50 00	\$ 42 00	Annamessex.....	\$ 45 00	\$ 44 34
Bridgeville.....	50 00	37 00	Asbury.....	61 50	54 40
Burrsville.....	30 00	26 00	Barren Creek.....		
Cambridge.....	100 00	100 00	Berlin.....	33 60	33 60
Camden.....	55 00	55 00	Bethel.....	36 00	30 00
Cannon.....	50 00	48 00	Bishopville.....	24 00	24 00
Church Creek.....	15 00	15 00	Cape Charles.....	30 00	25 00
Crapo.....	60 00	60 00	Chincoteague.....	33 00	33 00
Denton.....	50 00	43 00	Concord.....	33 00	7 48
Dorchester.....	10 00	5 00	risfield.....	63 00	58 80
Dover.....	110 00	110 00	Deal's Island.....	55 50	51 80
Dover Circuit.....	10 00	7 00	Delmar.....	51 60	44 00
E. N. Market.....	50 00	45 00	Fairmount.....	67 50	67 50
Ellendale.....	20 00	16 00	Frankford.....	52 50	52 50
Elliotts.....	15 00	15 00	Fruitland.....	33 12	33 12
Farmington.....	40 00	30 00	Girdletree.....	39 90	39 90
Federalburg.....	50 00	50 00	Gumboro.....	30 00	19 14
Felton.....	60 00	60 00	Holland's Island.....	27 90	28 00
Frederica.....	65 00	65 00	Laurel.....	54 00	40 00
Galestown.....	50 00	47 00	Mt. Vernon.....	42 00	42 00
Georgetown.....	70 00	63 00	Nanticoke.....	50 00	25 00
Greenwood.....	50 00	50 00	Newark.....	36 00	15 00
Harrington.....	60 00	60 00	Onancock.....	51 00	51 00
Hooper's Island.....	20 00	15 00	Parksley.....	46 00	46 00
Houston.....	40 00	36 00	Parsonsburg.....	42 00	25 00
Hurlock.....	40 00	40 00	Pocomoke Circuit.....	28 50	3 00
Lakesville.....	10 00		Pocomoke City.....	51 00	51 00
Leipsic.....	40 00	20 00	Powellville.....	23 70	16 00
Lewes.....	65 00	65 00	Princess Anne.....	36 00	36 40
Lincoln.....	50 00	43 00	Quantico.....	41 90	35 40
Magnolia.....	40 00	38 00	Roxanna.....	48 00	48 00
Milford.....	100 00	100 00	Reed's Wharf.....	18 90	12 00
Millsboro.....	40 00	26 00	St. Peter's.....	42 00	45 00
Milton.....	60 00	60 00	Salisbury.....	81 00	81 00
Nassau.....	50 00	32 00	Selbyville.....	30 00	30 00
Preston.....	40 00	30 00	Sharptown.....	30 00	22 00
Salem.....	5 00		Smith's Island.....	50 00	40 00
Seaford.....	50 00	50 00	Snow Hill.....	50 00	50 00
Taylor's Island.....	25 00	15 00	Somerset.....	42 00	42 00
Vienna.....	40 00	15 00	Stockton.....	30 00	24 00
Williston.....	50 00	50 00	Tangier.....	51 60	53 00
Woodside.....	25 00	10 00	Westover.....	29 10	10 00
Wyoming.....	40 00	40 00	Whitesville.....	45 00	45 00
	1940 00	1736 00		1766 80	1529 98

TREASURER'S REPORT.

	Wilmington District.	Easton District.	Dover District.	Salisbury District.	Total.	Last Year.	Increase.	Decrease.
Missionary.....	\$ 9147	\$ 4891	\$ 5405	\$ 4799	\$ 24242	\$ 24559		\$ 317
Church Extension.....	885	529	704	591	2709	2813		104
S. S. Union.....	162	111	152	139	564	583		19
Tract Society.....	159	109	158	137	563	571		8
F. A. and Southern Education.....	660	346	448	317	1771	1767	4	
Education.....	297	124	225	209	855	641	214	
Bible Society.....	229	181	276	235	871	962		91
W. F. Missionary.....	1053	540	393	168	2154	2130	24	
W. H. Missionary.....	1094	75	122	117	1408	1563		155
Episcopal Fund.....	563	365	317	319	1564	1595		31
Conference Claimants.....	1951	1362	1289	981	5583	5513	70	
Gen. Conference Expenses.....	1			1	6	23		17
Stewards' Endowment.....	164	71	113	97	445		445	
Children's Day.....	259	308	220	265	1052	939	113	
Conf. Education Society.....	115	114	107	162	498	612		114
Domestic Missions.....	340	227	165	265	997	1051		54
Ladies' Hall and Conf. Academy.....	276	63	396	231	966	1239		273
Total.....	\$17355	\$9366	\$10494	\$9034	\$46248	\$46561	\$870	1183
Total decrease.....								870
								313

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Report of the committee charged with preparing the tabulation showing how much each charge was apportioned for Ladies' Hall, three years ago, according to action of the Conference; (See minutes of 1888). and how much has been paid up to date.

No apportionment for the charges of Easton and Salisbury Districts were published. We found however that the whole amount for each district was about equal to nine per cent. of the salary including house rent, or rental value of house. And as this had been made the basis of apportionment on Wilmington District, it was used by the committee as the basis for Easton and Salisbury District in this tabulation.

The amounts credited to each charge are the correct amounts which have passed through the Conference Treasurer's hands in cash and vouchers.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.				EASTON DISTRICT.			
NAME OF CHARGE.	Appor-tionm't	Paid.	Bal. Due.	NAME OF CHARGE.	Appor-tionm't	Paid.	Bal. Due.
Bethel and Glasgow..	63	63	.....	Appoquinimink	63	.....	63
Charlestown.....	70	50	20	Bayside & Til'ns	63	10	53
Cherry Hill.....	74	40	34	Cecilton.....	94	94	.....
Chesapeake City.....	74	29	45	Centreville.....	103	108	.....
Chester.....	70	22	48	Chestertown.....	112	120	.....
Christiana.....	58	15	43	Church Hill.....	74	20	54
Claymont.....	27	2	25	Crumpton	31	.....	31
Delaware City.....	83	20	63	Easton	117	120	.....
Elk Neck	47	.....	47	Galena.....	72	10	62
Elkton.....	97	.....	97	Greensboro.....	74	49	25
Hockessin.....	45	9	36	Hillsboro.....	74	30	44
Hopewell.....	38	38	.....	Ingleside.....	54	13	41
Mt. Lebanon.....	18	18	.....	Kent Island.....	85	5	80
Mt. Pleasant.....	63	63	.....	Kenton .....	.....	.....	.....
Newark.....	97	10	87	King's Creek.....	36	.....	36
New Castle.....	112	92	20	Marydel.....	63	.....	63
Newport.....	88	88	.....	Massey's.....	13	.....	13
North East.....	83	80	3	Middletown.....	108	53	55
Port Deposit.....	112	.....	112	Millington.....	93	13	80
Red Lion.....	40	.....	40	Odessa.....	97	29	68
Rising Sun.....	72	25	47	Oxford.....	40	56	.....
Rolandville.....	13	13	.....	Pomona.....	65	6	59
St. Georges.....	79	79	.....	Queenstown.....	36	53	.....
Wilmington, Asbury	153	153	.....	Rock Hall.....	67	74	.....
" Brandywine.....	108	108	.....	Royal Oak.....	49	1	48
" Epworth.....	45	15	30	St. Michael's.....	85	.....	85
" Grace.....	283	.....	283	Sassafras.....	36	7	126
" Madeley.....	45	5	40	Smyrna.....	126	.....	126
" Mt. Salem.....	101	48	53	Smyrna Circuit.....	81	3	78
" St. Paul's.....	187	70	117	Still Pond.....	108	108	.....
" Scott.....	111	.....	111	Sudlersville.....	72	.....	72
" Swedish Miss... " Union.....	27 126	..... 80	27 46	Talbot.....	31	.....	31
" Wesley.....	36	3	33	Townsend.....	36	15	21
Zion.....	85	5	80	Trappe.....	70	.....	70
				Wye.....	31	12	19

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

DOVER DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	Appor-t'nment.	Paid.	Bal'ce Due.	NAME OF CHARGE.	Appor-t'nment.	Paid.	Bal'ce Due.
Annemessex.....	\$ 72	.....	\$72	Beckwith.....	\$ 50	5	\$ 45
Asbury.....	92	60	32	Bridgeville.....	100	.....	100
Berlin.....	63	10	53	Burrsville.....	25	15	10
Bethel.....	65	4	61	Cambridge.....	100	.....	100
Bishopville.....	36	.....	36	Camden.....	100	10	90
Crisfield.....	92	.....	92	Cannons.....	100	65	35
Deal's Island.....	83	50	33	Church Creek.....	25	25	.....
Delmar.....	63	.....	63	Crapo.....	100	.....	100
Fairmount.....	110	125	.....	Denton.....	100	15	85
Frankford.....	75	.....	75	Dorchester.....	25	.....	25
Fruitland.....	45	.....	45	Dover.....	3000	305	695
Girdletree.....	27	3	24	E. New Market.....	75	40	35
Gumborough.....	83	5	78	Ellendale.....	50	5	45
Holland's Island.....	45	35	10	Elliott's Island.....	25	.....	25
Klej Grange.....	40	10	30	Farmington.....	100	10	90
Laurel.....	84	.....	84	Federalburg.....	100	.....	100
Mt. Vernon.....	63	3	60	Felton.....	100	50	50
Newark.....	54	10	44	Frederica.....	200	.....	200
Parsonsburg.....	49	10	39	Galestown.....	100	10	90
Pocomoke City.....	63	25	38	Georgetown.....	150	.....	150
Pocomoke Circuit.....	36	10	26	Greenwood.....	100	.....	100
Powellville.....	27	18	9	Harbeson.....	10	.....	10
Princess Anne.....	54	.....	54	Hooper's Island.....	25	25	.....
Quantico.....	36	2	34	Harrington.....	100	.....	100
Roxana.....	80	10	70	Houston.....	100	19	81
Salisbury.....	122	155	.....	Hurlocks.....	75	.....	75
Sharptown.....	50	.....	50	Lelpsic.....	75	.....	75
Shortley.....	40	13	27	Lewes.....	100	65	35
Snow Hill.....	80	50	30	Lincoln.....	100	.....	100
Somerset.....	50	20	30	Magnolia.....	100	.....	100
Stockton.....	42	3	39	Milford.....	500	.....	500
St. Peter's.....	54	50	4	Millsboro.....	100	10	90
Selbyville.....	36	13	23	Milton.....	100	3	97
Tyaskin.....	68	20	48	Nassau.....	100	35	65
Westover.....	36	2	34	Preston.....	50	.....	50
Cape Charles.....	18	.....	18	Seaford.....	100	.....	100
Chincoteague.....	45	5	40	Taylor's Island.....	25	1	24
Hallwood.....	18	.....	18	Vienna.....	50	20	30
Onancock.....	76	.....	76	Woodside.....	50	45	5
Parksley.....	22	.....	22	Wyoming.....	100	.....	100
Smith's Island.....	58	25	33	Williston.....	.....	25	.....
Tangier.....	76	25	51				
Whiteville.....	.....	25	.....			

After the above table was put in type, the fact was recalled that collections were taken for the Ladies' Hall in 1887, and the moneys paid to Miss Day, the Treasurer of the fund at that time—By Conference action at the time the apportionment was made, it was understood that the moneys thus paid should be credited on the \$12,000 It will thus be seen by the above table is not complete in cases the money was paid to Miss Day. As soon as the figures can be obtained from her, they will be published in the Peninsula Methodist, so that each Charge can have credit for all that has been paid.

W. R. MOWBRAY,
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TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF THE

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For the Promotion of Foreign and Domestic Missions.

IN ACCOUNT WITH ALFRED G. COX, TREASURER,

CENTREVILLE, MD., March 19th, 1891.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Bethel and Glasgow	Rev.		\$ 65 00
Charlestown.	"	E. H. Hynson	72 00
Cherry Hill and Union.	"	T. B. Hunter	175 00
Chesapeake City,	"	I. G. Fosnocht	70 00
Chester,	"	A. P. Prettyman	100 00
Christiana,	"	B. F. Price	40 00
Claymont,	"	W. E. Tomkinson	22 00
Delaware City,	"	S. N. Pilchard	110 00
Elk Neck,	"	D. F. McFaull	40 00
Elkton and Crouch's,	"	Chas. Hill	300 00
Hockessin and Ebenezer,	"	O. S. Walton	75 00
Hopewell,	"	Geo. P. Jones	80 00
Marshallton and Stanton,	"	T. N. Given	52 00
Mt. Lebanon and Union,	"	T. C. Smoot	73 00
Mt. Pleasant,	"	J. T. VanBurkalow	100 00
Newark and Wesley,	"	N. M. Browne	140 00
New Castle,	"	E. L. Hubbard	225 00
Newport,	"	J. E. Bryan	150 00
North East,	"	J. B. Quigg	140 00
Port Deposit,	Supplied by	J. P. Otis	323 00
Port Penn,	Supplied by	F. E. McKinsey	15 00
Red Lion and Kirkwood,	" " "	Edwin Gardner	66 00

Rising Sun,	Rev. Isaac Jewell	\$115 00
Rowlandville and Mt. P., Supplied by	" F. B. Short	20 00
St. George's and Summit,	" Jos. S. Moore	90 00
Wilmington, Asbury,	" J. D. C. Hanna	1121 00
" Brandywine and Edgemoor,	" C. A. Grise	180 00
" Cookman, Supplied by	" W. L. White	27 00
" Epworth,	" D. H. Corkran	80 00
" Grace,	" Jacob Todd	2631 00
" Kingswood,	" John E. Franklin	40 00
" Madely,	" E. C. Atkins	182 00
" Mt Salem,	" W. E. Avery	356 00
" St. Paul's,	" L. E. Barrett	700 00
" Scott	" V. S. Collins	265 00
" Silver Brook, Supplied by	" C. K. Morris	35 00
" Swedish Mission,	" K. J. Stenstrom	30 00
" Union,	" Adam Stengle	542 00
" Wesley,	" W. G. Koons	75 00
Zion,	" Isaac L. Wood	225 00

Total, \$9147 00

EASTON DISTRICT.

Appoquinimink,	Rev. W. M. Warner	\$50 00
Bayside and Tilghman,	" J. M. Lindale	65 00
Cecilton,	" T. A. H. O'Brien	170 00
Centreville,	" C. A. Hill	215 00
Chestertown,	" R. I. Watkins	325 00
Church Hill,	" J. A. Arters	120 00
Crumpton,	" J. B. Merritt	35 00
Easton,	" R. H. Adams	350 00
Galena,	" E. H. Nelson	100 00
Greensboro,	" R. W. Todd	75 00
Hillsboro,	" S. M. Morgan	150 00
Ingleside,	" Newton McQuay	80 00
Kent Island,	" Wm. W. Sharp	115 00
Kenton,	" A. Chandler	70 00
King's Creek,	" J. A. Brindle	24 00
Marydel,	" G. S. Conoway	41 00
Massey's,	" Eben Welch	10 00
Middletown,	" Alfred Smith	500 00
Millington,	" E. E. White	87 00
Odessa,	" R. C. Jones	203 00
Oxford,	" E. P. Roberts	75 00
Pomona,	" W. R. Mowbray	80 00
Queenstown,	" J. W. Fogle	77 00
Rock Hall,	" Robert Roe	110 00
Royal Oak,	" J. D. Reese	75 00
St. Michaels,	" S. J. Morris	235 00

Sassafras,	Rev. Wm. Sheers.	\$25 00
Smyrna,	" W. W. W. Wilson.	640 00
Smyrna Circuit,	" R. K. Stephenson.	200 00
Still Pond,	" J. D. Rigg.	210 00
Sudlersville,	" T. H. Haynes.	90 00
Townsend,	" Herman Roe.	75 00
Trappe,	" F. J. Cochran.	90 00
Union and Salem,	" Jas H. Geoghegan.	48 00
Wye,	" J. D. Lecates,	76 00
Total.		\$4891 00

DOVER DISTRICT.

Beckwith,	Rev. W. F. Dawson.	\$100 00
Bridgeville,	" G. W. Townsend.	130 00
Burrsville,	" T. F. Tabler.	45 00
Cambridge,	" J. H. Howard.	500 00
Camden,	" P. H. Rawlins.	140 00
Cannon,	" R. T. Coursey.	100 00
Church Creek,	" J. W. Hammersley.	30 00
Crapo,	" Asbury Burke.	213 00
Denton,	" H. S. Thompson.	100 00
Dorchester,	" Baynard Wheatley.	25 00
Dover,	" T. E. Terry.	612 00
East New Market,	" L. W. Layfield.	80 00
Ellendale,	" W. L. P. Bowen.	81 00
Elliott's Island,	" J. M. Collins.	15 00
Farmington,	" Joseph Robinson.	55 00
Federalburg,	" J. W. Easley.	150 00
Felton,	" E. C. Macnichol.	125 00
Frederica,	" J. H. Caldwell.	150 00
Galestown,	" G. L. Hardesty.	140 00
Georgetown,	" J. D. Kemp.	155 00
Greenwood,	" L. P. Corkran.	150 00
Harrington,	" T. L. Price.	75 00
Hooper's Island,	" C. P. Swain.	55 00
Houston,	" James Carroll.	135 00
Hurlock,	" M. D. Nutter.	100 00
Leipsic,	" S. R. Maxwell.	65 00
Lewes,	" F. C. McSorley.	225 00
Lincoln,	" H. O. Frazier.	80 00
Little Creek,	" J. P. West.	30 00
Magnolia,	" W. T. Valiant,	102 00
Milford,	" Robt. Watt.	640 00
Millsboro,	" G. W. Wilcox.	75 00
Milton,	" T. R. Creamer.	120 00
Nassau,	" J. T. Prouse.	75 00
Preston,	" E. S. Mace.	87 00
Salem and Lakeville,	" Edwd. Freeman.	25 00

Seaford,	Rev. W. J. Duhadway.	\$125 00
Taylor's Island,	" G. W. Bounds.	25 00
Vienna,	" Frank Fletcher.	60 00
Williston,	" Wm. M. Green.	100 00
Woodside,	" Jas. M. Mitchell.	50 00
Wyoming,	" Aloycius Green.	60 00
		5380 00
		25 00
Total.		\$5405 00

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Annamessex,	Rev. W. R. McFarlane.	\$100 00
Asbury,	" W. F. Corkran.	300 00
Barren Creek,	" N. P. Johnson.	6 00
Berlin,	" Wm. A. Wise.	75 00
Bethel,	" Wm. B. Gregg,	56 00
Bishopville,	" G. T. Alderson.	75 00
Cape Charles City,	" F. F. Carpenter.	30 00
Chincoteague,	" Geo. E. Wood.	55 00
Concord,	" J. P. Outten.	21 00
Crisfield,	" H. W. Ewing.	215 00
Deal's Island,	" C. S. Baker.	240 00
Delmar,	" A. D. Davis.	175 00
Fairmount,	" C. W. Prettyman.	413 00
Frankford,	" C. F. Sheppard,	115 00
Fruitland,	" J. W. Gray.	40 00
Girdle Tree,	" E. H. Derrickson.	100 00
Gumboro,	" W. W. Johnson.	50 00
Holland's Island,	" W. B. Guthrie.	100 00
Laurel,	" J. O. Sypherd.	180 00
Mt. Vernon,	" G. W. Bowman.	75 00
Nanticoke,	" D. F. Waddell.	143 00
Newark,	" E. H. Miller.	75 00
Onancock,	" G. W. Burke.	150 00
Parksley,	" H. S. Dulany.	70 00
Parsonsborg,	" J. F. Anderson.	75 00
Pocomoke	" J. E. Graham.	25 00
Pocomoke City,	" A. S. Mowbray.	80 00
Powellville,	" W. W. Redman.	25 00
Princess Anne,	" W. P. Compton.	80 00
Quantico,	" Edwd. Davis.	52 00
Roxanna,	" C. T. Wyatt.	100 00
Reed's Wharf,	" Julius A. Brewington.	25 00
St. Peter's,	" Warren Burr.	251 00
Salisbury,	" T. E. Martindale.	206 00
Selbyville,	" Geo. P. Smith.	65 00
Sharptown,	" C. H. Williams.	50 00
Smith's Island,	" Wilmer Jaggard.	200 00

Snow Hill,	Rev. W. B. Walton.	\$141 00
Somerset,	" W. W. Chaires,	100 00
Stockton,	" T. H. Harding.	70 00
Tangier,	" Jas. Conner,	250 00
Westover,	" S. J. Baker.	20 00
Whitesville,	" Z. H. Webster.	125 00
Total.		\$4799 00

RECAPITULATION.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Raised this year.	\$9,147 00
Raised last year.	9,637 00
Decrease.	\$490 00
Apportionment.	8,862 00
Raised.	9,147 00
Excess.	\$285 00

EASTON DISTRICT.

Raised this year.	\$4,891 00
Raised last year.	4,966 00
Decrease.	\$ 75 00
Apportionment.	4,686 00
Raised.	4,891 00
Excess.	\$205 00

DOVER DISTRICT.

Raised this year.	\$5,405 00
Raised last year.	5,281 00
Increase.	\$124 00
Apportionment.	4,200 00
Raised.	5,380 00
Excess.	\$1,180 00

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Raised this year.	\$4,799 00
Raised last year.	4,675 00
Increase.	\$124 00
Apportionment.	4,242 00
Raised.	4,799 00
Excess.	\$557 00

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Whole amount raised by Conference this year.	\$24,242 00
Whole amount raised by Conference last year.	24,559 00
Decrease.	\$317 00
Apportionment for Conference.	2,000 00
Raised by Conference.	24,242 00
Excess.	\$2,242 00

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MISSIONARY STATISTICS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Bethel & Glasgow—S. T. Gardner, Pastor.

Bethel	\$45 00
Glasgow	20 00
Total	\$65 00

Charlestown—E. H. Hynson, Pastor.

Principio Church	\$10 00
“ Sunday School	17 00
Perryville Church	2 00
“ Sunday School	23 00
Charlestown Church	10 00
“ Sunday School	8 00
Asbury Church	2 00
Total	\$72 00

Cherry Hill & Union—T. B. Hunter, Pastor.

Churches and Chapels	\$100 00
Sunday Schools	75 00
Total	\$175 00

Chesapeake City—I. G. Fosnocht, Pastor.

Chesapeake Sunday School	\$34 36
“ Church	29 19
Manor Sunday School	70
“ Church	5 75
Total	\$70 00

Chester—A. P. Prettyman, Pastor.

Church	\$40 00
Sunday School	60 00
Total	\$100 00

Christiana—B. F. Price, Pastor.

Christiana Church	\$6 00
“ Sunday School	21 00
Salem Church	4 00
“ Sunday School	9 00
Total	\$40 00

Claymont—Wm. E. Tomkinson, Pastor.

Church	\$ 2 00
Sunday School	20 00
Total	\$22 00

Delaware City—S. N. Pilchard, Pastor.

Church	\$77 00
Sunday School	33 00
Total	\$110 00

Elk Neck—D. F. McFaul, Pastor.

Churches	\$35 00
Sunday Schools	5 00
Total	\$40 00

Elkton & Crouches—Charles Hill, Pastor.

Elkton School	\$180 12
West Amwell	40 00
Crouches Chapel	15 00
Jones Chapel	6 50
Collection from Congregation	51 45
Anniversary Collection	10 43
Children's Meeting	1 00
.	\$304 50
Less Expenses	4 50
Total	\$300 00

Hockessin—O. S. Walton, Pastor.

Hockessin Church	\$33 00
“ Sunday School	12 00
Ebenezer Church	10 00
“ Sunday School	20 00
Total	\$75 00

Hopewell—G. P. Jones, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$70 00
Church	5 00
Mrs. R. M. Barnes	5 00
Total	\$80 00

Marshallton and Stanton—Thomas N. Given, Pastor.

Marshallton Church	\$15 00
Stanton “	12 00
Marshallton Sunday School	15 00
Stanton “	10 00
Total	\$52 00

Mt. Lebanon and Newark Union—T. C. Smoot, Pastor.

Mt. Lebanon Church	\$14 00
“ “ School	18 00
Newark Union Church	15 00
“ School	26 00
Total	73 00

Mt. Pleasant—J. T. VanBurkalow, Pastor.

Mt. Pleasant Church	\$ 6 26
Mt. Pleasant Sunday School	78 66
East Lake Sunday School	15 08
Total	\$100 00

Newark and Wesley—N. M. Browne, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 37 00
Sunday Schools	103 00
Total	\$140 00

Newport—J. E. Bryan, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$100 00
Church	50 00
Total	\$150 00

New Castle—E. L. Hubbard, Pastor.

Church and School	\$225 00
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North East—John B. Quigg, Pastor.

Church	\$ 12 00
Sunday School	128 00
Total	\$140 00

Port Deposit—J. P. Otis, Pastor.

Church	\$ 70 00
Sunday School	253 00
Total	\$323 00

Port Penn—Fred E. McKinsey, Pastor.

Church	\$9 00
Sunday School	6 00
Total	\$15 00

Red Lion—Edwin Gardner, Pastor.

Church	\$43 00
Red Lion Sunday School	13 00
Kirkwood Sunday School	10 00
Total	\$66 00

Rising Sun—Isaac Jewell, Pastor.

Church	\$55 00
Sunday School	60 00
Total	\$115 00

Mt. Pleasant & Rowlandville—F. Burgette Short, Pastor.

Church	\$10 00
Sunday School	10 00
Total	\$20 00

St. George's and Summit—J. S. Moore, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 8 00
Sunday Schools	82 00
Total	\$90 00

Asbury, Wilmington—John D. C. Hanna, Pastor.

Church	\$380 00
Sunday Schools	741 00
Total	\$1121 00

Brandywine, Wilmington—C. A. Grise, Pastor.

Brandywine Church	\$65 00
“ Sunday School	71 00
Edge Moor Church and Sunday School	32 00
Mizpah “ “ “ “	12 00
Total	\$180 00

Cookman, Wilmington—W. L. White, Pastor.

Church	\$12 00
Sunday School	15 00
Total	\$27 00

Epworth, Wilmington—D. H. Corkran, Pastor.

Church	\$30 00
Sunday School	50 00
Total	\$80 00

Grace, Wilmington—Jacob Todd, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$1876 23
Church	755 00
Total	\$2631 23

Kingswood, Wilmington—J. Edgar Franklin, Pastor.

Church	\$ 5 00
Sunday School	35 00
Total	\$40 00

Madeley, Wilmington—E. C. Atkins, Pastor.

Church	\$ 82 00
Sunday School	100 00
Total	\$182 00

Mt. Salem, Wilmington—W. E. Avery, Pastor.

Mt. Salem Church	\$ 65 00
“ Sunday School	156 00
Riddle's Chapel Sunday School	135 00
Total	\$356 00

St. Paul's, Wilmington—Louis E. Barrett.

Schools	\$433 00
Church	267 00
Total	\$700 00

Scott, Wilmington—Vaughan S. Collins.

Church	\$ 27 00
Sunday School	238 00
Total	\$265 00

Silverbrook, Wilmington—C. K. Morris, Pastor.

Church	\$12 00
Sunday Schools	23 00
Total	\$35 00

Swedish Mission, Wilmington—Karl John Stenstrom, Pastor.

Church	\$20 00
Sunday School	10 00
Total	\$30 00

Union, Wilmington—Adam Stengle, Pastor.

Church	\$145 00
Sabbath School	397 00
Total	\$542 00

Wesley, Wilmington—W. G. Koons, Pastor.

Church	\$15 00
Sunday School	60 00
Total	\$75 00

Zion—Isaac L. Wood, Pastor.

Churches	\$170 00
Sunday Schools	55 00
Total	\$225 00

EASTON DISTRICT.

Appoquinimink—W. M. Warner, Pastor.

Friendship Church	\$12 00
“ Sunday School	10 00
Walker's Sunday School	11 00
Blackbird Sunday School	10 00
Union Sunday School	2 00
Wm. M. Warner	5 00
Total	\$50 00

Bayside and Tilghman—J. M. Lindale, Pastor.

Churches	\$63 00
Sunday Schools	2 00
Total	\$65 00

Chestertown—R. Irving Watkins, Pastor.

Church	\$174 00
Sunday School	151 00
Total	\$325 00

Cecilton and St. Paul's—T. A. H. O'Brien, Pastor.

Churches	\$90 00
Cecilton Sunday School	75 00
St. Paul's Sunday School	5 00
Total	\$170 00

Crumpton—J. B. Merritt, Pastor.

Total	\$35 00
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Church Hill—J. A. Arters, Pastor.

Church Hill Sunday School	\$40 00
Union Sunday School	24 00
Salem Sunday School	25 00
Burrsville Sunday School	5 00
Congregations	26 00
Total	\$120 00

Centreville—Charles A. Hill, Pastor.

Ebenezer Sunday School	\$21 00
Centreville Congregation	31 00
Centreville Sunday School	163 00
Total	\$215 00

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“ Sunday School		49 00
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“ “ Sunday School		10 00
Total		100 00
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Church		\$ 10 00
Sunday School		67 00
Total		77 00
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Hillsboro Church		\$75 00
Hillsboro Sunday School		25 00
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Total		\$150 00
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Churches		\$60 00
Sunday Schools		10 00
Total		\$70 00
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King's Creek Appointment		\$16 00
Cordova “		8 00
Total		\$24 00
Kent Island, W. W. Sharp, Pastor.		
Church		\$37 00
Sunday School		78 00
Total		\$115 00
Middletown—Alfred Smith, Pastor.		
Church		\$135 49
Sunday School		364 51
Woman's Foreign		71 73
9 Total		\$571 73

Massey's—Eben Welch, Pastor.

Churches \$10 00

Marydel—G. S. Conaway, Pastor.

Marydel Church \$ 4 00
 Marydel Sunday School 7 00
 Templeville Church 12 00
 Templeville Sunday School 4 50
 Hartley Church 7 50
 Hartley Sunday School 2 25
 Thomas Chapel Church 3 75

Total \$41 00

Millington—E. E. White, Pastor.

Millington Church \$24 00
 Millington Sunday School 56 00
 Holden Church 5 50
 Holden Sunday School 1 50

Total \$87 00

Odessa—R. C. Jones, Pastor.

Odessa Church \$35 00
 Odessa Sunday School 168 00

Total \$203 00

Oxford—E. P. Roberts, Pastor.

Oxford Church \$40 00
 Oxford Sunday School 35 00

Total \$75 00

Pomona—W. R. Mowbray, Pastor.

Bond Sunday School \$72 00
 Mowbray Sunday School 6 00
 Churches 2 00

Total \$80 00

Queenstown—J. W. Fogle, Pastor.

Queenstown Church and Sunday School \$30 13
 Simpser Church and Sunday School 33 46
 Perry's Corner Church and Sunday School 14 55

Total \$78 14

Expenses 1 14

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Sunday Schools \$76 00
 Church 34 00

Total \$110 00

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Sunday Schools \$60 00
 Churches 15 00

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From Church \$50 00
 From Sunday School 160 00

Total \$210 00

St. Michaels—S. J. Morris, Pastor.

Collected in Church \$25 00
 Collected by Sunday School 210 00

Total \$235 00

Smyrna—W. W. W. Wilson, Pastor.

Asbury Church \$ 306 00
 Asbury School 290 00
 German Chapel School 12 00
 Smyrna Landing School 32 00

Total 640 00

Smyrna Circuit—R. K. Stephenson, Pastor.

Bethel Church \$ 68 00
 Bethel Sunday School 25 00
 Severson's Church 28 00
 Severson's Sunday School 6 00
 Clayton Church 48 00
 Clayton Sunday School 20 00
 Bay View Sunday School 5 00

Total 200 00

Sudlersville—T. H. Haynes, Pastor.

Churches \$ 40 00
 Sunday Schools 50 00

Total 90 00

Sassafras—W. Sheers, Pastor.

Church \$ 17 40
 Sunday School 7 60

Total 25 00

Trappe—F. J. Cochran, Pastor.

Trappe Church	\$ 30 00
Trappe Sunday School	25 00
Union Church	15 00
Union Sunday School	10 00
Emory Church	5 00
Emory Sunday School	5 00
Total	90 00

Townsend—Herman Roe, Pastor.

Church	\$28 00
Sunday School	47 00
Total	\$75 00

Union and Salem—Joseph H. Geoghegan, Pastor.

Union Church	\$ 8 00
“ Sunday School	14 00
Salem Church	10 00
“ Sunday School	16 00
Total	\$48 00

Wye and Hall's—John D. Lecates, Pastor.

Wye Sunday School	\$13 21
Hall's Sunday School	14 50
Wye Church	29 50
Hall's Church	18 79
Total	\$76 00

DOVER DISTRICT.

Beckwith and Spedden—W. F. Dawson, Pastor.

Total	\$100 00
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Bridgeville—Geo. W. Townsend, Pastor.

Bridgeville Church	\$94 00
“ Sunday School	36 00
Total	\$130 00

Burrsville—T. Freeborn Tabler, Pastor.

Central Sunday School	\$21 00
Wesley Sunday School	2 00
“ Church	12 00
Sheppard's Sunday School	7 00
Thawley's Church	3 00
Total	\$45 00

Cambridge—J. H. Howard, Pastor.

Church	\$290 00
Sunday School	195 00
Epworth League	15 00
Total	\$500 00

Camden—P. H. Rawlins, Pastor.

Camden Congregation	\$45 00
“ Sunday School	15 00
St. Jones Sunday School	30 00
Lebanon Sunday School	30 00
Rising Sun Sunday School	20 00
Total	\$140 00

Cannon—R. T. Coursey, Pastor.

Sunday Schools	\$35 00
Churches	65 00
Total	\$100 00

Church Creek—J. W. Hammersley, Pastor.

Church	\$26 00
Sunday School	4 00
Total	\$ 30 00

Crapo—A. Burke, Pastor.

St. Thomas Church	\$53 00
“ Sabbath School	50 00
Ebenezer, Zion, Wesley and Bethany Chapel	110 00
Total	\$213 00

Denton—H. S. Thompson, Pastor.

Denton Church	\$60 00
“ Sunday School	25 00
Harris Chapel	7 00
“ “ Sunday School	8 00
Total	\$100 00

Dorchester and Salem—B. Wheatley, Pastor.

Total	\$25 00
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Dover—Thos. E. Terry, Pastor.

Church	\$191 00
The Main Schools	376 00
The Avenue School	45 00
Total	\$612 00

East New Market—L. W. Layfield, Pastor.

Secretary School	\$4 50
East New Market School	31 50
“ “ “ Church	39 00
Cabin Creek Church	5 00
Total	\$80 00

Ellendale—Wm. L. P. Bowen, Pastor.

Churches and Schools	\$81 00
Total	\$81 00

Elliott's Island—J. M. Collins, Pastor.

Churches	\$5 00
Schools	\$10 00
Total	\$15 00

Farmington—J. Robinson, Pastor.

Churches	\$34 35
Sabbath School	15 65
Collected	5 00
Total	\$55 00

Federalburg—J. W. Easley, Pastor.

Churches	\$115 00
Sunday School	35 00
Total	\$150 00

Felton—E. C. Macnichol, Pastor.

Church	\$ 26 00
Sunday School	100 00
Total	\$126 00

Frederica—J. H. Caldwell, Pastor.

Sunday Schools	\$88 00
Church	62 00
Total	\$150 00

Galestown—G. L. Hardesty, Pastor.

Galestown Church	\$48 50
Galestown School	3 50
Woodland Church	9 00
Cokesbury Church	19 00
Cokesbury School	12 00
Wesley Church	38 00
Wesley School	10 00
Total	\$140 00

Georgetown—Jno. D. Kemp, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$130 00
Church	25 00
Total	\$155 00

Greenwood—L. P. Corkran, Pastor.

Churches	\$100 00
Sunday Schools	50 00
Total	\$150 00

Harrington—T. L. Price, Pastor.

Harrington Charge	75 00
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Hooper's Island—Charles P. Swain, Pastor.

Mt. Zion Church and Sunday School	6 00
Marvil's Chapel on Barren Island, Sunday School	20 00
Hooper's Memorial Church and Sunday School	15 00
Hopkin's Chapel, Church and Sunday School	14 00
Total	\$55 00

Houston—James Carroll, Pastor.

Houston Church	\$61 00
“ Sunday School	8 00
Laws' Sunday School	32 73
“ School	1 27
Millwood Church	5 00
“ School	5 00
Milford Neck Church	20 90
“ “ School	1 10
Total	\$135 00

Hurlock—M. D. Nutter, Pastor.

Washington Sunday School, Class No. 3, Joseph Noble, teacher	\$ 6 50
Other classes	11 50
St. Paul's Sunday School	3 00
Williamsburg	9 00
Washington Church	55 00
St. Paul's Church	12 00
Williamsburg Church	3 00
Total	\$100 00

Lakeville—L. T. McLain, Pastor.

From Churches	\$15 00
From Sunday Schools	10 00
Total	\$25 00

Leipsic—S. R. Maxwell, Pastor.

Churches \$65 00

Lewes—F. C. McSorley, Pastor.

From Church \$100 00
 From Sunday Schools, Lewes 120 00
 " " " Yellow Hill 5 00
 Total \$225 00

Lincoln—H. O. Frazier, Pastor.

Sunday School \$25 00
 Churches 55 00
 Total 80 00

Little Creek—Julius P. West, Pastor.

Total \$30 00

Magnolia—W. T. Valiant, Pastor.

From Churches \$22 00
 From Sunday Schools 80 00
 Total \$102 00

Milford—R. Watt, Pastor.

From Church \$180 00
 From Sunday School 450 00
 Avenue Sunday School 400 00
 Chapel 50 00
 Woman's Foreign Missionary Society 25 00
 Woman's Home Missionary Society 10 00
 Total \$1,115 00

Millsboro—G. W. Wilcox, Pastor.

Bethesda Church \$ 8 05
 Unity Church 14 35
 Central Church and Sunday School 10 45
 Dagsboro Church 11 25
 Dagsboro Sunday School 5 00
 Millsboro Church 8 50
 Millsboro Sunday School 14 00
 Geo. W. Wilcox 3 40
 Total \$75 00

Milton—Thos. R. Creamer, Pastor.

From Church \$35 00
 From Sunday School 85 00
 Total \$120 00

Nassau—Jas. T. Prouse, Pastor.

Zion Church \$ 6 00
 Zion Sunday School 5 00
 White's Church 4 00
 White's Sunday School 2 53
 Ebenezer Church 18 00
 Ebenezer Sunday School 10 00
 Conley's Church 20 00
 Conley's Sunday School 4 47
 Private Subscription 5 00
 Total \$75 00

Preston—Edgar S. Mace, Pastor.

Preston \$37 33
 Bethlehem 10 50
 Choptank 5 00
 Friendship 13 00
 Preston Sunday School 13 31
 Bethlehem " " 4 78
 Choptank " " 3 08
 Total \$87 00

Seaford—W. J. Duhadway, Pastor.

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

Taylor's Island—George W. Bounds, Pastor.

Asbury Sunday School \$8 00
 Hargis Memorial Sunday School 8 00
 Chaplain Memorial Sunday School 9 00
 Total \$25 00

Vienna—Frank Fletcher, Pastor.

Vienna Church \$20 00
 Wainwright Church 2 00
 Manship Church 3 00
 Vienna Sunday School 30 00
 Wainwright Sunday School 3 00
 Manship Sunday School 2 00
 Total \$60 00

Williston—W. M. Green, Pastor.

Churches \$40 00
 Sunday Schools 40 00
 E. W. Williamson 10 00
 H. T. Nuttle 5 00
 To the memory of Clayton Thawley, Esq 5 00
 Total \$100 00

Woodside—J. M. Mitchell, Pastor.

Canterbury Church and Sunday School	\$28 00
Woodside " " " "	11 00
Viola " " " "	11 00
Total	\$50 00

Wyoming—Aloysius Green, Pastor.

Union Church	\$15 00
Union Sunday School	6 00
Asbury Church	5 00
Asbury Sunday School	4 00
Willow Grove Church	14 00
Willow Grove Sunday School	3 00
Wyoming Church	12 00
Wyoming Sunday School	1 00
Total	\$60 00

SALISBURY DISTRICT.**Annessex, Wm. R. McFarlane, Pastor.**

St. Peter's Sunday School	\$25 00
" " Church	25 00
Quindocqua Sunday School	25 00
" Church	25 00
Total	\$100 00

Asbury—W. F. Corkran, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$175 00
Church	125 00
Total	\$300 00

Barren Creek—N. P. Johnson, Pastor.

From Churches and Schools,	\$6 00
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Berlin—W. Allen Wise, Pastor.

Berlin Sunday School,	\$ 35 14
" Church,	31 54
Synnepuxent,	2 84
Friendship,	5 48
Total	\$75 00

Bethel—W. B. Gregg, Pastor.

Bethel Sunday School,	\$12 00
Gregg " "	12 00
Raised on the charge,	32 00
Total ,	\$56 00

Bishopville, Md., G. T. Alderson, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$50 00
Churches	25 00
Total	\$75 00

Cape Charles—F. F. Carpenter, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 5 00
School,	25 00
Total ,	\$30 00

Chincoteague—Geo. E. Wood, Pastor.

Christ Sunday School	\$40 00
Good Will Sunday School	6 00
" " Congregation	9 00
Total	\$55 00

Crisfield, Md.—H. W. Ewing, Pastor.

From Church,	\$ 95 00
From Sunday School,	120 00
Total ,	\$215 00

Deal's Island—C. S. Baker, Pastor.**Delmar—A. D. Davis, Pastor.**

Congregations	\$55 00
Sunday Schools	120 00
Total	\$175 00

Fairmount—C. W. Prettyman, Pastor.

Christ Church	\$ 35 00
Union "	8 00
Christ Church Sunday School	264 00
Union " " "	92 00
Fishing Island	14 00
Total	\$413 00

Frankford—Chas. F. Sheppard, Pastor.

Frankford Church	\$40 08
St. George's Church	23 32
Frankford Sunday School	16 00
St. George's Sunday School	29 50
Houston's Sunday School	6 10
Total	\$115 00

Fruitland—J. W. Gray, Pastor.

Churches	\$30 00
Sunday Schools	10 00
Total	\$40 00

Gumboro—W. W. Johnson, Pastor.

Gumboro Church	\$ 8 83
“ Sunday School	9 63
Bethel Church	10 03
“ Sunday School	12 00
Carey's Church	1 60
“ Sunday School	7 06
Total	\$49 15

Holland's Island—W. B. Guthrie, Pastor.

Church	\$80 00
Sunday School	20 00
Total	\$100 00

Laurel—J. Owen Sypherd, Pastor.

Church	\$ 35 00
Sunday School	145 00
Total	\$180 00

Mt. Vernon—G. W. Bowman, Pastor.

John Wesley Church,	\$10 00
“ “ Sunday School,	40 00
Asbury Church,	10 00
“ Sunday School,	15 00
Total,	\$75 00

Nanticoke—D. F. Waddell, Pastor.

Nanticoke Charge	\$100 00
Sunday Schools	43 00
Total	\$143 00

Newark—E. H. Miller, Pastor.

Church	\$40 00
Sunday School	35 00
Total	\$75 00

Parsonsborg—J. F. Anderson, Pastor.

Churches	\$30 00
Sunday Schools	45 00
Total	\$75 00

Onancock, Va—Geo. W. Burke, Pastor.

Onancock Church	\$81 50
“ Sunday School	10 75
Leatherbury's Church	19 51
“ Sunday School	5 28
Ayres Chapel	16 78
H. L. Crockett for Foreign Missions.	20 00
Expenses	3 79
Total	\$157 61

Parksley—Henry S. Dulany, Pastor.

Churches and Schools	\$70 00
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Pocomoke Circuit—James E. Graham, Pastor.

Church	\$25 00
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Pocomoke City—A. S. Mowbray, Pastor.

Church and School	\$80 00
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Powellville—W. W. Redman, Pastor.

Churches	\$20 00
Sunday Schools	5 00
Total	\$25 00

Princess Anne—W. P. Crompton, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$70 00
Church	10 00
Total	\$80 00

Quantico—E. Davis, Pastor.

Ebenezer Church	\$7 00
“ Sunday School	18 00
Quantico Churches	16 20
Mills Church	5 00
Messick's Church	5 80
Total	\$52 00

Read's Wharf—Julius A. Brewington, Pastor.

Melson Sunday School	\$24 00
Church	1 00
Total	\$25 00

Roxanna—Clinton T. Wyatt, Pastor.

Roxanna	\$40 00
Bethel	30 00
Sound	30 00
Total	\$100 00

Salisbury—T. E. Martindale, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 56 00
Sunday School,	150 00
Total,	<u>\$206 00</u>

Selbyville—G. P. Smith, Pastor.

Church	\$35 00
Sunday School	30 00
Total	<u>\$65 00</u>

Sharptown—C. H. Williams, Pastor.

Church	\$32 00
Sunday School	18 00
Total	<u>\$50 00</u>

Smith's Island—W. Jaggard, Pastor.

Church	\$75 00
Sunday Schools	125 00
Total	<u>\$200 00</u>

Snow Hill—W. B. Walton, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$112 00
Church	29 00
Total	<u>\$141 00</u>

Somerset—W. W. Chaires, Pastor.

Churches	\$20 00
Sunday School	80 00
Total	<u>\$100 00</u>

Stockton—T. H. Harding, Pastor.

Churches	\$57 00
Sunday Schools	\$13 00
Total	<u>\$70 00</u>

St. Peter's—Warren Burr, Pastor.

St. Peter's Church and School	\$176 00
Bethel Church and School	25 00
Chapel School	50 00
Total	<u>\$251 00</u>

Tangier Island—James Connor, Pastor.

Churches,	\$ 97 00
Sabbath Schools,	143 00
Joshua Thomas Sunday School at North end of the Island,	10 00
Total,	<u>\$250 00</u>

Westover—S. J. Baker, Pastor.

Church,	\$20 00
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Whitesville—Zack H. Webster, Pastor.

Churches,	\$100 00
Sunday Schools,	25 00
Total,	<u>\$125 00</u>

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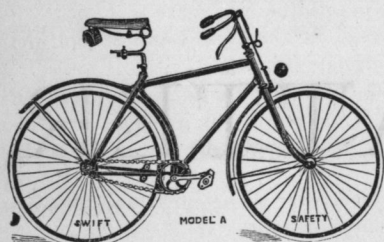


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