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1	Mar. 17, '69	Wilmington	M. Simpson..	S. L. Gracey.
2	" 16, '70	Port Deposit . . .	E. S. Janes...	S. L. Gracey.
3	" 8, '71	Dover	L. Scott	S. L. Gracey.
4	Feb. 21, '72	Laurel	E. R. Ames..	T. E. Martindale.
5	Mar. 5, '73	Easton	L. Scott	T. E. Martindale.
6	" 4, '74	Salisbury	I. W. Wiley..	T. E. Martindale.
7	" 17, '75	Smyrna	E. S. Janes ..	T. E. Martindale.
8	" 15, '76	Wilmington	L. Scott	T. E. Martindale.
9	" 7, '77	Milford	E. R. Ames..	T. E. Martindale.
10	" 13, '78	Chestertown . . .	R. S. Foster..	T. E. Martindale.
11	" 19, '79	New Castle	M. Simpson..	T. E. Martindale.
12	" 17, '80	Dover	E. G. Andrews	T. E. Martindale.
13	" 16, '81	Lewes	Thos. Bowman	Jno. D. Rigg.
14	" 8, '82	Middletown	J. F. Hurst ..	Jno. D. Rigg.
15	" 7, '83	Cambridge	M. Simpson..	Jno. D. Rigg.
16	" 5, '84	Wilmington	W. L. Harris.	Jno. D. Rigg.
17	" 12, '85	Snow Hill	S. M. Merrill.	Jno. D. Rigg.
18	" 4, '86	Elkton	W. F. Mallalieu	Jno. D. Rigg.
19	" 17, '87	Crisfield	H. W. Warren	Jno. D. Rigg.
20	" 7, '88	Wilmington	C. D. Foss...	Jno. D. Rigg.
21	" 20, '89	Easton	R. S. Foster..	Jno. D. Rigg.
22	" 26, '90	Milford	Thos. Bowman	Jno. D. Rigg.
23	" 19, '91	Centreville	C. H. Fowler.	Jno. D. Rigg.
24	" 16, '92	Wilmington	E. G. Andrews	A. S. Mowbray.
25	" 15, '93	Middletown	S. M. Merrill.	A. S. Mowbray.
26	" 21, '94	Salisbury	J. H. Vincent.	A. S. Mowbray.

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PLAN OF STUDIES.

Note.—Studies for Examination are marked "a," those to be read on which a syllabus is required are marked "b."

1. English.

(a) Reading, Writing, Written Arithmetic, Grammar, Common School Geography, Spelling.

(b) Our English, Our Country.

2. History.

(a) History of U. S., Outlines of Universal History (Ancient, Medieval, Modern).

(b) Life and Epistles of St. Paul.

3. Belles-Lettres.

(a) Rhetoric, Logic, and All Essays.

(b) *Ecce Coelum*, Seven Lights of Architecture, Social Aspects of Christianity.

4. Mental Science.

(a) Rudimentary Psychology, Elements of Psychology, Philosophy of Theism.

5. Methodist History.

(a) Life of Wesley, History of American Methodism.

(b) History of Missions of M. E. Church, History of Methodism, Living Thoughts of John Wesley, Life of Bishop Simpson, Life of Durbin.

6. Methodist Polity.

(a) The Discipline, Digest of Methodist Law.

(b) Governing Conference in Methodism, General Conference and the Episcopacy, The Modern Sunday-School and the Epworth League.

7. Theological Encyclopedia.

(a) Theological Encyclopedia and Methodology.

(b) From Dan to Beersheba, Protestant Foreign Missions.

8. Apologetics.

(a) Butler's Analogy, Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation.

(b) History of Rationalism.

9. Historical Theology.

(a) Short History of the Christian Church, Outlines of Bible History.

(b) The Christian Religion, Christian Archæology.

10. Biblical Theology.

(a) Smith's Shorter Scripture History, Harman's Introduction, The Supernatural Book, Introduction to the Gospel Records.

11. Exegetical Theology.

(a) All Studies in Exegesis, Biblical Hermeneutics.

(b) How to Study the Bible.

12. Systematic Theology.

(a) Miley's, Pope's, Raymond's Systematic Theology, The Atonement.

13. Doctrinal Theology.

(a) The Catechism, Sacraments, Christian Baptism.

(b) Tongue of Fire, Portrait of St. Paul.

14. Homiletics.

(a) All Sermons, Men and Books, Theory of Preaching.

(b) Wesley's Sermons, Hints to Self-Educated Ministers, Lectures on Preaching.

15. Practical Theology.

(a) Plain Account of Christian Perfection, Aspects of Christian Experience, Theological Compend.

(b) Christian Life, Love Enthroned, Introduction to Political Economy.

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1872 Adams, R. H.	E.	Dover, Del.	3
1888 Alderson, G. T.	E.	Federalburg, Md.	2
1888 Anderson, J. F.	E.	Pomona, Md.	2
1870 Arters, J. A.	E.	Greensboro, Md.	3
1877 Atkins, E. C.	E.	Onancock, Va.	3
1877 Avery, W. E.	E.	Easton, Md.	3
1859 Amos J. E.	E.	Delaware City, Del.	1
1881 Baker, C. S.	E.	Crisfield, Md.	4
1876 Barrett, L. E.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	3
1859 Bell, T. E.	Sp.	Tunis Mills, Md.	
1890 Bounds, G. W.	D.	Cape Charles, Va.	2
1876 Bowen, W. L. P.	Sp.	Berlin, Md.	
1885 Bowman, G. W.	E.	Vienna, Md.	1
1890 Brewington, J. A.	D.	Galestown, Md.	1
1843 Brindle, J. A.	S.	Cordova, Md.	
1860 Browne, N. M.	E.	Middletown, Del.	4
1857 Bryan, J. E.	E.	Rising Sun, Md.	4
1886 Burke, Asbury	E.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1865 Burke, Geo. W.	E.	Millington, Md.	2
1888 Burr, Warren	E.	Oriole, Md.	5
1892 Beauchamp, Theo. F.	D.	Ewell, Md.	1
1845 Caldwell, J. H.	S.	Dover, Del.	3
1888 Carpenter, F. F.	E.	Townsend, Del.	2
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1888 Chaires, Wesley W.	E.	Williston, Md.	1
1876 Chandler, Albert	E.	Marydel, Md.	3
1861 Cochran, F. J.	E.	Farmington, Del.	1
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1883 Collins, V. S.	E.	New Castle, Del.	1
1888 Compton, W. P.	E.	Chestertown, Md.	1

1862 Conoway, G. S.	E.	Christiana, Del.	1	
1868 Conner, James	E.	Parksley, Va.	1	
1892 Cooper, Thos. B.	D.	Hurlock, Md.	2	
1885 Corkran, D. H.	E.	Cecilton, Md.	2	
1881 Corkran, L. P.	E.	Marion, Md.	1	
1876 Corkran, W. F.	E.	Seaford, Del.	4	
1891 Cross, E. L.	D.	Dover, Del.	4	
1887 Coursey, R. T.	E.	Snow Hill, Md.	2	
1879 Dodd, Julius	E.	St. Georges, Del.	2	
1860 Davis, A. D.	E.	Georgetown, Del.	3	
1869 Davis, Edward	E.	Rock Hall, Md.	1	
1884 Dawson, W. F.	E.	Magnolia, Del.	2	
1884 Derrickson, E. H.	E.	Widgeon, Md.	2	
1871 DuHadway, W. J.	E.	Newark, Del.	4	
1886 Dulany, H. S.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	4	
		Diverty, T. E.	E. Frederica, Del.	1
1885 Easley, J. W.	E.	Centreville, Md.	1	
1845 England, W. E.	Sp.	Philadelphia, Pa.		
1866 Esgate, James	S.	216 Oxford, St., Portland, Me.		
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1889 Fogle, Jas. W.	D.	Oxford, Md.	2	
1868 Fosnocht, I. G.	E.	Camden, Del.	2	
1887 Fletcher, Frank	E.	Kent Island, Md.	2	
1856 France, John	E.	Wilmington, Del.	1	
1891 Gardner, Edwin	D.	Marshallton, Del.	1	
1891 Geoghegan, J. H.	D.	Woodlawn, Md.	1	
1884 Given, Thos. N.	E.	Millsboro, Del.	1	
1889 Graham, Jas. E.	E.	Elk Neck, Md.	1	
1888 Gray, J. W.	E.	Chance, Md.	1	
1890 Green, Aloycius	D.	Greenwood, Del.	3	
1873 Greene, Wm. M.	E.	Nassau, Del.	1	
1879 Grise, C. A.	E.	Georgetown, Del.	3	
1883 Guthrie, W. B.	E.	Gumboro, Del.	2	
1851 Hammersley, J. W.	Sp.	Wilmington, Del.		
1882 Hammitt, C. J.	S.	Kinsey, Ala.	4	
1872 Hanna, J. D. C.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	1	
1883 Hardesty, G. L.	E.	Roxanna, Del.	2	
1871 Harding, T. H.	E.	Charlestown, Md.	2	

1848	Walton, W. B.	S.	Salisbury, Md.	
1853	Warner, W. M.	E.	Ingleside, Md.	2
1886	Watkins, R. I.	E.	Odessa, Del.	2
1885	Watt, Robert	E.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1887	Webster, Zack H.	E.	Denton, Md.	1
1889	West, J. P.	D.	Boston, Mass.	
1866	White, E. E.	E.	Church Hill, Md.	2
1868	Wickline, J. S.	E.	Bridgeville, Del.	1
1872	Wilcox, G. W.	Sp.	Carlisle, Pa.	
1882	Williams, C. H.	E.	Bellvue, Del.	1
1857	Williams, T. S.	E.	Cannon, Del.	3
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1886	Wood, G. E.	E.	Claymont, Del.	4
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1892	McKinsey, Fred. E.	P.	Whittman, Md.	2
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Morris, C. K.	Westover, Md.

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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 provisions 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 prevailing side, 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.

IV. QUESTIONS TO BE TAKEN WITHOUT DEBATE.

1.—All motions, simply, to adjourn.

2.—All motions to lay on the table.

3.—Motions on 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.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?

George F. Hopkins, from Bombay Conference. Merritt Hulburd, from Philadelphia Conference. Frans O. B. Wallin, from Philadelphia Conference. John E. Amos, from Baltimore Conference. T. E. Diverty, from Vermont Conference.

2. Who have been Re-admitted?

None.

3. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?

Gordon R. Neese, from Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

4. Who have been Received on Trial?

(a) *In Studies of First Year.*

Henry G. Budd, John H. Beauchamp.

(b) *In Studies of Third Year.*

None.

5. Who have been Continued on Trial?

(a) *In Studies of First Year.*

William P. Townsend, William L. White, Fred. E. McKinsey.

(b) *In Studies of Second Year.*

Harry A. G. Westerfield, John P. Outten, Clarence W. Strickland.

(c) *In Studies of Third Year.*

William H. Benford, William H. S. Loller, Oliver W. DeVenish.

(d) *In Studies of Fourth Year.*

None.

6. Who have been Discontinued?

None.

7. Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?

(a) *Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.*

Thomas B. Cooper, William S. H. Williams, Theodore F. Beauchamp.

(b) *Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.*

William O. Hurst, John D. Lecates, William P. Taylor, Van P. Northrup.

8. What Members are in Studies of Third Year?

(a) *Admitted into Full Membership this year.*

Thomas B. Cooper, William S. H. Williams, William O. Hurst, Theodore F. Beauchamp, John D. Lecates, William P. Taylor, Van P. Northrup.

(b) *Admitted into Full Membership previously.*

George P. Jones, Julius P. West, George W. Bounds, James W. Fogle.

9. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?

Julius A. Brewington, Alocyius Green, Edwin Gardner, Francis B. Short, Joseph H. Geoghegan, Elmer L. Cross, Henry C. Turner.

10. What Members have Completed the Conferenc Course of Study?

(a) *Elected and Ordained Elders this year.*

Melvin D. Nutter.

(b) *Elected and Ordained Elders previously.*

None.

11. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?

(a) *As Local Preachers.*

Goldsborough W. Hastings.

(b) *Under Missionary Rule.*

None.

12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?

(a) *As Local Deacons.*

William H. Benford, James W. Fogle.

(b) *Under Missionary Rule.*

None.

13. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?

This was strictly done in open Conference.

14. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?

Edward L. Hubbard to Baltimore Conference. William W. W. Wilson to New York East Conference. John Y. Dobbins to Newark Conference. Richard C. Jones to North Indiana Conference. Isaac Jewell to Vermont Conference.

15. Who have Died?

None.

16. Who have been Located at their own Request?

None.

17. Who have been Located?

None.

17. Who have Withdrawn?

None.

19. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?

None.

20. Who have been Expelled?

None.

21. What other personal Notation should be made?

None.

22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

A. T. Scott, W. F. Talbot, J. B. Merritt, T. E. Bell, W. E. England, J. W. Poole, J. W. Hammersley, G. W. Wilcox, J. D. Rigg, W. L. P. Bowen, Thomas H. Haynes.

23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

George A. Phcebus, James Esgate, Henry Sanderson, James A. Brindle, James Hubbard, C. J. Hammitt, W. W. Redman, William B. Walton, John H. Caldwell.

24. Who are the Triers of Appeals?

T. E. Terry, Adam Stengle, J. T. VanBurkalow, W. L. S. Murray, I. L. Wood, J. W. Easley, John France.

25. What is the Statistical Report for this year?

See Tables.

26. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections as reported by the Conference Treasurer?

\$43,951.00.

27. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?

\$13,110.00.

28. What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?

\$7,495.00. See Stewards' Report.

29. Where are the Preachers Stationed?

See list of appointments.

30. Where shall the Next Conference be held?

Smyrna, Delaware.

Appointments.

DOVER DISTRICT.

R. H ADAMS, Presiding Elder (Dover, Del), 3

Beckwith (Cornersville, Md.),

M. D. Nutter, 2

Bridgeville, Del., . . . J. S. Wickline, 1

Burrsville, Md, . . . O. W. DeVenish, 1

Cambridge, Md., . . . F. C. McSorley, 2

Camden, Del., . . . I. G. Fosnocht, 2

Cannon, Del., . . . T. S. Williams, 3

Church Creek, Md., . . D. H. Willis, 2

Crapo, Md., J. D. Reese, 1

Denton, Md., Z. H. Webster, 1

Dorchester (Airey's, Md.), . . Supply 1

Dover: Wesley (Dover, Del.),

W. L. S. Murray, 3

Dover: Armory (Dover, Del.),

Supply—G. W. Hastings, 1

East Newmarket, Md.,

W. E. Tomkinson, 1

Ellendale, Del.,

Supply—L. T. McLain, 3

Elliott's Island, (Elliott, Md.),

C. W. Strickland, 2

Farmington, Del., . . . F. J. Cochran, 1

Dover District.—Continued.

Federalsburg, Md., . . . G. T. Alderson, 2	Madison and Taylor's Island, (Madison Md.), . . . Supply—M. F. Holland, 1
Felton, Md., . . . H. S. Thompson, 2	Magnolia, Del., . . . W. F. Dawson, 2
Frederica, Del., . . . T. E. Diverty, 1	Milford, Del., . . . T. E. Martindale, 1
Galestown, Md., . . . J. A. Brewington, 1	Milton, Del., . . . E. P. Roberts, 3
Georgetown, Del., . . . C. A. Grise, 3	Nassau, Del., . . . W. M. Greene, 1
Georgetown Ct. (Georgetown, Del.),	Preston, Md., . Supply—T. G. Eiswald, 1
A. D. Davis, 3	Seaford and Bladesville, (Seaford, Del.),
Greenwood, Del., . . . Aloysius Green, 3	C. W. Prettyman, 2
Harrington, Del., . . . P. H. Rawlins, 2	Vienna, Md.,
Hooper's Island, (Fishing Creek, Md.),	G. W. Bowman. One to be supplied, 1
J. H. Wilson, 1	Williamsburg, Md., . . . J. P. Outten, 2
Houston, Del., . . . G. R. Neese, 2	Williston, Md.,
Hurlock's, Md., . . . T. B. Cooper, 2	W. W. Chaires, Geo. F. Hopkins, 1
Leipsic, Del., . . . B. F. Price, 1	Woodside, Del., Supply—C. B. Fisher, 1
Lewes, Del., . . . S. J. Morris 1	Wyoming, Del., . . . T. C. Smoot, 1
Lincoln, (Lincoln City, Del.),	Roar, (Sycamore, Del.),
J. T. VanBurkalow, 1	Supply—C. W. Clapham, 1
Little Creek, Del.,	
Supply—A. C. Jones, 2	

EASTON DISTRICT.

ALFRED SMITH, Presiding Elder, (Smyrna, Del.) 4.

Appoquinimink (Smyrna, Del.),	Ingleside, Md., . . . W. M. Warner, 2
E. H. Hynson, 2	Kent Island, Md., . . . Frank Fletcher, 2
Bayside (Wittman, Md.), F.E. McKinsay, 2	Kenton, Del., . . . J. M. Collins, 2
Cecilton, Md., . . . D. H. Corkran, 2	Marydel, Md., . . . Albert Chandler, 3
Centreville, Md., . . . J. W. Easley, 1	Middletown, Del., . . . N. M. Browne, 4
Cheswold, Del.,	Millington, Md., . . . G. W. Burke, 2
Supply—T. R. Van Dyke, 2	Morgan Creek, Md. (Chesterstown, Md.),
Chesterstown, Md., . . . W. P. Compton, 1	Supply—C. S. York, 1
Church Hill, Md., . . . E. E. White, 2	Odessa, Del., . . . R. I. Watkins, 2
Clayton, Del., . . . H. C. Turner, 2	Oxford, Md., . . . J. W. Fogle, 2
Cordova, Md., . . . J. M. Lindale, 3	Piney Neck (Crosby, Md.),
Crumpton, Md., . . . John Boehm, 2	Supply—L. E. Poole, 1
Easton, Md., . . . W. E. Avery, 3	Pomona, Md., . . . J. F. Anderson, 2
Galena, Md., . . . E. H. Nelson, 5	Queenstown, Md., . . . W. O. Hurst, 2
Greensboro', Md., . . . J. A. Arters, 3	Rock Hall, Md., . . . Edward Davis, 1
Hillsboro', Md., . . . W. W. Sharp, 2	Royal Oak, Md., . . . W. H. Benford, 1

Easton District.—Continued.

St. Michael's, Md., . . . J. P. Otis, 1	Sudlersville, Md., . . . C. F. Sheppard, 2
Salem and Union (Crumpton, Md.),	Talbot Circuit (Bozman, Md.),
J. B. Merritt, 1	J. T. Prouse, 1
Sassafras and Massey's (Golt's, Md.),	Tilghman's Island (Tilghman, Md.),
Supply—W. N. Conway, 1	J. D. Lecates, 3
Smyrna, Del., . . . Adam Stengle, 2	Townsend, Del., . . . F. F. Carpenter, 2
Smyrna Ct. (Smyrna, Del.),	Trappe, Md., . . . Robert Roe, 1
W. R. Mowbray, 2	Wye and Starr (Starr, Md.),
Still Pond, Md., . . . J. D. Kemp, 4	W. H. S. Loller, 1

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

W. F. CORKRAN, P. E. (Seaford, Del.) 4.

Asbury, (Crisfield, Md.), . C. S. Baker, 4	New Church, (Massey, Va.)
Berlin, Md., . . . W. R. McFarlane, 2	To be supplied.
Bethel, Del., . . . D. F. McFaull, 1	Onancock, Va., . . . E. C. Atkins, 3
Bishopville, Md., . . . V. P. Northrup, 1	Parksley, Va., . . . James Conner, 1
Cape Charles City, Va., G. W. Bounds, 2	Parsonburg, Md., . . . J. M. Mitchell, 1
Chincoteague, Va.,	Pocomoke, City, Md., E. C. Macnichol, 2
Supply—J. W. Williams, 1	Pocomoke Circuit, (Pocomoke City, Md.)
Crisfield, Md., . . . R. K. Stephenson, 2	J. H. Beauchamp, 1
Deal's Island, Md., . . . C. T. Wyatt, 2	Powellville, Md., Supply—Eben Welch, 2
Delmar, Del., . . . G. W. Townsend, 1	Princess Anne, Md., . . . R. W. Todd, 2
Fairmount, Md., . . . T. A. H. O'Brien, 2	Quantico, Md., . . . James Carroll, 1
Frankford, Del., . . . C. P. Swain, 3	Roxanna, Del., . . . G. L. Hardesty, 2
Fruitland, Md., Supply—C. I. Stengle, 2	Reed's Wharf, Va.,
Girdle Tree, Md., . . . T. F. Tabler, 1	Supply—T. S. Barrett, 2
Gumboro, Del., . . . W. B. Guthrie, 2	St. Peter's, (Oriole, Md.) Warren Burr, 5
Holland's Island, Md.,	Salisbury, Md., . . . C. A. Hill, 4
Supply—W. E. Matthews, 2	Selbyville, Del. . . . G. P. Jones, 1
Laurel, Del., . . . S. N. Pilchard, 4	Sharptown, Md., . . . Newton McQuay, 2
Marion, Md., . . . L. P. Corkran, 1	Smith's Island, (Ewell, Md.)
Millsboro, Del., . . . T. N. Givan, 1	T. F. Beauchamp, 1
Mt. Pleasant, (Laurel, Del.)	Snow Hill, Md., . . . R. T. Coursey, 2
W. S. H. Williams, 2	Somerset, (Chance, Md.) . J. W. Gray, 1
Mt. Vernon, (Widgeon, Md.)	Stockton, Md. Supply—John Prettyman, 1
E. H. Derrickson, 2	Tangier, Va. . . Supply—W. R. Gwinn, 1
Nanticoke, Md., . . . S. R. Maxwell, 1	Westover, Md. . Supply—C. K. Morris, 3
Newark, Md., Supply—J. R. Campbell, 1	Whitesville, Del. . . . E. H. Miller, 2

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

LOUIS E. BARRETT, Presiding Elder, (Wilmington, Del.), 3.

Bethel and Summit (Chesapeake City, Md.)	Port Deposit, Md., . . . H. W. Ewing, 2
T. B. Hunter, 3	Port Penn, Del.,
Charleston, Md., . . . T. H. Harding, 2	Supply—J. H. Robinson, 1
Cherry Hill and Union (Cherry Hill, Md.)	Red Lion and Glasgow (Red Lion, Del.),
W. T. Valiant, 2	W. P. Townsend, 2
Chesapeake City, Md., Wilmer Jaggard, 2	Rising Sun and Sylmar (Rising Sun, Md.),
Chester (Booth's Corner, Pa.)	J. E. Bryan, 4
E. S. Mace, 3	Rowlandville and Mt. Pleasant (Colora,
Christiana, Del., . . . G. S. Conoway, 1	Md.), . . . Supply—Percy Greenfield, 1
Claymont, Del., . . . G. E. Wood, 4	St. Georges, Del., . . . Julius Dodd, 2
Delaware City, Del., . . . J. E. Amos, 1	Wilmington:
Elk Neck, Md., . . . J. E. Graham, 1	Asbury, J. H. Howard, 1
Elkton, Md., I. L. Wood, 3	Brandywine and Edgemoor,
Hockessin and Ebenezer (Hockessin, Del.)	Asbury Burke, 1
O. S. Walton, 1	Cookman, W. L. White, 4
Hopewell (Woodlawn, Md.),	East Lake and Elsmere, John France, 1
J. H. Geoghegan, 1	Epworth, L. W. Layfield, 1
Marshallton and Stanton	Grace, Merritt Hulburd, 1
(Marshallton, Del.) Edwin Gardner, 1	Harrison Street, F. B. Short, 3
Mt. Lebanon (Rockland, Del.),	Kingswood, H. S. Dulaney, 4
J. O. Sypherd, 1	Madeley, D. F. Waddell, 3
Mt. Pleasant and Union (Bellevue, Del.),	Mt. Salem, S. M. Morgan, 3
C. H. Williams, 1	St. Paul's, T. E. Terry, 3
Newark and Wesley (Newark, Del.),	Scott, Robert Watt, 1
W. J. DuHadway, 4	Silverbrook, W. A. Wise, 2
New Castle, Del., . . . V. S. Collins, 1	Swedish Mission, . F. O. B. Wallin, 1
Newport, Del., . . . A. S. Mowbray, 4	Union, J. D. C. Hanna, 1
North East, Md., . . . W. G. Koons, 3	Wesley, J. B. Quigg, 3
Perryville, Md., . . . H. G. Budd, 1	Zion, Md., A. P. Prettyman, 1

JOURNAL.

Opening.—The Wilmington Annual Conference convened in its twenty-sixth session in Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, Salisbury, Md., Wednesday morning, March 21, 1894, at 9 o'clock.

Devotions.—The 521st hymn was sung and the Conference was led in prayer by R. H. Adams. The Presiding Elders, assisted by several brethren, administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Organization and Roll Call.—W. F. Corkran announced that Bishop John H. Vincent, who was assigned to the Presidency of the Conference, was detained in Wilmington by illness. The Conference proceeded to the election of a chairman, and upon motion of Robert Watt, the Secretary of the last session was instructed to cast the ballot for N. M. Browne as President. The Secretary of the last session then called the roll and 133 members answered to their names.

Officers.—Upon motion of J. B. Quigg, A. S. Mowbray was re-elected secretary, N. M. Browne casting the ballot of the Conference.

W. L. S. Murray nominated W. R. Mowbray for Statistical Secretary and he was elected.

A. D. Davis nominated C. A. Grise for Conference Treasurer and he was elected.

Assistants.—On motion of T. E. Martindale the officers elected were authorized to name their assistants, which was done as follows: The Secretary nominated J. D. Rigg, W. A. Wise, Z. H. Webster. The Statistical Secretary nominated W. W. Sharp, W. O. Hurst, G. P. Jones, T. B. Cooper, J. A. Brewington, C. I. Stengle, Van P. Northrup. The Treasurer nominated A. G. Cox, R. K. Stephenson, R. I. Watkins, H. S. Goldey, W. J. DuHadway, J. M. Lindale, E. C. Atkins, T. F. Beauchamp, and they were confirmed.

Hours of Session.—On motion of A. D. Davis the hours for meeting and adjournment were fixed at 8.30 a. m. and 12 m., the first half hour to be spent in devotional exercises.

Bar of Conference.—Upon motion of C. W. Prettyman the Bar of the Conference was fixed so as to include the seventh row of pews from the front.

Standing Committees.—On motion of Alfred Smith the Conference proceeded to the election of Standing Committees. The Presiding Elders were made a committee to nominate, on behalf of whom W. F. Corkran read the list and they were elected. (See List.)

Reports.—On motion of T. E. Martindale the call for reports and statistics was made the order of the day for 10.45 o'clock, to-day.

Conference Stewards.—J. E. Bryan, C. F. Sheppard, P. H. Rawlins, R. K. Stephenson were elected Conference Stewards, the Secretary casting the ballot.

General Conference Committee.—On motion of W. L. S. Murray the Presiding Elders were made a committee on the expenses of the General Conference of 1896.

Conference Post Master.—On motion of C. S. Baker, G. W. Bounds was made Conference Post Master.

Bishop Vincent.—On motion of T. E. Martindale the Conference ordered the selection of a committee to convey expressions of sympathy to Bishop Vincent which was appointed by the Chair, as follows: T. E. Martindale, Alfred Smith and P. H. Rawlins.

Rules of Order.—On motion of W. E. Tomkinson the rules of order for the last session were adopted with the amendment of section 3, par. 5 to read "the prevailing side" instead of "the majority."

Dr. Eaton.—Dr. Homer Eaton, one of the agents of the New York Book Concern, was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interest of his work.

Excused.—R. K. Stephenson was excused as assistant to Conference Treasurer, because of appointment as Conference Steward; and F. C. McSorley was appointed in his place.

T. A. H. O'Brien was excused from the committee on Freedman's Aid and Southern Education, and Warren Burr was appointed in his place.

Missionary Sermon.—W. J. DuHadway asked to be excused from preaching the Missionary sermon, which, at first, was granted, but was afterward reconsidered and the motion to excuse laid on the table.

Order of the Day.—The order of the day was then taken up. The reports and statistics were handed in, and the Statistical Secretary and Treasurer with their assistants were permitted to retire.

Transfers.—The following brethren, transferred to this Conference during the past year were introduced: J. Edwin Amos, from the Baltimore Conference, and F. O. B. Wallin, from the Philadelphia Conference.

Introductions.—G. R. Neese of the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church South, and Dr. S. W. Reigart, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of this city, were introduced to the Conference.

Closing.—C. W. Prettyman was appointed to lead the Devotional Services to-morrow morning. On motion of V. S. Collins the committees were called, announcements made and Conference adjourned, J. B. Quigg pronouncing the Benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Opening.—The Conference convened at 8.30 o'clock, C. W. Prettyman conducted the prayer service. At 9 o'clock N. M. Browne took the chair and opened the business session. The Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

Committee Changes.—Adam Stengle was excused, at his own request, from the com-

mittee on Ministerial Qualifications and J. W. Easley was appointed in his place. On motion of T. E. Martindale, J. B. Quigg was added to that committee.

13th Question.—The 13th Question "was the character of each preacher examined" was called. The character of L. E. Barrett, Presiding Elder of Wilmington District, was passed, and he read a report of his work as follows:

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

To the Bishop and Members of the Wilmington Annual Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN:—As your servant and fellow worker in the Redeemer's Kingdom, I present to you my second annual report. Looking back upon the year, with its toils, accomplishments, trials, afflictions, reverses, and successes, like Paul, on his journey to Rome, I "thank God and take courage." It has been a year remarkable for its difficulties and for its triumphs. The clouds have been thick and dark about us at times, but in the midst of them we have felt the pressure of the Almighty Hand, and heard the Divine Voice commanding us to "go forward." Although we have not reached the advanced position we expected and hoped for at the beginning of the year, yet I believe God and the church will say to these devoted, consecrated workers on the Wilmington District, "Well done, good and faithful servants."

None of the preachers have died during the year, but affliction and bereavement have entered some of the parsonages.

Irene, 3 years old, the only child of Brother and Sister Koons, of North East, was called to heaven on the 29th of April, while Brother Koons was so ill with typhoid fever, that he could not leave his bed. For several weeks he was ill, but finally rallied, and resumed his work with his accustomed vigor. Owing to the severe illness of his wife, he is unable to be with us at this Conference. Let us remember them both in our prayers.

Lucille, the infant daughter of Brother and Sister Williams, of Marshallton, died on the 21st of August, while the parents were on a visit to Dorchester County, Md.

Bro. S. M. Morgan, of Mt. Salem, mourns the loss of his godly and honored father, who died suddenly near Georgetown, Del., January 25th. These brethren, in the midst of their sorrows, are comforted with the assurance of a blissful reunion when "the day dawns and the shadows flee away."

Among the laymen who have been translated to the glories and activities of the heavenly life, I mention Hon. Wm. J. Jones, of Elkton, father-in-law of Bro. Avery, pastor of our church at Easton, who died January 28th, in the 65th year of his age. In the various positions he occupied in the service of the church, he had an eye single to the glory of God and the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom. Our church at Elkton is sadly bereaved in his departure.

Revivals.—The Gospel as proclaimed by our 43 preachers, has been the "savor of life" unto hundreds. In Wilmington, at Old Asbury, the mother of us all, Bro. Hanna, in October, called to his aid, Bro. Isaac Naylor, the "Yorkshire Evangelist," and held a two weeks meeting of great power and success. At the close of this special service, a "Forward Movement" for the East Side, was inaugurated by Asbury, Scott and Epworth churches, the meetings being held in the churches named for one week each, resulting in over 200 conversions. Brandywine and Kingswood also united, and for several weeks the tide of salvation was high in both churches. The pastors, Bros. Hanna, France, Jewell, Otis, and Dulaney, led their respective forces, and rejoiced in the favor of the Lord. Successful meetings were also held at

Grace, St. Paul's, Union, Harrison Street, Cookman, Wesley, Mt. Salem, Silverbrook, and Madeley. The pastors of the city report an aggregate of over 1,200 conversions. Outside the city revival fires have burned brightly. New Castle, Newport, Marshallton and Stanton, Chester-Bethel, Claymont, Mt. Pleasant, Del., North East, Port Deposit, Perryville, Rising Sun and Sylmar, Zion Circuit, Chesapeake City.

St. George's, Delaware City, Glasgow, Summit, Cherry Hill, Elkton, Charlestown, Salem, Ebenezer, Elk Neck, Hopewell, Newark and Wesley, and Mt. Pleasant, Md., have all been blessed with more or less revival influence and power, reporting nearly 700 conversions. The preachers have been active and zealous in holding up Jesus Christ as the only hope of the world.

Two camp meetings have been held, as usual. Brandywine Summit, under the charge of Dr. E. L. Hubbard, was remarkably successful, over 100 souls being converted to God. Woodlawn, under the care of Bro. L. W. Layfield, was a season of spiritual and social enjoyment.

Benevolent Collections.—Never in the history of our Conference has the Wilmington District been compelled to face such severe financial difficulties as have confronted it during the past year. Wilmington City is the fourth manufacturing city in the Union. Our people depend almost entirely upon these interests. Smokeless factory chimneys, quiet wheels, and unused hammers, mean idle men, empty pockets, and suffering families. The towns of New Castle, Newport, Elkton, North East, Marshallton, and Baldwin's, on Cherry Hill Circuit, are also largely dependent upon the mill industries in their midst. It is needless to say that these industries in the city and towns of the District have been and are to-day suffering from the fearful paralysis which fell upon them months since. Notwithstanding all these adverse circumstances, and surroundings, our preachers and people have struggled to be true to God and the great enterprises of the church, and they are not ashamed of the record they have made. It is not surprising that we fall behind the figures of last year. The surprise is, that the deficit is not greater. Every church has been more or less affected. Grace, whose liberality is proverbial, and who, in the past, has sustained our benevolences with a free hand, this year seriously feels the financial shock, and fails to come up to her usual standard for missions, although apportionments are met on the other benevolences. St. Paul's, always ready and willing, does not reach the mark of last year but reaches the apportionment on all the collections. Asbury, the "bee-hive," self-sacrificing and true, is compelled to retreat below last year's figures, yet nobly struggles up to her apportionments for missions. Brandywine has done the best she could, but is not up to the mark she desired to reach. With remarkable heroism, Union, Madeley, Wesley, Scott and Cookman face the music, and reach the splendid showing of last year. Mt. Salem, Kingswood and Epworth with many of their people idle, advanced the flag beyond the lines of last year. Harrison Street, although heavily pressed in completing their new Chapel, refuses to fall on the benevolences—a splendid example for a new charge. In no part of the District has the struggle been greater than in the town of New Castle. A number of the members of the church were compelled to remove from the town because of a lack of work. With diminished numbers and resources, pastor and people kept their courage up, and after considerable effort and sacrifice reach the apportionment for missions. The same state of affairs prevailed at North East, and to some extent at Elkton, but they have struggled through to victory, Elkton going beyond last year's figures. At Marshallton, with resources all cut off there is a perceptible decline. At Newport, with a determined and persistent effort, victory was assured. Cherry Hill Circuit, in which is included Bald-

win's Mills, closed during a great part of the year, reports an increase of over 9 per cent for missions, and other collections up to apportionment. The average of last is about maintained in the other charges not so much affected by the financial stringency. Our preachers have left nothing undone to secure the desired results, and if they failed, it was not from a lack of interest or effort, but from a lack of money. Some have failed to receive their salaries in full, but they have been true to God and His Cause. Our laymen come in for their share of credit in standing by their pastors, and giving of their means to sustain the great enterprises of the church.

Methodist Relief Association.—With the advent of cold weather, our churches in the city united in the formation of an Association to look after and care for our needy poor. Collections were taken in all our congregations, and provisions contributed by the charitable, and thus we were enabled to look after those of our own communion who needed attention, because of the scarcity of work. There have been collected and expended in this worthy cause, in cash and provisions, \$1,000, and 300 families supplied with the necessaries of life. We have thus, in accordance with the Master's teachings, supplied the "meat that perisheth," as well as the "Bread of Life."

Church Dedications.—Mention was made, and description given, in my last report, of the new Epworth, erected at the corner of Tenth and Lombard streets, Wilmington. This commodious church was dedicated on the 21st of May, Bishop Mallalieu officiating. With the parsonage adjoining, the property is worth about \$30,000, against which there is a mortgage indebtedness of \$10,000, and about \$5,000 on note and floating bills. To meet this there is a valid subscription of \$2,000, leaving a net indebtedness of about \$13,000. Bro. Jewell, the energetic pastor, has proved the truthfulness of the poet's assertion, that

"To patient faith the prize is sure,
And all that to the end endure
The cross, shall wear the crown."

Silverbrook church, beautiful for situation and arrangement, costing nearly \$25,000, was dedicated September 24th, Bishop Newman, Dr. Murray, and the Presiding Elder, assisting the Pastor, Bro. Wise. The lot, upon which it stands, worth \$4,500, was given by Bro. Joseph Pyle, of St. Paul's Church, who, also, besides other contributions by himself and wife, loaned the Trustees \$6,000, taking a mortgage upon the property for security. Upon the day of dedication, in addition to his gifts of that day, he tore the mortgage in pieces before the congregation, thus giving to this enterprise about \$12,000, and allowing it to be dedicated free of debt, amid the shouts and praises of Bishop, pastor and people. Two of the happiest men upon this joyous occasion, were Bro. Wise, the faithful and popular pastor, and Bro. Pyle, the princely giver. The form of the building is a Greek cross; the style, Gothic; material Wooddale stone, with slate roof, double floors, and hard wood finish.

The corner stone of Harrison Street Chapel was laid July 17th, Chief Justice Lore presiding. Addresses were made by Drs. Dobbins, Martindale, Hanna, and the Presiding Elder. \$2,700 were raised in cash and subscriptions. The Chapel was dedicated February 11th, Bishop Foss, Dr. Hanlon, of the New Jersey Conference, and Bro. Hanna, of our own Conference, assisting Bro. Short, the pastor. \$3,200 were raised at this time, leaving a mortgage debt of \$8,000 on the building. The growth of this society is remarkable. Organized in October, 1890, in two rented rooms on Franklin street, by the writer, when he was pastor of St. Paul's Church, in a few months a lot was purchased on the corner of Seventh and Harrison streets, worth over \$4,000, and a small temporary frame Chapel erected thereon, in which they worshiped until they dedicated their present beautiful stone Chapel, worth

over \$20,000. The style is Gothic, colored glass windows, with an audience room 54x70, and Sunday School room 37x40.

The membership of these three churches, dedicated this conference year, are not rich in this world's goods, but they are rich in faith, and in the spirit of indomitable heroism and self-sacrifice. They have nobly responded to the efforts of their devoted pastors, and rejoice in the possession of their beautiful houses of worship.

Church Improvements and Reopenings.—Zion Church, whose improvements were noticed in my former report, was reopened April 9th, Bros. Hanna and I. L. Wood, assisting the pastor, Bro. Layfield. The total cost of these improvements was over \$1,300, all provided for.

Union Church, Wilmington, after being recarpeted, a new pipe organ put in, repainted, etc., had reopening services the first Sunday in May, Drs. Upham, of Drew Seminary, and Norris, of Baltimore, assisting the pastor, Dr. Hubbard. Cost, \$2,225, which has been satisfactorily arranged.

The Church at Hockessin, after being brightened up, inside and out, with paint, was reopened on the 9th of July, Bro. Terry, of Wilmington, and the Presiding Elder, assisting Bro. Sypherd, the pastor, in the services. Amount expended, \$200.

St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, T. E. Terry, pastor, after being repainted, refrescoed recarpeted, at a cost of \$1,872, was reopened Oct. 22d, Drs. Reed, of Dickinson College, and Fernley, of Philadelphia, officiating. No debt. These improvements make the interior look clean, bright and cheerful.

Glasgow Church was repainted at a cost of \$225, and reopened July 30th, Bro. Wood, of Elkton, assisting Bro. Townsend, the pastor. All paid.

The church at Mt. Pleasant, Del., has been remodeled and repaired, completely changing its appearance, and making it one of the neatest churches on the district. The reopening services were held Dec. 10th, Bishop Foss and Dr. Dobbins assisting Bro. Tomkinson, the pastor, to whose untiring zeal much of the credit for these needed improvements is due. The total cost, \$2,200, has been nearly all paid.

By decision of the Building Inspector of Wilmington, the tower of Mt. Salem Church was condemned as unsafe, and the trustees were ordered to remove it. This was done, and a new and neat steeple takes its place. A steam heater has also been placed in the church, adding greatly to the comfort of the worshippers. These improvements entailed a cost of \$2,399, secured by a mortgage on the church.

A new heater has been placed in the church at Ebenezer, Del., at a cost of \$175.

The church at Edgemoor has been painted at a cost of \$84.

A splendid new organ has been placed in North East Church at a cost of \$340.

The Sunday-School room at Rising Sun has been painted at a cost of \$84.

Church and Parsonage Debts Paid.—At Chesapeake City, Bro. Jaggard, the pastor, determined, as soon as he surveyed the field, to grapple with the church debt of \$2,000, which has been against the building since its dedication. Notwithstanding the difficulties in the way, \$600 have been raised and paid, on this debt, and for accruing interest.

At Rising Sun, \$584 have been paid on church and parsonage debt, and for the first time since the church was built 22 years ago, the entire property is now free from debt.

At Baldwin's, on Cherry Hill circuit, \$114 have been paid on church debt.

At Union, Wilmington, \$326 has been paid for parsonage improvements.

In March last, the Trustees of Red Lion Church bought a parsonage at a cost of \$1200. Over \$500 have been paid on it this year.

At Mt. Lebanon, \$186 have been paid on church debt.

At Hopewell, the Trustees have paid the balance of \$240 on parsonage debt.

Through the efforts of the pastor, Bro. Harding, \$112 have been raised and paid on the parsonage debt, of several years standing, besides back interest, amounting to \$70.

At the Swedish Mission, Wilmington, \$100 have been paid on the mortgage debt of \$1200.

At Scott Church, Wilmington, \$200 have been paid on the church debt. \$115 paid on parsonage debt at Hockessin.

At Newport, \$150 have been paid on church indebtedness.

Madeley Church, Wilmington, has raised \$1,000 towards the payment of mortgage of \$3,000, which has been against the building for some time. The property is owned by the S. S. Union of Grace Church. Upon the payment of this \$1,000 the Union will deed the property to the Trustees of Madeley, paying off the remaining \$2,000 at pleasure, and in the meantime providing for the interest. Thus for \$1,000 Madeley will come into possession of property worth at least \$4,000.

I mentioned in my last report that Cookman Church, Wilmington, had purchased a lot at the corner of 14th and duPont Streets, valued at about \$2,500. They have this year paid for the same, and on the 6th of March ground was broken for a brick chapel, 38 x 60, to cost about \$7,000. It will be completed, and dedicated some time during the coming summer.

When we summarize the above, we find that over \$30,000 have been raised and paid in cash during the year for church improvements, and in the liquidation of indebtedness.

Transfers.—In October last, Rev. E. L. Hubbard, pastor of Union Church, Wilmington, was transferred to the Baltimore Conference, by Bishop Merrill, and Bro. J. E. Amos, of the Baltimore Conference, was transferred to this Conference, by Bishop Newman, and stationed at Union Church.

Bro. F. O. B. Wallin, in charge of the Swedish work in Philadelphia, at the suggestion of Bishop Foss, was transferred by Bishop Andrews to this Conference, and placed in charge of the Swedish Mission, Wilmington.

Epworth League.—This organization has enjoyed a healthy growth on the district during the year. It is proving its right to exist from the fact that it is familiarizing our young people with the history, polity, and doctrines of our glorious Methodism, which need but to be known to be appreciated and loved. We confidently expect the Methodists of the 20th century to be stalwart in principle and practice, offering no sickly, sentimental apology for being Methodists, but with implicit faith in God and their denomination, actively and aggressively carry forward the flag first unfurled by Wesley. I believe the League is perceptibly contributing to a good type of Christian character, denominational loyalty, and methodical activity among our young people. There are about 30 Epworth Leagues on the district, and 5 Christian Endeavor Societies, with an aggregate membership of about 2,500. The District Convention, held in Asbury Church, Wilmington, on the 1st of June, was well attended, and the proceedings inspiring. Bro. Jewell, the very efficient President, was re-elected.

There are several Junior Leagues on the district, and at North East, Bro. Koons has organized the Epworth Guards, consisting of 22 boys, from 10 to 15 years of age.

Temperance.—Our preachers are all sound on the temperance question, and stand by the Discipline of the church, in pronouncing the infamous liquor traffic "the enemy of all good." Wherever practicable, they have pushed remonstrances against the granting of li-

censes, and done whatever they could to stay the awful tide of intemperance. In that portion of the District lying in Delaware, we are hampered in our efforts by an antiquated State Constitution, and slavery to party, but we think we discern signs of the coming dawn, and will continue our efforts until from the hills of New Castle to the pines of Sussex the legalized dram shop shall cease to exist. In Cecil County, Md., the battle is on, and we expect, before the calendar year closes, to place that county again in the prohibition column.

The Deaconess Movement.—A movement has been inaugurated in Wilmington, looking to the employment of Deaconesses. The committee, appointed at the last session of this Conference, referred the matter to the Woman's Home Missionary Society. This important charge was accepted by this Society, and a Deaconess employed, who labored in the city until failing health compelled her to retire from the field. Arrangements are now being made looking to the securing of a home for the Deaconess. The report of the committee will more fully explain this matter.

Conclusion.—Allow me to say in conclusion, that I have been in "labors abundant," doing what I could to advance the interests of the church.

I have enjoyed good health, have kept in a good humor, and the work has been rendered pleasant by "the peace of God, which passeth all understanding," and by the support and kindness of my brethren of the ministry and laity, to whom I return my heartfelt thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS E. BARRETT, P. E.

The following effective Elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections. T. B. Hunter, T. H. Harding, W. T. Valiant, Wilmer Jaggard, E. S. Mace, G. E. Wood, A. P. Prettyman, I. L. Wood, J. O. Sypher, B. F. Price, C. H. Williams, James Conner, W. E. Tomkinson, W. J. DuHadway, T. E. Martindale, A. S. Mowbray, W. G. Koons, H. W. Ewing, J. E. Bryan, Julius Dodd, J. D. C. Hanna, J. P. Otis, Isaac Jewell, J. Y. Dobbins, H. S. Dulany, D. F. Waddell, S. M. Morgan, T. E. Terry, John France, W. A. Wise, J. Edwin Amos, J. B. Quigg, L. W. Layfield, F. O. B. Wallin.

Introductions.—Dr. W. A. Spencer, Secretary of the Church Extension Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference. Dr. Wm. V. Kelley, editor of the Methodist Review, was introduced and spoke in the interest of that periodical. J. Y. Dobbins then offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That having listened to the very admirable address of the Rev. Wm. V. Kelley, D. D., recently elected to the editorship of our Bi-monthly Review, we hereby express our great gratification in having heard him, and that we congratulate ourselves and the church at large, upon the growing influence of this periodical and the ability and skill and scholarly taste of its accomplished Editor.

At the request of Dr. Kelley, H. A. G. Westerfield was appointed to solicit subscribers to the Methodist Review.

13th Question.—The 13th question was resumed, Easton District was called, the character of Alfred Smith, Presiding Elder, was passed and he read his report as follows:

EASTON DISTRICT.

During the past Conference year, forty laborers have been doing the work, in that part of the Lord's vineyard known as the Easton District.

Death has not in a single instance entered the homes of any of these laborers and their health, and the health of their families have been to a remarkable degree preserved. The year is now past and we turn back to take a hasty glance at the results, so far as the results may be seen and measured. Two new churches have been built. The one at St. Paul's on Cecilton Circuit. This church was begun under the pastorate of Bro. T. A. H. O'Brien more than a year ago, but has been brought to completion under the faithful and diligent labors of the present pastor, Bro. D. H. Corkran. It is a beautiful frame church of the most modern style of architecture, costing nearly \$6,000, all of which has been paid. A remarkable thing transpired in this new church at the first quarterly meeting service after it was dedicated. During the progress of the Love Feast the power of the Lord came down in such wondrous measure that the saints shouted and sinners trembled. An invitation was immediately extended to penitents to seek Christ. They fairly fell over each other in their haste to reach the altar. The altar was soon filled and almost as soon cleared.

A second invitation was given and the altar was again filled. These also were soon converted; and before the noon hour had come some twelve or fifteen souls had been born into the Kingdom of God, and that, too, without one word of preaching. There was, in fact, no time or place for the formal preaching of the Word. It was one of the Lord's modern Pentecosts, which comes as a result of the sacrificing and waiting of his people.

The other new church has been built at Betterton, on Still Pond charge, under the pastoral care of Bro. J. D. Kemp. This is not so fine and costly a church as the one we have just described, but it represents just as much, and perhaps more sacrifice than the other. It cost about \$1,500, all of which has been paid. The society at Betterton is weak and few in numbers, and this amount of money means, in that place, a great deal.

The debt on the church at St. Michael's, under the leadership of Dr. S. J. Morris, has been reduced from \$1,000 to \$100.

The long-standing debt of \$550 on the church at Cordova has all been wiped out. Handsome repairs have been made upon the churches at Pomona, Marydel, Odessa, Massey, Salem, on Church Hill circuit, and Bolingbrook on Trappe circuit. New pianos have been placed in the Sunday School rooms at Middletown and Odessa. These it is thought will contribute much to the Sunday School music.

Fine improvements have been made upon the parsonages at Greensboro, Odessa and Talbot Circuit. Old debts have been materially reduced on the parsonages at Sudlersville, Talbot and Ingleside and at Townsend and Centreville the debts on the parsonages have been entirely paid off. Bro. Frank Fletcher has again distinguished himself as a parsonage builder. At Kent Island under his leadership, the old parsonage has been made new at a cost of \$1,400. Great wisdom and prudence has been shown by the brethren in almost all these enterprises of building and repairing churches and parsonages in not going into debt.

From all the information that I have up to this time been able to gather the indications are that salaries of the preachers will be in arrears in more instances than usual. This is due no doubt in some measure to the hard financial conditions under which we are laboring, but more I verily believe to the lack of business methods in the management of church finances. In almost every case so far as I know, where brains and business have been put into the finances the salaries are up, in spite of the hard times. I point to Middletown, Townsend and Greensboro as conspicuous examples of this fact. Of course those are not the only

places whose salaries are up, but I point to those simply as places where the matter had been so faithfully looked after during the year that there was no risk and no strain at the last.

Undoubtedly the reports will show that benevolences in some places have suffered. This is not due, however, to a failure upon the part of the preachers to diligently and faithfully push these matters. I am quite sure that I am within the bounds of the truth when I say that the preachers never before worked so hard to get the benevolences. Some I am sure, however, did make the mistake of putting them off till too late in the Conference year. The following charges have *exceeded their* apportionments for the benevolences. Centreville, Oxford, Tilghman's Island, Cheswold, Smyrna Circuit, Galena, Middletown, Talbot Circuit and Hillsboro. The following charges have met all apportionments in full. Townsend, Odessa, Marydel, Smyrna, Cecilton, St. Michael's, Still Pond, Crumpton, Easton and Millington.

Talbot Circuit is entitled to the credit for the largest increase along all lines. The increase for Missions is 100 per cent. in advance of last year, other collections 90 per cent. in advance of last year.

Marydel Circuit stands second in the increase for the benevolences. Missions in advance of last year 66 per cent, other collections in advance of last year 100 per cent. Hillsboro has made the handsome advance of 50 per cent on missions. It must be said, however, that the pastors in the places reporting a shortage have in most instances made heroic efforts to come up. And what they have done in the face of the hard conditions surrounding them means more for pastors and people than the world can know or appreciate. But God knows and understands and they will not lose their reward.

Again we are able to report a large ingathering of souls. Under the various pastors about 1,200 persons have made profession of faith and about 1,000 have united with the churches on probation. The following charges report fifty or more souls saved; Sudlersville, Queens-town, Hillsboro, St. Michael's, Cecilton, Tilghman's Island, Centreville, Easton and Piney Neck. The Epworth League is an increasingly helpful factor in the work of the district. Several new leagues have been formed on the district and the work in old and new is going grandly on. Centreville, Easton, Chestertown, Galena and Clayton are worthy of special mention. A District Convention was held at Centreville in May which was by far the best in every way of any ever held on the district. It gave a tremendous uplift to the Epworth League work all along the line. Bro. V. S. Collins at that time our District President is entitled to a large share of the credit. Another remarkable convention has also been held within the bounds of the district during the year. I refer to the convention of the Woman's Home Missionary Society held at Middletown. It was largely attended and full of interest. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has also held a convention at Chestertown. These societies are both doing good work for the Master's cause. I would to God that their numbers and influence were increased many fold.

The cause of Temperance and Prohibition has received a measure of attention. Not, however, as much as it deserves. Criminal indifference, lazy self-indulgence, ignorance of facts and party idolatry upon the part of God's professed followers hang like a mighty incubus upon the wheels of progress. During my first round on the district this year, I called the attention of nearly all the Quarterly Conferences to the General Conference recommendation concerning the formation of Christian Temperance Leagues in the churches, and under the control of the Quarterly Conferences; and urged with great zeal the organization of such societies. I am sorry to say that there has not been a single one organized. The reason for this seems to be found in the fact that the people of more advanced and more radical views on the temperance question consider the movement a thing behind

the times and out of date. The more conservative, as a rule, take but little interest in the cause in any shape or form. I very much fear that this latest movement of the church is doomed to failure from lack of friends. It ought not to be so. It is a movement capable of great good if heartily adopted by the church.

There has, however, in one way and another, been much done to advance the cause. Many sermons have been preached. More emphasis is being given to the temperance lessons in the Sunday Schools. The Junior Leagues are including this in their course of instruction. The Loyal Temperance Legions are training up an army of temperance soldiers under the motto "Tremble King Alcohol for we shall grow up."

And thus in many ways sentiment is being elevated and the cause is being advanced. In so much that there is reason to believe that the day is not far distant when it will be considered just as much a sin for a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church to vote for a License Party or a License Candidate as it now is to sign an application for a license to sell rum.

I again call attention to the urgent necessity for a largely increased contribution to our Domestic Missionary Fund. It is a crying shame that some of our brethren and their families in the hard places must continue to be denied even the bare necessities of life. The above are only the results which appear upon the surface. But these are by no means all. Many will not be seen or gathered till in the Great Reckoning when "Every man shall be rewarded according to his work."

ALFRED SMITH, P. E.

The following effective Elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: E. H. Hynson, D. H. Corkran, V. S. Collins, J. W. Easley, E. E. White, J. M. Lisdale, W. E. Avery, E. H. Nelson, J. A. Arters, W. W. Sharp, W. M. Warner, Frank Fletcher, J. M. Collins, Albert Chandler, N. M. Browne, G. W. Burke, R. I. Watkins, J. F. Anderson, Robert Roe, S. J. Morris, Adam Stengle, W. R. Mowbray, J. D. Kemp, C. F. Sheppard, J. T. Prouse, G. S. Conway, F. F. Carpenter.

Drafts.—Dr. Homer Eaton presented drafts on the Book Concern for \$1,085 and on Chartered Fund for \$25 which were placed in the hands of the Board of Stewards.

Introductions—Rev. W. H. Logan, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Princess Anne, Md., and Rev. W. W. Wilson, of New York East Conference were introduced to the Conference.

Excused.—J. Y. Dobbins was excused from further attendance upon the Conference.

13th Question.—The 13th question was resumed, Dover District was called, the character of R. H. Adams, Presiding Elder, was passed, but the reading of his report was deferred. The following effective Elders were then called, their characters passed and they reported their collections: W. P. Compton, J. E. Graham, F. C. McSorley, I. G. Fosnocht, T. S. Williams, D. H. Willis, W. W. Chairs, G. W. Townsend, W. L. S. Murray, Asbury Burke, W. M. Greene, G. T. Alderson, H. S. Thompson, S. R. Maxwell, J. T. VanBurkallow, C. A. Grise, A. D. Davis, P. H. Rawlins, T. C. Smoot, J. H. Howard, T. H. Haynes, W. F. Dawson, Robert Watt, E. P. Roberts, J. S. Wickline, J. H. Wilson, C. W. Prettyman, T. F. Tabler, J. R. Todd, G. W. Bowman.

Salisbury District was called. The character of W. F. Corkran, Presiding Elder, was passed and the reading of his report was deferred.

The following effective elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: O. S. Walton, C. S. Baker, W. R. McFarlane, Edward Davis, R. K. Stephenson, C. T. Wyatt, L. P. Corkran, T. A. H. O'Brien, C. P. Swain, T. N. Given, J. D. Reese, W. B. Guthrie, S. N. Pilchard, James Carroll, E. H. Derrickson, F. J. Cochran, E. C. Atkins, E. C. Macnichol, R. W. Todd, J. M. Mitchell, G. L. Hardesty, Warren Burr, C. A. Hill, N. McQuay, J. W. Gray, R. T. Coursey, D. F. McFaul, Z. H. Webster, E. H. Miller.

Mrs. Chatham.—E. H. Nelson presented his accounts as trustee for Mrs. Chatham which were referred to the Auditing Committee.

Supplies.—On motion of R. H. Adams the Presiding Elders were requested to call the names of their supplies that they might report their collection, which was done as follows: *Wilmington District.*—D. J. Givan, James Purnell, Moses Bullock, T. G. Eiswald. *Easton District.*—John Boehm, W. M. Lister, C. S. York, J. W. Talley. *Dover District.*—L. B. Kirby, L. T. McLain, B. Wheatly, G. R. Neese, C. W. Clapham, G. W. Hastings, A. C. Jones, John Sewell, W. J. Tindall. *Salisbury District.*—C. P. Fitcher, Luther Poole, C. I. Stengle, W. E. Matthews, J. R. Campbell, J. W. Minner, N. P. Johnson, W. R. Gwinn, W. N. Conway, Eben Welch, T. S. Barrett, C. K. Morris.

Roll Call.—The names of absentees from yesterday's session were called and 21 members responded to their names.

Order of the Day.—The order of the day, Memorial service, was then taken up, the name of George Barton was announced and W. E. England read his memoir. Appropriate remarks were made by J. B. Quigg, G. A. Phoebus, B. F. Price and Henry Sanderson. On motion of T. E. Martindale the memoir was adopted.

23d Question.—The 23d question, "Who are the Superannuated Preachers?" was then taken up, G. A. Phoebus, James Esgate, Henry Sanderson, J. A. Brindle, James Hubbard, C. J. Hammitt, W. W. Redman, W. B. Walton were called, their characters passed, and their relation continued.

Epworth League.—It was directed that the statistics of the Epworth League be placed in the hands of the committee on Epworth League for adjustment.

Referred Papers.—Communications giving the amounts apportioned to this Conference for the Episcopal Fund and the expenses of the next General Conference were referred to the Presiding Elders for apportionment to the various charges. Various communications were presented and referred to the appropriate committees.

Closing.—The committees were called, announcements made, and Conference adjourned with the Doxology. T. H. Haynes pronouncing the Benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Opening.—Conference met at 8.15 o'clock with Bishop John H. Vincent, D. D., LL., D., in the Chair. The Bishop spent the first fifteen minutes in remarks upon the Ordering of Public Service, he then read the first chapter of Paul's first letter to Timothy and conducted the devotional services.

Journal.—At 9 o'clock the business session began. The Journal of the last session was read and approved.

Conference Academy.—A communication from C. H. B. Day, Esq., announcing the expiration of the term of four trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy was presented. J. B. Quigg, W. L. S. Murray, T. E. Terry were appointed to nominate their successors.

General Conference Propositions.—Certain propositions handed down from the General Conference to be voted on at this session were presented. On motion of T. E. Martindale they were made the order of the day at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Introductions.—Dr. J. L. Hurlbut, Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School Union and Tract Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Professor R. W. Rogers, of Drew Theological Seminary, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Dr. Geo. E. Reed, President of Dickinson College, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Dr. C. H. Payne, Secretary of the Board of Education, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Dr. W. W. Moffet, Secretary of the American Bible Society for the district of New Jersey and Delaware, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Papers Referred.—Various communications were presented and referred to the appropriate committees.

22d Question.—The 22d question, "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" was taken up. The name of A. T. Scott was called, his character passed, he addressed the Conference requesting that his relation be made effective and that he be appointed as editor of the "Christian Companion." The case was then referred to the committee on Ministerial Qualifications. The names of W. F. Talbot, J. B. Merritt, T. E. Bell, W. E. England, J. W. Poole, J. W. Hammersly, G. W. Wilcox, J. D. Rigg, W. L. P. Bowen were called, their characters passed and their relation continued.

The cases of W. F. Talbot, W. E. England, J. W. Hammersly, T. E. Bell, G. W. Wilcox, J. D. Rigg, J. W. Poole and W. L. P. Bowen were referred to the Board of Stewards.

The name of J. H. Caldwell was called, his character passed, and his relation changed from Supernumerary to Superannuated at his own request.

The name of R. C. Jones was called, his character passed, his relation was changed

Mrs. Koons' Funeral.—On motion of J. E. Bryan, W. L. S. Murray, H. W. Ewing, W. W. Sharp were appointed a committee to attend the funeral of Mrs. W. G. Koons on Monday.

Closing.—It was directed that when Conference adjourn it be to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Announcements were made, and Conference adjourned, Bishop FitzGerald pronouncing the Benediction.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Conference met at 3 o'clock with Bishop FitzGerald in the chair. J. B. Quigg conducted the opening devotional services.

5th Question.—The 5th question, "Who have been Continued on Trial?" was taken up. Wm. P. Townsend, Wm. L. White, Oliver W. DeVenish, John P. Outten, Clarence W. Strickland, Fred. E. McKinsey were called, their characters passed, they announced their collections, the committees reported, the Presiding Elders represented, and Wm. P. Townsend, Wm. L. White, Clarence W. Strickland, Fred. E. McKinsey were continued in the studies of the first year. Harry A. G. Westerfield, Oliver W. DeVenish and John P. Outten were continued on trial and advanced to the studies of the second year.

On motion of T. E. Terry, Wm. L. White and Wm. P. Townsend were permitted to take the examinations in studies of the first year in the interim of Conference.

H. A. G. Westerfield was left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

11th Question.—The 11th question "What Others Have Been Elected and Ordained Deacons?" was taken up. G. W. Hastings was called and being recommended in due form, the committee reported, the Presiding Elder represented and he was elected to Deacon's orders.

12th Question.—The 12th question "What Others Have Been Elected and Ordained Elders?" was taken up. Wm. H. Benford and James W. Fogle were called and being recommended in due form, the committee reported, the Presiding Elders represented and they were elected to Elder's Orders.

10th Question.—The 10th Question "What Members Have Completed the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up, Melvin D. Nutter and Julius A. Brewington were called, their characters passed, they announced their collections, the committee reported, the Presiding Elder represented and Melvin D. Nutter was elected to Elder's Orders. Julius A. Brewington was continued in the studies of the fourth year.

Conference Academy.—J. B. Quigg presented the report of Jos. Pyle as President of the Board of Trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy, which was adopted, and upon motion of R. H. Adams was ordered to be printed in the minutes. The committee to nominate Trustees for the Wilmington Conference Academy presented the names of C. A. Grise, C. W. Prettyman, J. T. VanBurkalow and S. M. Morgan, and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

Statistics.—On motion of C. A. Grise it was directed that the item of "Ladies Hall" be omitted from the statistical blanks, and that the term "Conference Academy" be put in the place of "Other Educational Objects."

Systematic Examination.—W. J. DuHadway presented the report of the committee to prepare a plan of Systematic Examination which was received and ordered to be printed.

30th Question.—The 30th question, "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was then taken up. Smyrna, Del., and Lewes, Del., were put in nomination. The vote resulted in the unanimous choice of Smyrna.

Dr. Peck.—Dr. J. O. Peck one of the Secretaries of the Missionary Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Gospel in All Lands.—W. S. H. Williams was appointed to solicit subscriptions for Gospel in All Lands.

Closing.—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned with the Benediction by Dr. J. O. Peck.

MONDAY MORNING.

Opening.—Conference met 8.15 Bishop Vincent in the chair. The Bishop continued his address on the Ordering of Public Worship, and led the Conference in devotional services. At nine o'clock the business session began.

Bishop FitzGerald.—Bishop FitzGerald took the chair. The Journal was read and approved.

Order of the Day.—The order of the day, the several propositions submitted from General Conference, was taken up as follows:

PROPOSITIONS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCES IN 1894.

I. On Equal Ministerial and Lay Representation.—*Resolved*, That the General Conference hereby recommends the following proposition to the Annual Conferences to be held in 1894, to wit: To amend Section 2, Paragraph 67, of the Discipline so that the section shall read as follows: "The General Conference shall not allow of more than one Ministerial Representative for every fourteen members of an Annual Conference; nor of a less number than one for every forty-five; *provided*, nevertheless, that when there shall be in any Annual Conference a fraction of two thirds the number which shall be fixed for the ratio of such fraction; and *provided*, also, that there shall be from each Annual Conference Lay Delegates equal in number to the Ministerial Delegates, who shall deliberate and vote with the Ministers as one body; and *provided*, further, that no Conference shall be denied the privilege of one Ministerial and one Lay Delegate."

II. On Change in Ratio of Ministerial Representation.—(a) *Resolved*, That the General Conference submits the following proposition to the Annual Conferences of 1894, to wit: To amend line 4, Section 2, Paragraph 67, of the Discipline so as to read: "Not more than one for every forty-five nor less than one for every ninety."

(b) *Alternative Proposition*, The South Carolina Annual Conference, regarding the above

proposition as defective in form, duly submits the following alternative proposition, to wit: To amend the first two clauses of Section 2, Paragraph 67, so that they shall read as follows: "The General Conference shall not allow of more than one Ministerial Representative for every forty-five members of an Annual Conference; nor of a less number than one for every ninety."

III. On Change in the Time of the Meeting of the General Conference.—(Submitted by the West Wisconsin Annual Conference.)

Resolved, That the Bishops presiding in the several Annual Conferences during the year 1894 are hereby respectfully requested to submit to all the Annual Conferences the following proposition, namely: To amend Paragraph 63 of the Discipline of 1892 so that it shall read as follows, to wit: "¶ 63. The General Conference shall meet on the first Wednesday of May, in the year of our Lord 1900, and thenceforward on the first Wednesday in May once in four years perpetually, at such hour and in such place in the United States as the General Conference may from time to time direct; but the General Superintendents, or a majority of them, by and with the advice of two-thirds of all the Annual Conferences, shall have power to call an extra session of the General Conferences, to be constituted in the usual way. But if there shall be no General Superintendent, then two-thirds of all the Annual Conferences shall have power to call such extra session."

The first proposition was read. The Bishop appointed C. A. Hill, T. E. Martindale, W. E. Tomkinson, I. Jewell, as tellers. The vote was taken and the tellers were permitted to retire.

The 2d Proposition was read, after explanation by the Bishop the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference in the negative.

The Alternative Proposition, submitted by the South Carolina Conference was then read and a vote ordered. V. S. Collins, Robt. Watt, P. H. Rawlins and T. S. Williams were appointed tellers. The ballot was taken and the tellers retired.

The ballots on 1st Proposition was announced, whole number votes cast, 116; affirmative, 53; negative, 63.

The 3d Proposition was then read and a ballot ordered. T. B. Hunter, T. A. H. O'Brien, J. T. VanBurkalow and N. M. Browne were appointed tellers, the vote was taken as ordered, and the tellers retired.

I. G. Fosnocht presented the report of the Committee on Woman's Home Missionary Society which was adopted as read.

L. E. Barrett presented the report of the Board of Deaconess' Work which was adopted.

The tellers reported the vote on the proposition from the South Carolina Conference as follows; whole number of votes cast, 117; affirmative, 54; negative, 63.

B. F. Price presented the report on Conference Historical Society which was adopted.

V. S. Collins called attention to an error in the Journal in the case of C. W. Strickland which was corrected.

W. E. Tomkinson presented nominations for Board of Deaconess' Work. N. M. Browne, I. L. Wood, T. E. Terry, L. E. Barrett, J. T. Gause, Joseph Pyle, Mrs. Emma L. Weldin, Mrs. J. B. Quigg, and they were elected.

T. S. Williams presented the report of the Committee on Bible Society, which was adopted.

Certificate of Ordination.—Bishop Vincent, presented the following:

Certificate of Ordination.

Salisbury, Md., March 26th, 1894.

THIS is to certify that on Sabbath, March 25th, 1894, at Salisbury, Md., by the authority of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, I ordained as Deacons, Thomas B. Cooper, Wm. S. H. Williams, Theodore F. Beauchamp, Goldsborough W. Hastings, and that at the same time and place, assisted by Bishop FitzGerald and several Elders, I ordained as Elders, Melvin D. Nutter, Wm. H. Benford, James W. Fogle.

JOHN H. VINCENT,
Bishop.

3d Question.—3d Question, "Who have been received on Credentials and from what Churches?" was taken up. R. H. Adams, Presiding Elder of Dover District, presented the credentials of Gordon R. Neese of the M. E. Church South, who has been at work in the bounds of the Conference during the past year, he was then introduced, and after proper representation was received on Credentials.

14th Question.—14th Question was called and the following transfers were announced, Edward L. Hubbard to the Baltimore Conference, W. W. W. Wilson to the New York East Conference, John Y. Dobbins to the Newark Conference and Richard C. Jones to the North Indiana Conference.

The Order of the Day.—The order of the day, the report of the Committee on Steward's Endowment Fund was then taken up and T. E. Martindale read the report. On motion of Robert Watt, laymen who might be interested were extended the courtesies of the floor. On motion of V. S. Collins the report was taken up item by item. The first item was then read and after discussion it was adopted by a count vote of 81 to 32. The second item was taken up, and after proposed amendments and discussion the balance of the report was recommitted to the committee.

On motion of P. H. Rawlins the time was extended.

R. K. Stephenson presented the report of the Committee on Epworth League which was adopted.

On motion of W. E. Tomkinson it was determined that when we adjourn it be to meet this evening at 7.30 o'clock.

On motion of P. H. Rawlins the report of the Board of Stewards was made the order of the day for this evening immediately after the reading of the Journal.

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

MONDAY EVENING.

Opening.—Conference convened at 7.30 o'clock with Bishop Vincent in the chair. The Conference joined in singing "Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove," and T. E. Martindale led in prayer. The Journal was read and approved.

Order of the Day.—The order of the day, The Stewards Report, was then taken up. The Report was read by P. H. Rawlins and it was adopted and the monies were distributed.

Mrs. Chatham.—E. H. Nelson was appointed trustee of the funds for Mrs. Annie D. Chatham.

V. P. Northrup.—Special Committee in the case of V. P. Northrup made report as follows:

"Your Committee have given time and attention to this case and have reached the conclusion that Bro. Northrup has been indiscreet, but has not acted dishonorably nor committed an offense which would justify or require any further investigation.

JOHN B. QUIGG, J. O. SYPHERD,
C. W. PRETTYMAN, J. P. OTIS.

The report was adopted and the Committee of Examination made its report. The Presiding Elder of Salisbury District being absent, the further consideration of the case was postponed.

Reports.—T. E. Martindale presented again the report of the Committee on Stewards Endowment Fund.

Part 2 was read and adopted.

Part 3 was read and adopted.

Resolution 1 was read, amended and adopted.

Resolution 2 was read and adopted.

The report was then adopted entire.

V. S. Collins presented the Report of the Committee on Education and it was adopted.

Dr. Samuel L. Beiler, Vice-Chancellor of the American University was introduced and addressed the Conference.

J. O. Sypherd presented the Report of the Auditing Committee which was adopted, and a collection was taken in harmony with the resolution to provide for a balance due J. D. Rigg on Minute Account of 1891.

Robert Watt, T. E. Martindale, J. D. Rigg were, at the request of the Secretary, appointed a Committee to clear the Conference of unnecessary papers.

On motion of C. A. Hill, a collection was ordered for the sexton amounting to \$21.62.

Collection.—On motion of W. F. Corkran a collection for necessitous cases was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The case of V. P. Northrup was taken up, and after representation by the Presiding Elder, he was admitted into full membership, he being already a Deacon.

On motion of C. S. Baker, E. C. Atkins, Julius Dodd, J. A. Arters were appointed a committee on thanks.

Announcements were made and on motion of T. E. Martindale Conference adjourned, Dr. Beiler pronouncing the Benediction.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Opening.—Conference convened at 8.15 o'clock with Bishop Vincent in the chair. The Bishop addressed the Conference on the subject "The Relation of the Minister to the Young People," and led the Conference in devotional services. At nine o'clock the business session began. The Journal was read and approved.

Reports.—The Committee on Ministerial Qualification asked to be allowed to retire for a brief time which was granted.

Temperance.—R. T. Coursey presented the report of the Committee on Temperance and Prohibition which was amended at suggestion of Bishop Vincent and then adopted.

Sunday Schools and Tracts.—Wilmer Jaggard presented the reports on Sunday Schools and on Tracts, and they were adopted.

W. F. M. Society.—W. M. Greene presented and read the report on Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, which was adopted.

F. A. and S. E. Society.—J. A. Brewington presented the report on Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, which was adopted.

Statistics.—W. R. Mowbray, Statistical Secretary, presented his report and it was adopted.

Church Extension.—W. R. McFarlane presented the report of the Committee on Church Extension and it was adopted.

Periodicals.—J. S. Wickline presented the report of the Committee on Periodicals which was adopted.

Systematic Examination.—V. S. Collins presented the report of the Committee on Systematic Examinations, which was adopted. The Presiding Elders were then allowed to retire to prepare nominations contemplated in the above report.

J. B. Quigg.—J. B. Quigg was called to the chair.

Order of the Day.—The order of the day, a collection for necessitous cases, was taken, amounting to \$325, which was placed in the hands of Alfred Smith for the Presiding Elders.

Sabbath Observance.—B. F. Price presented the Report of Committee on Sabbath Observance and it was adopted. A supplementary collection was taken for the sexton, \$14.26, making a total of \$35.88.

Thanks — E. C. Atkins read the report of the Committee on Thanks, which was modified and adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, To convene, entertain, and conduct the session of an Annual Conference requires the co-operation of many, and

WHEREAS, This Conference has been entertained in this interesting and enterprising city, with a hospitality and kindness never excelled, therefore

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered:

1. To the families who have so kindly received us into their homes, and so hospitably entertained us.
2. To the trustees and members of this beautiful church for the use of their building.
3. To the Rev. Chas. A. Hill, his estimable wife, and the entertaining committee in their untiring care in behalf of our comfort.
4. To the sexton for his careful and efficient service.
5. To the public for the splendid attendance, and respectful attention to all the exercises.
6. To the choir for the invaluable aid it has rendered.
7. To our Secretaries, the Conference Treasurer and his assistants, and our committees for the care, patience and thoroughness, with which they have done the work entrusted to their care.
8. To the railroads, and steamboat lines which have shown us kindness in providing special accommodations, and reduced rates.
9. To the reporters, and publisher of the Conference Daily, for the able and impartial manner in which they have given to the public the proceedings of the Conference.
10. To Bishops Vincent and FitzGerald, and their efficient assistants Bros. N. M. Browne and J. B. Quigg, for the able, impartial, gentle and manly spirit manifested in the Presidency.
11. To Almighty God for His infinite goodness in all things.

Domestic Missions.—On motion the old Board of Domestic Missions was re-elected, with the single change of Adam Stengle in the place of W. W. W. Wilson.

Bishop Vincent.—At 11 o'clock Bishop Vincent resumed the chair.

A. T. Scott.—The name of A. T. Scott was called under the 12th Question. The Committee on Ministerial Qualifications was called and reported that it was the judgment of the Committee that no charge be made in his relation. The report was adopted and he was continued in the Supernumerary relation.

4th Question.—The 4th Question, "Who have been admitted on trial?" was taken up. Henry G. Budd and John H. Beauchamp were introduced, the Committees reported, the Presiding Elders represented, and they were admitted on trial.

Report of Dover District.—The 13th Question was resumed, R. H. Adams, Presiding Elder of Dover District, was called and read the report of his work as follows:

DOVER DISTRICT.

We have within the bounds of Dover District one hundred and thirty congregations occupying as many creditable places of worship. These are arranged into forty-five pastoral charges, nine being stations and thirty-six circuits, which have been served by thirty-three members of the Conference, four probationers and eight supplies.

Thirty-seven of the charges are provided with comfortable and adequately furnished parsonages, leaving eight that rent the home for the pastor.

The Sunday Schools number 133, with 1,700 officers and teachers and an enrollment of 11,000 scholars making an army of 12,700. The Superintendents appear to be capable men, and we have many flourishing schools, but in a few instances they are lacking in that aggressiveness necessary to develop organization, thorough training, and a liberal spirit. The standard of giving as measured by contributions to the cause of missions, is not commendable and make a startling revelation when contrasted with the liberality of the other districts, or the best disciplined schools on our own District.

An examination reveals the fact that this low average in giving is not occasioned by the poverty of the weak charges, but is found to exist where we have cause to expect better things. The four schools that compose the Dorchester Mission, with one third the number of scholars, reported for missions last year as much as four schools that compose one of the best circuits on the District. Were the benevolent spirit properly developed in the schools, the Dover District would be advanced to a meritorious position.

Immediately after the adjournment of the last Conference the Rev. Rev. T. H. Haynes was so prostrated by sickness, it was deemed advisable to relieve him of the arduous labor of Lincoln Circuit, and the Rev. S. K. Heebner was appointed a supply in his stead. After six months of faithful service in which he poured out his soul in consuming zeal for the church, he was overcome by typhoid fever and died in October, after a short illness; since that time this Circuit has been effectively supplied by the Rev. G. W. Hastings. This is the only record of death among the ministers of the District. God has graciously preserved the preachers and their families, but death has been reaping all the year from the ranks of the laity, and some of the noblest and best have been called to the Heavenly Kingdom.

Columbus Day was generally observed by the Sunday Schools, and we believe with a nearer approach to the real purpose of the institution. The desire to instruct the young in the great educational enterprise of the church prevailed over the unworthy motive of perverting the occasion by an entertainment to gather the crowd.

The floral displays were less profuse and in better taste. The disposition to abandon the home church, and Sabbath after Sabbath ride miles to see how others succeeded, was not so manifest in the conduct of parents and children. The program prepared by the Board of Education gave universal satisfaction and served to impart sentiments of patriotism to the minds of the young and awaken the love of country in the bosom of the old.

Independence Day was commemorated by a number of the churches with gratifying results. Prayers were offered, national hymns sung, the Declaration of Independence read, and patriotic addresses made.

In these days of predominant sectionalism with partisanship supplanting patriotism, disreputable stratagem preferred to the craft of statesmen, it is fitting that the church of God should lend her potential influence to revive the custom of celebrating the day of the Nation's birth, and plant deeply and nurture vigilantly in the public conscience the principle of justice to all men, and to all the rights of men that our national heritage be not destroyed, and that the priceless plant of God, American Protestantism may come in its sacred fruition.

Camp meetings were held at Camden, Hurlock and Sand Hills with only meagre spiritual results, while those at Crapo, Concord, St. John and Zoar were the means of the awakening and conversion of many souls. The meeting at Crapo was a special benediction to the church, many believers entered into a richer christian experience and scores of others were led to find salvation in Christ. But we must again record that our confirmed judgment is

some of these meetings are a menace to the prosperity of the church. The effect upon a number of congregations and Sunday Schools is deplorable. Were the same efforts made and the money expended in special revival work in the churches that are made and expended at camp meetings, I believe we would have five thousand additions to the church in the District.

The benevolent collections have received attention and the reports will show some improvement. Some of the reports may be more disappointing than we had expected, while others are gratifying in every detail. The pastors who began early in the year and worked systematically have attained the largest aggregated results, while those who delayed this important duty of the pastorate, have been confronted by self-imposed difficulties they could not overcome. The business depression has not been so severe in the agricultural districts as in the oyster sections, yet in the more prosperous communities the stringency is such that more than ordinary diligence was necessary to meet the apportionments. The high tides of the summer materially affected the crops in the two lower districts of Dorchester County, and so impoverished the people that every interest of the church has suffered; but notwithstanding all the adverse conditions the following appointments have advanced their collections: Burrsville, Cambridge, Camden, Crapo, Ellendale, East New Market, Felton, Georgetown Circuit, Hurlock, Houston, Harrington, Hooper's Island, Little Creek, Leipsic, Magnolia, Milford, Seaford, Vienna, Wyoming, Williston, Williamsburg, Salem and Zoar. The largest per cent. of advance is made by Harrington, Houston, Magnolia, Felton, Seaford, Wyoming, Williston and Vienna. The gratifying position reached last year by Dover, Denton, Crapo, Greenwood and Lewis is maintained this year. For Wesley Church, Dover, it must be said, it is the only appointment on the District that gives for Missions one-half the amount it pays for pastor's salary. The appointments that report less sums than last year are Armory Church in Dover, Farmington, Leipsic, Lincoln, Beckwith, Lakesville, Frederica, Cannon.

The payment of debts and the improvement of church property has continued despite the hard times. Our church at Houston, the Rev. G. R. Neese, pastor, has been enlarged, and beautified by the addition of a tower and bell, frescoing, painting, carpeting and new lamps and heater at a cost of \$1,200, which has been paid in cash.

On Ellendale Circuit, supplied by the Rev. L. T. McLain, two churches have been repaired; an imposing tower, rich frescoing, and tasty painting have transformed our church at Ellendale, while the removal of the gallery and the repainting of old New Market renders more sightly this time-honored structure. These improvements were also paid for in cash.

Cedar Neck on Lincoln Circuit supplied by the Rev. G. W. Hastings has been handsomely papered and painted and promptly paid for. Prospect on Farmington Circuit the Rev. W. M. Greene, pastor, has been newly frescoed and painted, Statonville received slight improvements, and Todd's is being renovated. Church Creek Church, damaged by a severe storm in the summer, is being improved under the management of the Rev. D. H. Willis on the safe plan of pay as you go. Bethesda on Georgetown Circuit has been moved to a more eligible location near Stokely Station, and the expense provided for, Rev. A. D. Davis, pastor. Saxtons, on Magnolia Circuit, through the tireless energy of the Rev. W. F. Dawson has been moved to Bowers' Beach, placed in excellent condition and has now a growing Sunday School and congregation.

The Sunday School room of Wesley, Dover, Dr. W. L. S. Murray, pastor, has been repainted, papered, and carpeted, the school supplied with new song books, and the congregation presented with silver collection plates by the young ladies of Sister Murray's class.

On Dorchester Circuit, supplied by the Rev. L. B. Kirby, Griffin's Neck Church has been completed and dedicated without debt.

Bloomery, on Williston Circuit, the Rev. T. F. Tabler, pastor, has been renovated and greatly improved, and Concord handsomely frescoed and painted and is now a thing of beauty.

Ebenezer on Nassau Circuit has been newly carpeted and supplied with an organ, and a beautiful iron fence placed around the church lot of Zion, Rev. J. S. Wickline, pastor.

St. Thomas on Zoar Circuit supplied by W. J. Tindale, has been thoroughly renovated and made comfortable and attractive. The Rev. P. H. Rawlins has decreased the indebtedness on the church at Harrington, bonded the property, made a full settlement of all claims, and by numerous additions, the Ladies' Aid Society has rendered the parsonage more comfortable. The parsonage at Crapo has been painted and the grounds newly fenced through the agency of Rev. W. W. Chairs, pastor. Payments have been made upon the indebtedness of the churches at Leipsic, Crapo, Magnolia, Little Creek, Choptank on Preston Circuit, Armory in Dover, and Lewes; a beautiful reflector has also been placed in the church at Lewes. The Rev. G. W. Townsend, by personal appeal, has met the annoying and long standing obligation against the parsonage at Denton, and that fine home is now free of incumbrance. The brethren on Greenwood Circuit have paid the debt on their parsonage property, Rev. A. Green, pastor. Various improvements have been made by repairs and the addition of new furniture to the parsonages at Bridgeville, Burrsville, Hurlock, Felton, Federalsburg, Camden.

The achievements of the District in debt paying are the liquidation of the indebtedness against the church at Bladesville and the parsonage at Wyoming. The Rev. C. W. Prettyman by an earnest personal canvass, succeeded in securing sufficient funds to meet the several claims against the Bladesville Church, and the final settlement was the occasion of great rejoicing among the people. The parsonage at Wyoming being under a mortgage debt with accrued interest amounting to \$1,100, it was a question of whether the property was worth the lien, but encouraged by a proffer from the pastor, the Rev. G. W. Bowman, to raise three hundred dollars from personal friends, the brethren united in the effort and the undertaking was accomplished; valuable assistance was rendered by Bros. Berry of Wyoming, and Draper of Camden. This is a step toward a position of permanent strength for Wyoming Circuit. The public burning of the bond and mortgage which had been the occasion of so much concern was a scene that will live in the memory of many of the friends of the church.

Several appointments made advances in ministerial support. Felton from \$600 to \$800, Houston from \$600 to \$800, Greenwood from \$600 to \$650, Harrington from \$750 to \$800, and Seaford from \$800 to \$900. The salaries have been paid with more promptness and the deficiencies will not be greater than in previous years. A number of the appointments have improved their system of financial management, and it may be said perfection has been reached by the management at Lewes, where every obligation of the church is paid monthly. They have not only the best of system but it is operated by a body of Stewards who are faithful in the performance of their duties. Where we have Stewards worthy of the office ministerial support is assured to the extent of the ability of the people, but where the Stewards are neglectful, narrow, and unfaithful doing duty from the unworthy impulse of like or dislike, the support of the preacher is uncertain and the prosperity of the church greatly hindered. System is doing much to develop general beneficence among our people but the most perfect system yet devised will fail if operated by those who have not the interests of the church at heart.

Revivals of an extraordinary character have blessed many of the churches, and more

than 2,000 souls have been brought to the saving knowledge of Christ. The enthusiasm witnessed in the days of the fathers has been repeated in several congregations. Methodism in her old armor, the word of God, the sword of the spirit and a happy experience is making a great conquest for the Lord. The ringing halleluiahs and the joyous shout have accompanied the sweep of victory. It may be the prophecy of thousands more who shall be gathered in the fulfilment of the promise, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."

The churches that have been quickened by this great work of grace have had the following accessions: Leipsic and Raymonds 23, Felton 25, Lewis 25, Hooper's Island 27, Ellendale 27, Williamsburg 30, Elliott's Island 42, Milton 31, Frederica 45, Nassau 57, Seaford and Bladestown 75, Milford 60, Galestown 64, Crapo circuit 70, Lincoln circuit 86, Wyoming 80, Williston 65, Lakesville circuit 70, Beckwith and Spedden 100, Harrington 100, East New Market 100, Little Creek 102, Burrsville 102, Magnolia 112, and Houston circuit 445. The work accomplished on Houston circuit is wonderful, and truly the kingdom of God has come to this people. Since the month of September services have been held seven nights in the week, in some one of the four churches.

People have ridden miles to attend these meetings, and children of tender years, with aged men and women have been the subjects of saving grace. Bro. Neese and his estimable wife have labored incessantly for souls, seeking and saving the lost in the spirit of Christ. What has been accomplished on Houston circuit may be accomplished on every circuit in the Conference. As preachers and people may we come into such relations to God that we may see the wonderful work wrought among us. Bro. T. F. Tabler of Williston circuit with his brethren of the adjoining charges, have been holding all-day meetings for the promotion of holiness, and many have been brought to taste the riches of divine grace in a fuller sense. Class meetings with an occasional exception are creditably sustained in the churches throughout the District. Inquiry into the methods of class leading has discovered that the slow, unanimated, and lengthy method of many leaders tends to diminish the attendance, while those of animation, and directness, who are conscious of the speed of time usually report interesting classes. A pleasing feature in our class work is the representation that our probationers are in regular attendance. The Sunday classes in the country churches have been greatly strengthened by having the leader immediately follow the sermon with the class, without dismissing the congregation. Epworth League Chapters are organized in several of the churches and doing efficient work. The study of the Bible, doctrines and discipline of the church have engaged the attention of young people. The department of mercy and help has given relief to the sick, supplied the wants of the needy and secured employment for the unemployed. The League has a membership of 925, with 7 new Chapters and one junior League. Rev. C. W. Prettyman is the District president. At a few points our people have had a determined struggle with the saloon. In some communities it was to prevent the renewal of the license of applicants who were regarded as conscienceless violators of the laws of the State, and in others to remonstrate against foisting upon the people another of these outposts of perdition. The W. C. T. U. is doing much to stimulate Prohibition sentiment and the people are appreciative hearers of a timely discussion of the issue. The Conference Academy has been the recipient of a legacy of \$1000 from the Hon. Eli Saulsbury, the honored, but now deceased President of the Board of Trustees.

The Academy is receiving increased patronage, and a better class of students than those now pursuing the course of study have never entered its halls. Reports of the President and Treasurer will supply additional information. Now brethren this brief of the doings of the

year gives only an intimation of the work of the pastors and laymen. We dare not say we have done all that might have been done, but we are thankful for the measure of success attained. We may not build rushing after the order of the upward bound of the balloon, but we believe we are building wisely and permanently. Help us with the encouragements of sympathy and prayer. Thankful for the many kindnesses of preachers and laymen, we respectfully submit this report.

R. H. ADAMS, P. E.

Report of Salisbury District—W. F. Corkran, Presiding Elder of Salisbury District was called and read the report of his work as follows:

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

With profound gratitude to the Lord of the Vineyard we come to report the harvests of another year. The lives and the health of the preachers and their families have been remarkably preserved. Yet grief has come to a few. Death entered the parsonage at Laurel and claimed for his own the pastor's mother. Sister Pilchard's life was one of faith and her death was peaceful. Bro. and Sister Mitchell were bereft of their babe of 12 months, in the month of November:

"Ere sin could blight or sorrow pale,
Death came with friendly care
And transferred the bud to Heaven
And bade it open there."

The Rev. John Robinson of Sharptown, a local preacher of long standing, of eminent ability, and a conspicuous figure of the Methodism of Wicomico and adjoining counties, died suddenly July 27th. He is gone but his work abides.

The great financial depression which prevails throughout the country has, in a large measure, paralyzed the business interests of the Salisbury District, and this distress has been intensified by the long continued drought of last summer which blasted the hopes of the husbandman and left his barns empty, but to counteract these we have had copious showers of grace and intense spiritual activity, almost every charge has been blessed with a gracious revival of religion and this renewed spiritual life has led to greater sacrifices than ever before for the support of the church, both at home and abroad, so much so that we feel safe in saying that the aggregate contributions to salaries and benevolent collections is larger than that of last year which was far in advance of any previous year.

No generalization will give an adequate view of the progress of the work at the different points of the district, therefore it is our purpose to note the more prominent developments of each charge.

Annessex has been much depleted in membership by removals from time to time and there has been no marked ingathering for some years, yet there is no depreciation in her benevolence. Bro. Walton is closing his second year pleasantly.

Asbury does not report a large ingathering of souls like she did last year, but the spirituality is high and the collections are the largest ever reported. For eleven years in succession Asbury has increased her collections, the Missionary collection in that time going up from \$40 to \$430, and the other benevolences in proportion and the end is not yet. The church has been painted and carpeted at a cost of \$300.

The contribution for Conference Claimants this year is \$90, which is the largest made by any church on the district.

Spring Grove Church on Barren Creek charge has been improved by the addition of a recess pulpit and a new coat of paint. Bro. Welch who was continued in charge last spring was removed to Powellville in September, and Clifford P. Futcher was put in charge. A revival of considerable interest is now in progress with a goodly number of conversions.

Berlin Circuit has been blessed with two gracious revivals this year, at Synapuxent and at Berlin. The long and much needed church improvements at Berlin were begun last summer and are still in progress. The old church has been completely revolutionized, a second story added, a spire built in front, modern memorial windows of cathedral glass put in and other changes less prominent made. The basement has been in use for some months, but the main audience room is not yet finished for the want of money. The brethren have exhausted their resources in these necessary repairs and need and deserve outside aid. The collections have suffered a slight decrease because of the efforts expended in the new church enterprise.

Bro. McFarlane has been abundant in labors and has made for himself a large place in the esteem of the people.

The debt on Epworth Church, Bethel Circuit has been reduced to \$120, which perhaps is the most prominent feature of the work under Bro. Edward Davis' care. The collections are better than they were last year.

One year ago we reported that Bishopville had increased her salary \$250, we are sorry to have to report now that she decreased \$300 this year, but \$100 of this is accounted for by the removal of Ebenezer from Bishopville to Selbyville, thus putting it \$50 in advance of what it was previous to last year. The collections have fallen off largely also. It is to be hoped, however, that this is not a permanent decline, and that the conditions which seemed to make it necessary will soon change. Bro. Poole has been abundant in labors, and he has had a score of souls for his hire. The St. Martin's Church was painted and otherwise improved during the fall, at a cost of \$160.

Bro. Bounds began the year at Cape Charles with 38 full members and 4 probations, after having dismissed 10 by letter. A handsome parsonage, worth, without lot, \$1,200, has been built adjoining the church, and \$825 expended in building and improving. No place on the district has seemed to suffer more from the financial depression.

One year ago Chincoteague had no salable oysters, this year her oysters are fair, but no market for them, hence money is extremely scarce. Yet her church finances are in good shape, except Salem, which may be a little short. She is in a prosperous condition spiritually. Bro. Jones, the popular pastor, is closing his third year.

Crisfield had a great revival last fall, about 162 professed conversion. The collections make an excellent showing, the missionary offering the largest in the history of the charge, \$100 expended on improvements. Bro. Stephenson closes his first year in the midst of a revival blaze.

It is safe to say that Deal's Island is having the happiest period of her history—under the enthusiastic supervision of Bro. Wyatt—50 conversions, \$450 spent in improving the church, the parsonage repapered and refurnished at an expense of \$50, and the collections in advance of the splendid record of last year.

The beautiful new church and parsonage at Delmar have been completed. The church cost \$3,500 and the parsonage \$1,400. The church was dedicated May 21st, when the entire cost of both was provided for and all but \$330 has been paid. The salary was advanced from \$700 to \$800. The collections surpass the record of last year and the spiritual tide is high.

Bro. O'Brien reports 50 conversions at Fairmount. The parsonage has been renovated, the outbuildings repaired and new heaters put into the church, at a total cost of \$520.

I am sorry to have to report a decrease of over \$200 in the seven general collections, \$170 of this comes from the missionary society. It is a sad thing for a people to conclude they are doing too much for God and the heathen.

Frankford has had a tidal wave of salvation, 114 conversions and scores of professors quickened. Improvements on church property have been made to the extent of \$210 and \$80 paid on debts. The benevolences are better than ever before. Bro. Swain, the faithful pastor, desires to return notwithstanding tempting offers from other charges.

Fruitland Circuit has been blessed with most gracious revivals in which 132 persons have professed conversion. St. Luke's Church, which had been abandoned for several years, was taken up some months ago, and the fire now burns upon her altar as in days of yore, the collections are a little better than one year ago. Bro. Chas. I. Stengle, the pastor, gives promise of great usefulness to the church.

Bro. Reese has found the conditions of success extremely hard on Girdletree Circuit, but by earnest, constant toil, and the co-operation of these splendid people victory has been snatched from the jaws of defeat, and the crisis is past, thirty souls have been converted, \$300 expended on the new church at Kleg Grange, the debt of \$275 on the church at Girdletree has been paid in cash and subscriptions, material is being put upon the ground for a new church at Goodwill and the collections are in good shape.

Gumboro, with four churches last year paid a salary of \$500, this year, with three churches she pays \$700 and raises for improvements, old debts, organ and insurance \$260. The benevolences shows a splendid advance, and twenty-four conversions are reported. Bro. Guthrie is a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.

Bro. Matthews brings over from Holland's Island the first fruits of a useful ministry. The new church debt of \$500, is paid and the collections are largely in advance of last year.

Three years ago Laurel was an \$800 charge with a very uninviting parsonage. A plain church and a very conservative people. But with the appointment of Bro. Pilchard there began a revolution and now she is paying an \$1100 salary, has a very comfortable home for the pastor, one of the most beautiful churches of the district and a wide awake aggressive people.

Bro. Carroll, with the activity of youth, has been abundant in labors on Millsboro Circuit. The splendid showing of 120 conversions, \$128 expended in improvements and \$200 for the benevolent objects could only be made by a faithful toiler.

Mt. Pleasant Circuit has had a year of success, every phase of the work has yielded to the godly zeal of the untiring pastor and his helpful family. The collections are about 300 per cent. in advance of last year, \$60 expended for improvements and 32 souls converted. Bro. Williams has greatly endeared himself to the people who want him next year on a better support.

Mt. Vernon, under the inspiration of Bro. Derrickson's administration makes a splendid record. The salary was advanced from \$600 to \$800 and has been paid in full. The benevolences are 28 per cent. more than ever before, 45 souls have been converted. The contemplated new church at Asbury has not been built because of the business depression, but it is the purpose of the brethren to begin soon. The improvements on church and parsonage cost \$300, all paid. More than one hundred religious papers are in circulation among the people.

Nanticoke Circuit still extends her border. Three years ago Bro. Cochran took charge of two churches, now he has three churches, one tabernacle and another church in progress. The plans for building a new church at Nanticoke Point have not matured, but a tabernacle costing \$250 has been built to hold the ground until the financial depression is past. A lot has been secured at a cost of \$50 and a church is to be built at once. The Lord put His seal

upon this movement three months ago in a gracious outpouring of the Spirit and the conversion of 40 souls, which added to the number converted elsewhere on the Circuit makes about 100.

St. Jones' Church has been improved with a new roof and a coat of paint. Trinity has also been painted and the surroundings of White Haven improved at a cost of \$275. Bro. Cochran's three years have been eminently successful.

The Rev. James R. Campbell has supplied Newark charge this year and the Lord has greatly blessed his zealous labors. He has won the hearts of the people. Forty-two souls have been converted and the amount of the collections represent hard work on the part of the pastor.

New Church has been unfortunate in the loss by removal of a large proportion of her membership, yet we note some progress—twelve conversions, \$70 paid on old debts, and the church at Hallwood fenced, with other improvements of less importance. The collections fall below last year.

The appointment of Bro. Atkins to Onancock two years ago marks the beginning of a new era in the history of that charge, yet last year was simply preparatory to the great achievements of this.

The three churches have all been remodeled, refurnished and beautified at a cost of \$5,200, all of which is paid. The church in town upon which was expended about \$2,500, of this amount, is a thing of beauty and shows the touch of a master hand; no more handsome audience room is to be found in our Conference territory.

Leatherberry Chapel was enlarged by the addition of a wing, which gives more room and greater facilities for church work. The benevolences have not suffered by reason of the extraordinary expenditure for local purposes, but are up to the excellent standard of last year. Seventy-nine persons have been converted during the year.

Bro. N. P. Johnson has toiled hard and successfully at Parksley. He found the people despondent and the church and parsonage heavily encumbered and out of repair. His first effort was to put the church property in good condition and in this he succeeded admirably at an expense of over \$400, and the debts have been reduced \$120. The people are encouraged and are rallying to the standard. Conversions, 27. The collections have suffered a slight decrease.

Parsonsbury more than holds her own under the efficient leadership of Bro. Gwinn. The debt on the church at Pittsville has disappeared, gracious revivals came to Pittsville and Zion, and the collections are as good as last year.

Pocomoke Circuit is still moving forward under Rev. W. N. Conway. The new church sentiment at Perry Hawkin has not yet fully materialized because of the afflictions of the leading spirit, but a temporary structure has been erected where regular services are held. We expected to have reported a new church at Curtis, but the work has been unavoidably delayed. We hope, however, to begin soon. Bro. Conway reports 38 conversions and an increase in the collections.

Bro. Macnichol's appointment to Pocomoke City one year ago seems to have been a very happy one for both pastor and people. Enthusiasm has run high from the first. The salary was increased \$100; the congregations crowd the church and the revival efforts resulted in 55 conversions. The pastor is trying to manufacture new church sentiment, which is much needed.

The new church at St. John's on Powellville Circuit reported as in progress one year ago, was completed and dedicated August 27th. The entire cost of \$1,200 was provided for on

the day of dedication. Bro. Hastings who served as a supply until September 1st, left to attend school and Bro. Eben Welch was put in charge. The revival interest has been good and 50 souls have been converted during the year. The parsonage surroundings have been very much improved by the erection of a fence and outbuildings at an expense of \$200. The collections are well up.

Princess Anne is happy under the care of Bro. Todd, though unfortunate in the loss of some financial aid. The revival efforts were not as successful as was hoped, but the benevolences are above their usual standard, which means a large degree of liberality on the part of these royal people.

A slight change was made in the boundary line of Quantico Circuit, last spring, by the substitution of Hebron for Mills Chapel at that time the little society at Hebron worshiped in a tent, but during the year they have built and paid for a beautiful little church at a cost of about \$1,000. It was dedicated February 18th. Quite successful revivals were held at three of the churches resulting in 50 conversions. The collections are better than ever before. Bro. Mitchell is closing his third year successfully.

The plans for a new church at Marion Station, Quindocqua charge, spoken of in my report one year ago have been put into execution and we have at that point a beautiful house of worship which cost with the lot \$3,200. \$2,700 of this has been either paid or provided for.

The Quindocqua Church has been painted and otherwise improved at a cost of \$240. 10 conversions are reported and the benevolences are up with last year. Bro. Northrup has exhibited much energy and tact in the prosecution of the work of this charge.

Bro. Hardesty's appointment to Roxanna last spring was believed by those who knew both preacher and charge to be a wise one, and subsequent events have demonstrated its fitness. It has been a year of harmony and prosperity, 40 conversions a slight increase in the collections and \$50 paid on old debts. After long waiting for the necessary legal service the lot for a new church at Bethel is secured and the building will be begun soon.

The outlook for Read's Wharf is more promising than it was one year ago, Thomas S. Barrett, to the manor born, has been in charge and the natives of the old Dominion are rallying about him. New life has been infused into the church at the Wharf, and some improvements in church property made. A new church is being built at Jamesville and is now inclosed, and will be ready for dedication about May.

Bro. Burr has given to St. Peter's 4 years of most successful service, and this year has been the best of the four. The revival fires still burn, and seldom a week passes that some one isn't converted. The total number of conversions this year is 53, and although the people have felt the pressure of hard times, no financial interest of the church has suffered. A handsome new church at Habnab to cost about \$3000 is nearing completion and plans are maturing to build another at what is called the Chapel. The salary was increased \$50, \$275 have been expended in improvements, and the benevolence are up to the high standard of last year. As we compare the St. Peter's of to-day with the St. Peter's of ten years ago we are constrained to say, "Behold, what hath God wrought."

Of Salisbury I need say but little, her name is abroad. For nearly three years the faithful pastor went forth, into the pulpit and into the homes of the people, weeping, bearing precious seed to-day he comes with arms full of sheaves. The fire that had been smouldering in the hearts of the faithful few, broke out in October and continued to burn for 10 weeks, leaping over all denominational and social barriers and making all one in Christ Jesus. 202 souls were converted, of these our own church has 129 as probationers and the other churches

of the town and community gathered in a goodly number. Without doubt this church has reached a desirable position among both the masses and the classes of this town. Something more than \$300 has been expended in improving the church and parsonage property. The report on the benevolences is exceedingly gratifying. The Missionary collections this year is \$401, being an increase of more than 100 per cent. in 3 years. The other collections reach a high standard. The relations between pastor and people are most delightful.

Selbyville, formerly a station, has been strengthened by the addition of Ebenezer Church and the salary has been made \$100 more. The conversions number 26 and the collections are about what the two churches paid last year; the parsonage sentiment is growing and it will likely materialize next year.

Sharptown has had a most prosperous year under Bro. McQuay. In proportion to the field no greater harvest of souls has been gathered on the District than at Sharptown. Total number of conversions, 63; and there is a large advance on the collections. The enforced idleness of the ship and house carpenters gave the opportunity to build a parsonage with but little outlay of cash, and in a few week they will have a handsome house of their own for the pastor.

Bro. Gray's second year on Smith's Island is a great success, 90 conversions, \$90 expended on church improvements, and \$40 advance on the collections.

Bro. Coursey at Snow Hill is a perfect fit, in organizing and rallying the forces, and in gathering the spoils he is eminently successful. Indeed every phase of work demanded by the needs of the church, has been faithfully done. The conversions number 75 and the benevolence are about 30 per cent in advance of the best previous record. She salary was increased \$100, and with financial prosperity Snow Hill will soon put herself where her intelligence, refinement, wealth and aggressiveness demand that she should be.

Rock Creek has had a successful year under Bro. McFaul; 40 conversions, \$100 expended on improvements of church property, the benevolences more than up with previous years, and the pastor much pounded. It looks as though the flood tide had started in at Stockton. Bro. Given has put in a year of faithful work and rejoices in signs or new life. He reports 22 conversions, the benevolences in good shape, the parsonage painted, and the people hopeful.

Tangier Island is splendidly organized and is doing excellent work. She gives to the seven great connectional interests of the church over \$500 this year \$50 to conference claimants and \$15 to Domestic Missions. There have been 40 conversions this year and \$110 expended on improvements.

Bro. Webster's faithful service, and the aggressive, liberal spirit, and systematic methods of his official board, account in large measure for this splendid showing.

Bro. C. K. Morris, the faithful and popular supply of Westover charge, reports 27 conversions, \$50 paid on the parsonage debt, and the church at Westover improved to the extent of \$180. The benevolences make a better showing than last year.

Bro. Miller reports from Whitesville 75 conversions, \$50 spent on building and improving, \$200 paid on parsonage debt, and the benevolences up to a good figure.

This has been a year of gracious revivals and about 2,200 souls have professed conversion at our altars. A large proportion of these have united with our church, but a goodly number have gone to swell the ranks of other Communions. Surely the gospel, as preached to day, is the power of God to awaken and convert sinners. The importance of training our children and young people in the fear of God and in the doctrine and discipline of the church is being emphasized more and more and greater zeal is exhibited in this work.

Our Sunday School workers are enthusiastic and it is an exceptional thing for a country Sunday School to hibernate, while the addition of books, pictures, etc., and the application of new methods are making the work a real delight. Epworth Leagues are organized in about 38 of the 46 charges; it is doing excellent work, both in training the young people and in helping the church; for there seems to be no department of the church that is not touched and enthused by it. Rev. C. T. Wyatt is the wide awake president of this department of District work and he is aided by an able corps of assistants. Pastoral support I am happy to say is on the increase. In three years there has been a net gain in the estimates on salary of \$4,300, \$1,000 of this accredited to this years account.

There is a growing demand for ability in the pulpit and faithfulness in the pastorate, and I am happy to find that with this increasing demand upon the preacher, there is a growing willingness to pay for the article demanded. From every point comes up the request for a good preacher, accompanied with the assurance of a good salary. In interpreting the spirit of a large class of our laymen regarding the support of the faithful pastor, I feel like saying, the laborer shall have his hire, and at the same time I want to express my conviction to these laymen that no class of men on this territory are as hard worked as are these men who minister to you in holy things, and it is only the conviction of the divine call coupled with their love for God and humanity that impels them to toil on.

I regret very much that I cannot report large advances in the contribution to the great benevolences of the church, and I am persuaded it is due to a lack of information, and system of giving. It must be admitted that this has been a very hard year financially, yet if our people could only be made to understand fully what this money is for, what it is doing, and their obligation to God and to humanity, and could be induced to follow Paul's advice, to lay aside a part of their prosperity the first day of every week where now we have only dimes we should have dollars. Thousands wasted upon self would be given to God and the sighs of those, upon whose hearts are humanity's woes, would change to glad hallalujahs.

We may find some comfort, however, in the reflection that for two years we have made good advances on most objects, and especially last year, that many of us have done what we could, and that in the face of these incomparably hard conditions, we have made some advances, over last year's record which was by far the best ever made by the District. When the account is made up, it will be found that we have an advance of about \$263 on missions, from \$25 to \$50, each on Church Extension and Freedmen's Aid, and a slight advance on Sunday School, Tracts and Bible, and about the same on Education. The Conference Claimant Collection is slightly in advance.

Thus it appears that we have to show for the faithful toils of this field, 2,200 conversions, \$33,600 paid on ministerial support, less a few deficiencies, \$20,000 expended in building and improving church property and in paying old debts. For the seven connectional benevolences about \$8,500. These thousands represent hundreds of princely givers, not because out of their much they have given largely, but because out of their little their little they have given all that they had.

The temperance cause has been faithfully served by the Prohibition party, the W. C. T. U. and other societies of less prominence in that line. The W. C. T. U. with a petition signed by more than 5,000 of the best citizens of Worcester County is now besieging the Maryland Legislature for the right to remonstrate against the granting of license, I hear that there is but little hope of success. The ladies of Sharptown with a boldness born of righteous indignation besieged the same legislature for total prohibition in that town and they have secured it through the co-operation of their representative Bro. Robinson. A determined

effort has been made twice to resubmit the local option question to a vote of the people of Princess Anne, with a view to opening saloons in that town, but thanks to the representatives in the lower house, it has failed both times.

I have no means of knowing how much or how little I have contributed to the harvests of this year. But I do know that I have put into the District a year of hard self-sacrificing work. About two-thirds of my time has been spent in the field. I have preached 148 sermons, held 181 Quarterly Conferences and many love feasts, prayer meetings, etc. I have spared no time, labor nor expense to help every interest of the work to the extent of my ability. As far as I have felt at liberty to spend my energies according to the dictates of my own judgment, I have helped most where help seemed most needed, and this policy has required me to give more time and effort to the weak charges and with the inexperienced pastors.

With thankfulness to God for His boundless mercy and with gratitude to preachers and people for uniform, kindness and co-operation I close this my third annual report of the Salisbury District.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. F. CORKRAN.

Transfers.—The Bishop announced the following Transfers: T. E. Diverty of the Vermont Conference to this Conference, and Isaac Jewell from this Conference to the Vermont Conference.

Nominations.—The nominations of the Examining Board and of Triers of Appeals were made and they were approved. (See list.)

Committee on Anniversaries.—On motion of J. B. Quigg, the pastor of Smyrna Church and the Presiding Elder of Easton District were appointed a Committee on Anniversaries for the session of 1895.

Board of Church Location.—The Board of Church Location was nominated and confirmed. (See list.)

Missionary Sermon.—C. S. Baker was appointed to preach the missionary sermon at the next session with S. J. Morris as Alternate.

Conference Board of Church Extension.—The Conference Board of Church Extension was nominated and confirmed, (See list.)

Apportionments.—District apportionments for General Conference Expenses for 1896 and the Episcopal Fund were submitted by W. F. Corkran and they were approved.

Dr. Hulburd.—Merritt Hulburd was substituted for N. M. Browne on the Board of Deacons' Work.

A collection was taken to furnish each family entertaining members of the Conference with a copy of the minutes.

Adjournment.—It was directed that after the reading of the appointments the Conference stand adjourned.

Journal.—The Journal was read and approved.

The Bishop then read the appointments and pronounced the Benediction.

Reports.

I.—AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your committee appointed to audit the several accounts of the Presiding Elders with the Missionary Society, the Domestic Mission Fund, the Rev. E. H. Nelson as Trustee for Mrs. Annie D. Chatham, the Rev. R. K. Stephenson Trustee for Rev. R. C. Jones, and the Conference Treasurer would present the following report:

Rev. L. E. Barrett, Presiding Elder of Wilmington District, received from Joseph Smithers, Treasurer of the Domestic Fund, \$326, which was distributed as follows: Claymont, \$40; Port Penn, \$40; Christiana, \$40; Elk Neck, \$40; Marshallton and Stanton, \$50; Mt. Pleasant Md., \$25; Mt. Pleasant, Del., \$26; Hopewell, \$25; Swedish Mission, \$40; total, \$326.

Rev. A. Smith, Presiding Elder of Easton District, received from Jos. Smithers, Treasurer of the Domestic Mission Fund \$233, which was disbursed as follows: Ingleside, \$50; Trappe, \$38; Bozman, \$42; Royal Oak, \$25; Wye and Starr, \$12.50; Crumpton, \$25; Tunis' Mills, \$40; Total, \$233.

Rev. R. H. Adams, Presiding Elder of Dover District, received from the Missionary Society, \$250, disbursed as follows: Dorchester Circuit, \$125; Salem, \$75; Lakesville Circuit, \$50; total, \$250.

Received from Jos. Smithers, treasurer of the Domestic Mission Fund, \$160, which was paid to the following charges: Dorchester Circuit, \$30; Lakesville, \$30; Zoar, \$20; Armory, \$30; Georgetown Circuit, \$30; Little Creek, \$35; Overpaid last year, \$15; total, \$190. Paid in excess of receipts, \$30.

Rev. W. F. Corkran, Presiding Elder of Salisbury District. Received from the Missionary Society, \$550. Disbursed as follows: Reed's Wharf, \$25; Cape Charles, \$200; Parksley, \$200; Princess Anne, \$50; New Church and Hallwood, \$75; total, \$550.

Received from Jos. Smithers, Treasurer of Domestic Mission Fund, \$239. Paid out as follows: Barren Creek, \$75; Powellville Circuit, \$25; Princess Anne, \$50; Westover, \$5; Berlin, \$25; Chance, \$25; Stockton, \$34; total, \$239.

Report of Rev. E. H. Nelson, Trustee for Mrs. Annie D. Chatham:—Received from Wilmington Conference, \$275; received from Mr. Carrow, \$141; total, \$416. Paid Geo. Jones Steward of Hospital, April 11th, 1893, \$104; July 11th, 1893, \$104; Oct. 10th, 1893, \$104; Jan. 9th, 1894, \$104; total, \$416.

Rev. R. K. Stephenson, Trustee for Rev. R. C. Jones, received from Conference Stewards, \$250; paid to Rev. R. C. Jones, \$246.02; leaving a balance in hand of \$3.98.

Rev. C. A. Grise, Conference Treasurer, received from the various charges of the Conference \$48,764, which was paid by order of the Conference to the treasurers of the several funds.

The special collection taken on the floor of the Conference at Middletown amounted to \$82.85, which was paid as follows: Middletown Minutes, \$22; to Rev. J. D. Rigg, on account, \$60.85; total \$80.85. Leaving a balance due Rev. J. D. Rigg on minutes of

\$22.31. Your committee recommend that a collection be taken during Conference to reimburse Bro. Rigg.

II.—BIBLE CAUSE.

The study of the word of God and the spread of the Holy Scriptures are the bases of the establishment of Christian character and the development of the moral and religious capabilities of our nature.

Recognizing the great value in the past, of the work done by the American Bible Society, and by our local societies in distributing the Bible we venture the suggestion that the field open to us as productive of best results, is, to put a copy of this book into the hands of every child that can read, whether Protestant or Roman Catholic that can be reached.

A clear comprehension of the principles and truths taught in the Word of God by the masses of the people is far more conducive to the perpetuity and prosperity of our Government than any other source from which we can draw.

The activity displayed by all the churches in culturing and training the minds of the children and youth of our country in the teaching of the Gospel is a source of pleasure and congratulation to all who believe in good citizenship and the principles of Christianity.

The work done by Rev. W. W. Moffet Superintendent, of the American Bible Society in New Jersey and Delaware and by Rev. Dr. Myers agent of Maryland Bible Society, is not only recognized but greatly appreciated. It is with a great deal of pleasure we refer to the 40 per cent. advance in the circulation of the Scriptures this year over that of last.

III.—CHURCH EXTENSION.

Church extension is an important part of our missionary work. By it houses to the Lord are reared; and work for souls, for homes, for communities, for the nation and for the world is being greatly helped.

Methodism in the nation is largely indebted to the Church Extension Society for what it now is in number, rank and reputation. As every church erected promotes Christian piety, and increases the number saved; it is therefore a means of grace unto salvation, and as the work of this Society is in ever increasing demand, there should be a corresponding increase in the amount of our contributions to its funds. We ought not, therefore, to call this or any other of our benevolencies burdensome when God has so highly prospered us; and inasmuch as we are great and constant receivers, we ought to be great and constant givers.

The Church Extension Society should be able to help build a church in every community where a church is needed, and especially where one church is weak and other churches are strong, and in some instances endowed.

In view of these facts and others that might be mentioned, therefore resolved;

(1) That in the Conference year soon to commence, we will endeavor to acquaint our people more fully with the work of this Society and make use of every means to advance its interests.

(2) That we earnestly commend the interests of the Church Extension Society by using the publications they furnish; by carefully presenting the excellent features of the work of this Society to our people; by prayer to the great Head of the Church for his blessing and benediction to rest upon this Society whose great object is, a house of prayer for all people.

IV.—CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Conference Board of Church Extension begs leave to submit the following report of

the work done during the year, within the bounds of the Wilmington Conference. Two meetings of the Board were held, the first at Fletcher Hall, Wilmington, on May 9th, 1893, and the second in the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Dover, on June 21st. The Report showed that the sum of \$2,475 had been paid April 22d to James Long, Esq., Treasurer of the Parent Board. The following recommendations were made: For Donations—Burr's Church, \$125; St. John's, \$125; McCauley's, \$125; Wheatley, \$100; Tilghman's, \$100; Grace, Md., \$300; Epworth, Wilmington, \$460; Silverbrook, Wilmington, \$460. For Loans—Burr's Church, \$400; Tilghman's, \$300; Cookman, Wilmington, \$3,000. Cookman Church, having relinquished her donation of \$400 which had not yet been paid, the Board requested that it be transferred to Silverbrook. Also that the donation of \$150 to Tilghman's Church be transferred to Betterton. Donations have been made and paid during the year by the Parent Board as follows: Betterton, \$150; Elliott's Island, \$100; Leipsic, \$275; Marion, \$300; St. John's, \$125; Hebron, \$150; Habnab, \$125; Cordova, \$200.

There are on file at the present date in the General Office the following grants, awaiting the fulfillment of conditions: Donations—McCauley's, \$125; Tilghman's, \$100 with \$300 loan; Silverbrook, \$460; Epworth, \$460. These if paid would leave a balance to our credit of \$538.56. Loans outstanding at close of fiscal year ending October 31st, 1893. Locust Grove, \$199; Hallwood, \$267.33; Pittsville, Va., \$75; Little Creek, \$600; Reed's Wharf, \$250; Chicoteague Island, \$20; New Church, \$200; Hoopersville, \$150; Madison, \$250; Lakesville, \$300; Wesley, Wilmington, \$4,000; Barren Creek, \$200; Leipsic, \$600. Loans returned—Kenny, \$100; Wesley, Wilmington, \$1,000; Chicoteague Island, \$914. The Board has used due diligence in getting information concerning the churches for which aid has been asked, and has recommended carefully. The general Board has been considerate with regard to all our applications, and has endorsed our action whenever it was possible to do so.

V.—CONFERENCE ACADEMY.

Report of the Board of Trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy to the Wilmington Conference, met at Salisbury, Md., March 21, 1894.

Dear Brethren: In accordance with the requirements of the charter the Trustees present this their annual report. We may congratulate the Conference in the terms of Prof. Gooding, who says: "The school for the years 1893-94 bids fair to be one of the most successful schools in our history. The enrollment has reached about 150, and the school for the year has been unusually solid. This condition of the Academy is to be estimated as the more significant in view of the competition we encounter from the Delaware College at Newark, and the Washington College at Chestertown, Md. A higher standard has been set up at Newark, and the Delaware College may as it ought to be, removed from competition with our Academy. The arrangement heretofore existing with the principal gave him as compensation two-thirds of the net proceeds, he having the general management tutitional and financial. Prof. Gooding desired to be relieved from the financial risk involved in this arrangement and proposed to serve on a salary of seven hundred and fifty dollars and board for himself and family. We cannot estimate the net financial result of the new arrangement for the year, but as the revenues to date have been nine hundred and fifty dollars more than the liabilities we are encouraged to believe we will have no occasion for dissatisfaction. For the years 1892-93 the number of teachers was seven, the number of students 153, receipts \$14,722.98, expenditures \$13,944.61. For the present year the revenue to date has exceeded the liabilities in the sum of a thousand dollars, and we are hoping for a more profitable result. The interest upon the

bonded debt has been paid. The late Hon. Eli Saulsbury made no provision in his will for a legacy to the Academy, but requested his heirs to present the Academy with one thousand dollars. We are under a debt of gratitude to them for their prompt compliance with his wish. The Academy buildings are in good condition, the grounds are attractive and beautiful, the general conditions all unite to encourage the hope that steady progress will be made in all things essential to large influence in molding the intellectual and moral character of the young men and women whose patronage may be secured from year to year. One hundred and six young men have graduated, and sixty-one of the number are engaged in the various professions, forty-three young ladies have also gone out from the Academy to fill places of usefulness and honor. Our brief history of 20 years has made its record, and we may hope that added years will improve both our means and opportunities and give us increasing cause of gratitude to God, and with greatly enlarged opportunities a more numerous company of men and women qualified for the highest stations of responsibility and usefulness.

The trustees have been concerned about a difference which has been the result of an effort to assist young men who have been unable to pay their way in the Academy, but who have greatly needed its advantages. The work done in this particular has cost the Academy several hundred dollars annually, but some of the trustees have felt that we cannot refuse to extend this help. Our conclusion has been that the annual collection made for the Academy in the churches might be increased and provide for this work as well as the interest on the Endowment Fund. Eighteen hundred dollars would not only make our interest fund sufficient but provide for this extra expense, and thus relieve the trustees of apprehension respecting any liability to lapse in the payment of the interest on our bonded debt. The trustees ask the Conference to adopt the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders be instructed to apportion eighteen hundred dollars to be collected in the charges of the Conference for the benefit of the Conference Academy.

VI.—CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Mr. President and Brethren: I ask the privilege of presenting a report of the "Historical society" of our Conference, and I would with some emphasis remind you that we have such a Society, and I am aware, at once of the honor and responsibility of being its President. And owing to the press of business I regret to say a meeting of the managers has seemed impracticable. Our anniversary, however, was held and after singing by the choir and prayer by Dr. Mantindale Dr. Murray addressed the meeting, giving many interesting statements respecting the "Old Delaware District" of the "Old Philadelphia Conference," on which he had prepared a paper, he forgot to bring it to Conference, but will pass it into the Archives of the Society. Bro. Hill, the present pastor of our church at Salisbury, also prepared a paper for the occasion on "Methodism in Salisbury and its vicinity," but by other engagements was prevented from delivering it, it also will be given to the Society. A paper titled "Some recollections" was read by the Chairman, which will also be placed in the Societies depository. And it may be gratifying to hear that from year to year since I have occupied the position I do, valuable memorials have come into our possession and passed to the Custodian of the Society. And it is a pleasure to be able to say that some interest in our Society still exists, and I do herewith ask the brethren to come up next year with some relic or record of value to add to our historical role. For myself I can declare that there is no abatement of my zeal in this matter; and with the spirit of Methodist chivalry I expect to stand at my post to lead or to follow in the foot steps of the noble and the brave. We must admit that our territory on the historic line has claims upon us, too sacred to be slighted. It is

classic and heroic. Its trophies are too precious to be left with the rubbish of passing years. And now for the sake of those who lived before us and of those who shall come after us let us keep bright their names and their deeds, "Quit ourselves like men" and "in the name of the Lord lift up our banners" marching on to victory. I herewith renew the request granted the committee at the last Conference to revise our Constitution and By-Laws, and report at our next Conference. In conclusion I would move that Bro. T. H. Haynes having reached his fiftieth year in the ministry be requested to preach a semi-centenary sermon at the anniversary of our Conference Historical Society next year.

WHEREAS, That by the time of the meeting of the Conference at its next session, in 1895, the Rev. W. E. England will have completed his fiftieth year in the ministry,

Resolved, That we request brother England to prepare a semi-centennial sermon to be delivered before the Historical Society at the next session of the Conference.

VII.—DEACONESS BOARD.

The first meeting of the board was held in Grace Church parsonage on Friday, June 9th, 1893. Meeting called to order by Mr. Pyle; Dr. Dobbins elected chairman and Miss Weldin, secretary. Two other meetings, one on September 23d and the other March 15th, 1894, were held. At the second meeting it was decided to have Deaconess work in the Wilmington Conference placed under the supervision of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The ladies at once determined to employ two Deaconesses. Considerable difficulty and delay in securing those who had received two years training was owing partly to the demand for Deaconesses being greater than the supply. In January, 1894, Miss Julia Howard, formerly of the Lucy Webb Hayes Deaconess Home in Washington was secured. Miss Howard was most cordially received by the ladies of the different churches, and it was upon invitation from the pastor of Union Church decided to begin her work in that church. After four weeks spent in Wilmington, Miss Howard was obliged to return to her home owing to ill health. At the meeting of the Conference Board of the Womans Home Missionary Society, held on Monday, March 12th, it was unanimously decided to continue Deaconess work. Forty ladies representing seven Methodist churches expressed the desire to establish a Deaconess Home at once. Committees were set to work to secure a suitable house for a home and to secure funds. Mr. J. Taylor Gause, a member of the Deaconess Board, gave \$100, while others have subscribed smaller amounts. Your committee have every reason to believe that before the close of another conference year the Deaconess work will be firmly established in the city of Wilmington.

VIII.—EDUCATION.

Your committee on education beg leave to report that in their judgment the cause of education was never more dear to the hearts of our people than in this year of grace. Throughout the entire church there is a great forward movement in education. Education is being demanded as never before for both the ministry and laity; and our academies, colleges and universities were never so well equipped as now to further the mental training demanded by these new conditions.

Old Dickinson, for years the especial pride of this peninsula, has learned the secret of perennial youth; and, now in her old age, under the skillful leadership of Dr. Reed, has put on new beauty in these later days and rejoices in the largest enrollment of students in her history.

Drew Seminary, to whom this Conference is indebted for the mental training of so many of her strongest men, is now prepared to teach the truths necessary for the mental furnishing of a Methodist minister as never before. We congratulate the seminary upon its acquisition for its faculty of that youthful yet learned Hebraist and Assyriologist, Dr. Henry W. Rogers.

The schools, under the care of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society, to whose support we contribute, are reported in good condition. Morgan College in Baltimore, and the academies at Princess Anne, Md., and Lynchburg, Va., respectively, are pursuing their usual work with encouraging success. Boston University seems determined to hold its advanced position along all the lines of education; while the Woman's College of Baltimore City, the latest and most beautiful of all, is the pride of all Maryland, "my Maryland," and the joy of every Methodist heart.

The American University is the grandest and most far-reaching educational scheme ever devised, much less attempted, by the Methodist Episcopal Church. Inspired by his own lofty conceptions, Bishop Hurst is renewing his youth like the eagle, and pressing the claims of the University with the skill and indomitable will which characterize him. A great day for our beloved Methodism will it be when in the presence of the assembled thousands "He shall bring forth the head-stone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it." God hasten the day!

And now we come to the last, but to this Peninsula, the most important institution of them all, viz., the Wilmington Conference Academy. Being in very truth the child of this Conference, managed entirely by the ministers and laymen of this Conference a school second to none of its grade in the excellence of its curricula and the thoroughness of its work, this school, our own Academy ought to be first in the affections of our Peninsula Methodism, first to receive our liberal contributions. At this school many of our ministers and laymen receive their first, if not their only course of higher education. Well for our people that we have such a noble institution at our very doors! The Academy should be freed from its burden of bonded debt; and every minister and layman on this Peninsula ought to feel himself bound to give and solicit and until the last dollar of bond and interest is paid. The past year has been one of the most successful in the history of the Academy. Our Children's Day services are more generally observed than ever before; and we believe they are being conducted in a better and more healthful way. The extravagances we believe are more and more becoming a thing of the past, while the day is being made more and more what it was intended to be—a day on which to turn the minds of our two millions and more of the youth to the many schools standing with open doors anxious to welcome them to all the benefits of the highest education. The fund raised from the Children's Day collections is carefully husbanded and administered.

Let us remind you, brethren, of our own Conference Educational Society. This Society is to provide for the education of our own Peninsula boys, preparing for the ministry in this Conference. There are no costs in this Society for the distribution of its funds; but every cent contributed goes directly to the purpose for which it is contributed. Remember, please to make your collection for this Society as large as practicable.

IX.—EPWORTH LEAGUE.

We are gratified and amazed at the growth of this organization reaching as it does such surprising figures. The church at large has taken kindly and gladly to this society. The interest aroused has been wide-spread and truly wonderful. In this Conference territory we have about 120 chapters, enrolling more than 7,000 young people. We are all persuaded

that it needs only an intensified interest on the part of the pastors to double these figures during the coming year; for even the Epworth League needs the oversight of the pastors to insure its complete success. We congratulate the church on having a young peoples society of its own, true and loyal to its doctrines and polity. We are thoroughly convinced that the Epworth League is admirably adapted to their spiritual, intellectual and social needs. We earnestly desire to commend the Epworth Herald, the official organ of the League to the attention of all the young people of our churches, believing that it will serve to enlighten, educate and uplift its readers. The fact that all the Districts in the Conference are holding yearly conventions is an indication of present interest and a prophesy of future growth and permanance. The successful anniversary addressed by our President, Bishop FitzGerald, we trust, will convince the pastors who hitherto have taken little interest in this movement, of its necessity and value.

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

The great problem what to do with the Freedman has been solved by the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Ignorance is the mother of vice. The negro must be educated. Only Christian education will elevate this people and make them trusted and respectable citizens. Thus far the work of the Society has been signally successful, but it will never arrive at that degree of perfection desirable until all racial prejudices shall have been removed. By extending its benefits to both races, as there are nearly two million of whites in the 16 Southern States, who according to the last census, can neither read nor write, and almost four million of colored people in a similar condition, this deplorable state of ignorance demands not only our sympathy, but our substantial co-operation and aid. We, therefore, would most earnestly recommend that our churches give more attention to the financial interests of this great cause.

It is evident to the minds of your committee that many of the people of the South have not arrived at that point of financial ability to sustain themselves in the various departments of scholastic education without our aid. Although the Freedman's Aid Society has been in existence but a few years, comparatively, it has achieved great victories and grand results in accomplishing the purpose for which it was established. There are within the boundaries of the 16 Southern States, under the care of this Society 45 institutions of learning, 13 of which are of collegiate grade, and one Theological Seminary. In all these schools there were last year 9,065 students of which 166 were in college classes, 1,104 in college preparatories, 523 preparing for teaching, 277 preparing for the ministry, and 273 in medical colleges. This gives us a synoptical idea of what this Society is doing. A great advance has been made in manual training and trade schools. We are gratified to know that of the 20,000 of teachers of the colored people in the South, 14,000 are from Methodist schools. Believing that the requirement of our discipline upon this particular subject is sadly neglected, we, therefore, would recommend that every minister of this Conference be requested to preach upon this subject and take the collection separately and upon its own merits.

XI.—PERIODICALS.

We regard the Christian Advocate, the Methodist Review, the Gospel in All Lands, and the Epworth Herald, as very important publications in the interest of our church and that we should subscribe for, and circulate them as extensively as possible. In view of the fact that generous dividends are received by this, as by the other Conferences, annually from the

profits of the Methodist Book Concern, we recommend that our preachers and people patronize the same whenever practicable.

XII.—SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The observance of the Sabbath as a day of rest and religious service is based upon the word of God, which is the foundation of civil and moral law. To rob it of its sacredness is therefore to strike a blow at the physical and spiritual happiness of man. We deplore the irreverence manifest in many places, and believe that among the causes producing this lamentable state of affairs is the lack of proper parental training and influence. Many professing Christians permit trifling excuses to keep them from the temple of the Lord on His holy day, and children are allowed to roam the fields or parade the streets, thus converting the day into one of pleasure seeking. It is a violation of the sanctity of the Sabbath to practice social visiting, to have unnecessary cooking and to defer matters of a personal or domestic character for Sunday that can be performed on Saturday. The keeping open of places of business until 12 o'clock Saturday night, thus rendering one unfit for Sabbath services by such a practice, is a violation of the day. The presence of the Sunday newspaper in our homes cannot but have a baneful influence, and should be banished therefrom as a foe to all that is elevating and pure. The running of trains, steamboats and street cars on the Sabbath should be discouraged by our people by a refusal to make use of them on God's holy day.

XIII.—STEWARDS ENDOWMENT FUND.

Your committee to whom was re-committed the report made a year ago to the Conference, in regard to the plan for a Steward's Endowment Fund with instructions to consider the whole question, and report at the present session; beg leave to submit the following proposition: All monies accruing to the Wilmington Conference for the benefit of its Superannuated Ministers and other Conference Claimants shall be divided into two parts, to be known and distributed as follows:

Part First—This shall be called the Annuity Fund and shall consist first of dividends received from the Book Concern, and second, of the income from bequests, special donations, the Conference Endowment Fund, the annual contributions of the members of the Conference and other investments. It shall be distributed by the Conference Board of Stewards on the following basis—Ten dollars to every ministerial claimant for each year of effective service in the Methodist Episcopal Church; one-half of this amount to each widow of a deceased minister, and one-fifth of this amount to each child of a deceased minister under fifteen years of age, unless the claim be voluntarily relinquished. Provided, however, that if this fund shall be less than enough to allow of this distribution, each claimant shall receive a pro rata share; but if more than enough, the surplus income shall be applied to the Necessitous Fund. And provided further, that each Ministerial Claimant (Superannuates excepted) shall have, from this time, contributed one per cent of his salary annually to the Endowment Fund.

Part Second—This shall be known as The Necessitous Fund, and shall consist of all monies raised by annual collections in the charges of the Conference for the benefit of its claimants. It shall be distributed by the Board of Stewards, according to the needs of each case, as the present method provides. Nevertheless, in disbursing this fund, the Stewards shall take cognizance of the amount received by each claimant from the Annuity Fund. The committee also presents the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, 1. That it is our duty as a Conference to make immediate efforts to increase our Endowment Fund to at least \$50,000.

RESOLVED, 2. That we request every charge in the Conference, if practicable, to observe the second Sunday in September as Conference Claimants Day, having special exercises with a sermon on the subject, and an earnest appeal for a great giving on the part of all our people, that the revenues of this cause may be largely increased.

XIV.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

With thanks to our Heavenly Father who placed this child in the bosom of His Church, and congratulations for the mother whose fostering care has developed 28,856 organizations, 328,343 officers and teachers and 2,409,874 scholars in our own denomination, and praises to His great name for setting His seal of approval upon the Sunday School work of the last year in the conversion of 119,000 precious souls, and for the holy impetus which is an assurance of increasing power for good; we your committee beg leave to call attention to factors and methods which are essentials to the greatest good in the prosecution of this great work.

1. We call attention to the complete and satisfactory provisions made by our Sunday School Union to meet all the demands of our Sunday Schools by which these millions of Bible Students may receive help in their study of God's word, and to the publications of the Methodist Book Concern to meet all the requirements of pastors and superintendants to supply their schools with healthy denominational literature, which, when loyalty and subject matter are considered, are much cheaper than the pirated editions which have found their way into some of our schools: and we would earnestly appeal to our superintendants who may be, or contemplate using, undenominational matter to put their schools on a distinctively Methodist Episcopal basis by the use of our own publications.

2. That too much importance cannot be attached to the study of the lessons at home that the school may be a place of recitation; and that at home or in the school the Bible should be the center of interest, and should be inseparable from the student of its message.

3. We recommend to our people the "Home Department" of the Sunday School, whereby those who, by the pressing duties of home, or other causes, are unable to attend the Sunday School may have the advantage of these studies at their homes.

4. We regret that the catechism has disappeared from so many of our schools and its study discontinued, but call attention to the fact that a portion of the catechism of our church is printed with each lesson in the Lesson Quarterly, and recommend that it be studied and learned in the schools.

5. We recommend that the department for "Home Reading" be used as arranged in the "Lesson Leaves" in the family circle.

6. A fact that should not be lost sight of by our people is, that all purchases from our own publishing houses, bring to our church a certain per cent, of the profits, otherwise the monies go into the pockets of disinterested parties, whose whole object is gain.

7. We commend the efficient work of the Sunday School Union; in that during the year just passed 633 new schools have been organized—an average of 12 for every Sunday—and the generosity of Mr. F. H. Ringe of California, by which the Board has been able to make special grants to 352 more.

8. Finally the demands upon the Sunday School Union have so increased that to meet these demands it becomes necessary to ask for larger contributions, and we suggest that the brethren try to increase this collection at least 50 per cent.

XV.—SYSTEMATIC EXAMINATION.

The special committee appointed at our last session to formulate a plan for systematic examinations begs leave to report as follows: For a year we have given special thought to this subject, and have corresponded with Bishops, College Professors, and progressive educators of other Conferences to see what is being done elsewhere; and to devise, if possible, an improvement on what has yet been attempted. We find there is a great awakening throughout the church upon this subject of higher education for our ministers; and other Conferences, like our own, are taking steps to raise the standard of educational requirement, and wisely planning to make the present disciplinary course of study mean as much as possible in the mental development of the undergraduates in the ministry who are pursuing it.

After a careful survey of the field we have arrived at the conclusion that the present method of appointing examining committees and conducting examinations should be superseded by an entirely new plan. We deem the present plan unfair to the students themselves, because under it they are not able to receive any instruction whatever from the examiner; and then at the end of the Conference year, when he is pressed with all the manifold burdens that crowd upon a Methodist minister just before Conference, he is expected to finish his preparation and face his examiner, when he has no idea of the plan the examiner will pursue in conducting the examination. To give a strict examination under such circumstances is not fair to the student; and to give simply an examination which does not examine, is not fair to the church; because a student so passed may have the veriest smattering of what the books contain and with no mental grasp and reasoning power, and yet is sent out with the endorsement of this Conference as a suitable leader and instructor of our people.

In order, therefore, to make the prescribed course of study mean most to the student, and most helpful to the church and the cause of Christ, we recommend the organization of a permanent Board of Examiners, sixteen in number who shall have full charge of all examinations of candidates for our ministry, all to be elected by this Conference, their election and duties to be governed by the following rules:

RULES

For the election and duties of Wilmington Conference Board of Examiners.

1. The Board of Examiners shall consist of sixteen elders, who at the first shall be nominated by the Presiding Elders, and elected by this Conference, and shall serve for a term of years as follows: Four for one year, four for two years, four for three years, four for four years. After the election of the first board, all nominations shall be by the Board, and four members of the board shall be elected annually by this Conference to serve a term of four years, or until their successors have been elected. Vacancies occurring in the interim of the Conference shall be filled until Conference by the Board.

2. Immediately after their election the Board shall organize, and elect a president and a secretary; and divide the entire course of study prescribed in the discipline for travelling and local preachers into fifteen parts, and assign one department to each of their number except the Secretary.

3. The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Board, a roster of all the undergraduate ministers belonging to the Conference, both travelling and local, be the means of communication between the examiners and the undergraduates, and keep a record of the examination of each student.

4. The Board shall hold two stated meetings annually, viz: One in the month of June at the Wilmington Conference Academy, and the other in March, on Monday and Tuesday preceding the session of the Conference, at the seat of the Conference.

The June meetings shall be in the nature of a Ministerial Retreat or Summer School of Theology, for instruction, for counsel, for meditation, and for the semi-annual examinations.

The March meetings shall be for consultation, final work of examinations, such business as may be necessary, and outlining work for the coming year.

The number of sessions at these stated meetings, with plans of work for each session, shall be arranged and published at least two weeks previous to such meeting, by a committee consisting of the president, secretary, and one appointed by the president at the previous stated meeting.

5. All examinations shall be in writing, both questions and answers. The examination on each book shall consist of not less than 50, nor more than 100, questions of the catechetical order, requiring short, specific answers; and not less than 5, nor more than 10, general questions, broad in their scope, so as to give an idea of the real learning of the student, and his mental grasp. The examinations shall be marked on the scale of 100, the combined catechetical questions counting 50, and the combined general questions counting 50; and a mark of 30 in each set of questions and 60 on the whole examination shall be necessary to pass the candidate.

6. All answers to examination questions shall be forwarded to the secretary, signed with a pseudonym or number, accompanied by a sealed envelope containing the name and address of the student, and marked on the outside with a number or pseudonym corresponding to that signed to the examination paper. The secretary shall promptly forward the paper containing the answers to the examiner in that department, who shall carefully examine the paper, mark plainly upon it the mark he judges it to merit on the scale given above, and return the paper to the secretary for enrollment. The secretary shall then enter upon his register the mark given, and return the paper to the student. The examiner shall also keep a record of the mark given each paper.

7. The Board of examiners shall have authority to make such subsidiary rules as may be necessary to carry out this order of the Conference, provided that such subsidiary rules shall not conflict with these nor with the discipline of the church.

8. The entire scheme of studies with names of examiners shall be published in the minutes.

10. Trial, "Elementary English Branches" shall be construed to embrace spelling, reading, English grammar, common school geography and written arithmetic.

11. In nominating to fill vacancies twice as many names shall be presented to the Conference as there are vacancies to fill, the vote to elect being by ballot.

XVI.—TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION.

WHEREAS, We believe that the legalized Liquor Traffic is the prolific parent of evil, and the sum of all abominations, and

WHEREAS, We believe that there is no question before the American people that deserves such attention as the overthrow of the saloon and the legal destruction of the license system, and

WHEREAS, the two numerically great political parties not only ignore this important issue but continue in wicked complicity with the accursed traffic, therefore be it

Resolved, That as the representatives of Him the purpose of whose mission was to destroy the works of the Devil we array ourselves against the traffic, and pledge our hearty co-operation to any system that will insure its destruction.

Resolved, Since "it can never be legalized without sin" that as Christian ministers we repudiate those political parties which continue to foster this business, and brand as utterly unworthy the support of Christian voters any party that either by declarations against all sumptuary laws or a cowardly and criminal silence in the face of the ravages of this traffic continues in complicity with this business.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and pledge ourselves to the support of this splendid organization.

Resolved, That as leaders and teachers of public as well as private morality we will by all right methods seek to bring the people up to some high standard of political conduct that has for its immediate object the destruction, by the ballot of freemen, of the legalized saloon.

Resolved, That we commend the utterances of President Cleveland in his message to Congress on the prohibition of fire-arms and "fire-water" in the Congo regions, and trust and pray that the day is not far distant when the welfare of the boys and girls of America will be as dear to our law-makers and statesmen as is the welfare of the children of the Dark Continent.

WHEREAS, The Church gathers into the Sabbath School once a week the children who are daily exposed to the influence of the saloon, it behoves us therefore to send them forth thoroughly equipped to resist the temptations that beset them on every side. That this has not been effectually done heretofore, the annals of crime fully demonstrate. Of all the inmates of our penal institutions a large per cent. have been Sabbath School scholars of the various denominations; and seventy-five per cent. of them attribute their downfall to the use of intoxicants; therefore be it

Resolved, That the question of Gospel Temperance teaching should be given a more prominent place in our Sunday School instruction, and that some definite time be given it in the work of the Sunday School.

XVII.—TRACTS.

Recognizing the present inefficiency of our Quarterly Conference Committee having this matter in hand, and the possibility of its becoming a power for good in the various fields which we represent, be it

Resolved, 1. That each Quarterly Conference Committee be furnished with tracts and requested to district the work, and see that the field is properly canvassed.

2. That the pastors in their visitations carry with them and distribute such tracts—as in their best judgment—will meet the demands of the various cases with which they come in contact.

3. That the tract from its brevity is one of the best means of securing a hearing upon the vital question of the soul's salvation, and incitement to Christian duties.

4. That we avail ourselves of the generous offer of the Corresponding Secretary of the "Sunday School Union," and send for the samples of the 50 new tracts which have been published during the year, which tracts are sent free to all ministerial applicants; also that we accept in tracts, one half the amounts contributed by our respective charges.

5. That in the pressing demands made upon this society, and the possibilities of the increased good it might accomplish by larger resources, we recommend that the collection for this cause be increased 50 per cent.

XVIII.—WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, organized in Boston in 1869, has proven its right to exist by the remarkable growth it has made and the work it has done. In the first year of its existence it had seven hundred auxillary societies; at the close of its 24th year it has more than 5,481. It commenced with a few members, but now registers one hundred and fifty thousand. There are 168 pastoral charges in the Wilmington Conference with only 36 churches represented in the Society. The contributions from the auxillaries and bands of this Conference are \$1,388.94 \$876.77 from the societies in Delaware, and \$512.17 from the societies in Maryland. We commend to the attention of all these societies the Heathen Woman's Friend which has reached a circulation of 20,000, and the Heathen Children's Friend with a circulation of 11,000, both of which have done much to educate our people in the interest of Missionary work. During the 25 years of its existence, this society has raised \$5,000,000. We would call attention to the fact that this year marks the 25th anniversary of the Society and would recommend that a suitable monument to the achievements of the past and a healthful stimulant to the hopes of the future, special anniversary services be held emphasizing the specific and necessary work of the Society in relation to the general Missionary efforts of the Church.

XIX.—WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society is the authorized agency of our church for enlisting and organizing the efforts of Christian women in behalf of the destitute and needy people of all races and nationalities in our own country the gospel of Christ, and to aid in the maintenance of our ministers on the frontier. The fact that God has so signally favored the work of this Society is an evidence of divine approval and encouragement. We your committee ask the members of this Conference to give this organization their enthusiastic support and to aid its leaders in securing the co-operation of the women in their various charges.

Local Preachers' Directory.

LOCAL ELDERS.

Boehm, John Crumpton, Md.
 Conway, W. N. Golts, Md.
 Dill, J. R. Wilmington, Del.
 Harris, J. W. Wilmington, Del.
 Hazzard, R. B. Hurlock, Md.
 Hodson, Jabez Wilmington, Del.
 Rich, James Denton, Md.
 Thatcher, Albert Wilmington, Del.
 Willis, J. S. Milford, Del.

LOCAL DEACONS.

Devereux, J. J. Snow Hill, Md.
 Dodd, David Wilmington, Del.
 Galloway, W. K. Salisbury, Md.
 Green, Daniel Newport, Del.
 Hamilton, Wm. Wilmington, Del.
 Harris, Wm. Bridgeville, Del.
 Kenney, J. L. Hynson, Md.
 McLain, L. T. Ellendale, Del.
 Morris, C. K. Westover, Md.
 Numbers, Thos. Millington, Del.
 Roberts, J. B. Middletown, Del.
 Rodgers, R. L. Wilmington, Del.
 Simmons, C. E. Wilmington, Del.
 Simms, J. H. Wilmington, Del.
 Strickland, W. G. Klej Grange, Md.
 Tindall, W. J. Sycamore, Del.
 Tyler, John Ewell, Md.
 Welch, Eben Powellville, Md.

LICENTIATES.

Ayers, J. F. Lemont, Va.
 Barrett, T. S. Read's Wharf, Va.
 Biddle, Isaiah North East, Md.
 Brown, A. R. Sylmar, Md.

Bullock, M. B. Wilmington, Del.
 Betts, W. H. Millsboro, Del.
 Beauchamp, J. H. Sr.,
 Upper Fairmount, Md.
 Bryan, J. H. Chestertown, Md.
 Bryan, Olin Centreville, Md.
 Campbell, J. R. Newark, Del.
 Cann, W. L. Cherry Hill, Md.
 Cathers, Abner Blue Ball, Md.
 Christinon, John Wilmington, Del.
 Clapham, C. W. Sycamore, Del.
 Clark, D. S. Kenton, Del.
 Collins, E. H. Dover, Del.
 Collison, G. W. Denton, Md.
 Conway, R. H. Harrison, Md.
 Daniel, J. T. Deal's Island, Md.
 Davis, Alonzo Wilmington, Del.
 Dougherty, G. M. Wilmington, Del.
 Dow, H. S. Wilmington, Del.
 Dubell, A. L. Wilmington, Del.
 Dunbracco, J. M. Wilmington, Del.
 Ellegood, J. A. Ellendale, Del.
 Elliott, Chas. Taylor's Bridge, Del.
 Faries, Wm. Smyrna, Del.
 Fisher, G. M. Denton, Md.
 Ford, Walter Townsend, Del.
 Fryer, Thomas Cherry Hill, Md.
 Futcher, C. P. Barren Creek Springs, Md.
 Gallagher, J. C. Dover, Del.
 Hastings, G. W. Dover, Del.
 Hammond, W. J. North East, Md.
 Harper, J. W. Still Pond, Md.
 Hancock, I. B. Franklin City, Va.
 Hendrickson, W. H. Centreville, Del.
 Hill, M. M. Delmar, Del.

Holland, M. F. Madison, Md.
 Jones, J. W. Dover, Del.
 Jones, Elmer Carlisle, Pa.
 Jones, Jeremiah Gumboro, Del.
 Jones, A. C. Little Creek, Del.
 Johnson, W. W. Foard's, Md.
 Johnson, J. L. Rodney, Del.
 Kane, J. F. Summitt Bridge, Del.
 Leatherbury, P. A. Onancock, Va.
 Lednum, O. M. Bozman, Md.
 Lewis, Edward Dover, Del.
 McCoy, James Wilmington, Del.
 McLaughlin, J. F. Wilmington, Del.
 McNatt, W. J. Georgetown, Del.
 Mendenhall, Eli Wilmington, Del.
 Miller, W. T. Mechanics Valley, Md.
 Milman, Jesse Ellendale, Del.
 Minner, Samuel Masten's Corner, Del.
 Nelson, Alonzo Lawsonia, Md.
 Nicholson, E. J. Selbyville, Del.
 Nicholson, Garrison Powellville, Md.
 Perkins, J. A. Chestertown, Md.
 Prettyman, John Stockton, Md.
 Pusey, Samuel Seaford, Del.
 Purnell, Jas. Colora, Md.
 Purks, W. T. Rockland, Del.
 Richardson, J. M. Church Creek, Md.
 Robinson, Eugene Madison, N. J.
 Roe, Herman Townsend, Del.

Scott, J. H. Victor, Md.
 Sholl, Chas. Wilmington, Del.
 Shipley, W. S. Wilmington, Del.
 Simonson, J. N. Crisfield, Md.
 Spicer, W. H. Laurel, Del.
 Steadman, East New Market, Md.
 Stengle, C. I. Fruitland, Md.
 Stimmel, W. Wilmington, Del.
 Stoops, J. D. Carlisle, Pa.
 Talley, J. W. Golts, Md.
 Talley, Nelson Wilmington, Del.
 Terry, T. R. New Church, Va.
 Todd, N. L. Toddville, Md.
 Tood, L. E. Wilmington, Del.
 Weldin, G. W. Wilmington, Del.
 West, G. G. Davis Wharf, Md.
 White, H. P. Dame's Quarter, Md.
 White, John Wilmington, Del.
 Whiteley, Seth F. Stanton, Del.
 Wiley, J. H. Madison, N. J.
 Wilkinson, Jos. Lewesville, Pa.
 Williams, J. W. Chincoteague Isl., Va.
 Winder, E. J. Onancock, Va.
 Wilson, W. D. Lewes, Del.
 Wilson, J. M. Monie, Md.
 Wise, J. M. jr. New Castle, Del.
 Wright, E. C. Hurlock, Md.
 York, C. S. Chestertown, Md.

In Memoriam.

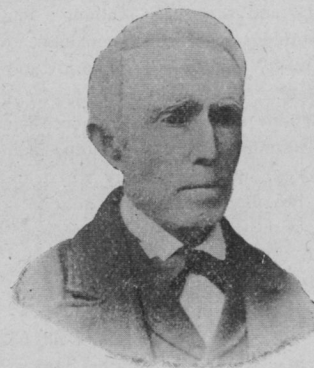
"OUR CROWNED ONES."

"They shall walk with me in white, for they are worthy."

Names.	Entd. Min.	Time of Death.	Place of Death.	Age.	Years Effective.
John E. Elliott,	1859	Nov. 8th, 1868,	Snow Hill, Md.	30	10
Thos. J. Quigley, D. D.,	1836	Oct. 19th, 1870,	Laurel, Del.	65	44
Daniel Titlow,	1850	Feb. 7th, 1871,	Philadelphia, Pa.	48	4
Amos A. Ewing,	1867	Jan. 19th, 1872,	Cecil County, Md.	30	4
Alfred Cookman,	1848	Nov. 13th, 1872,	Newark, N. J.	43	23
Jas. Augustus Massey,	1827	July 9th, 1891,	Royal Oak, Md.	64	38
James Brandreth,	1859	Oct. 3d, 1872,	Frankford, Del.	34	13
T. J. Thompson, D. D.,	1862	Nov. 29th, 1874,	Wilmington, Del.	71	49
Robert E. Kemp,	1828	March 6th, 1875,	Greensboro, Md.	73	32
Wesley Kenney, D. D.,	1832	June 24th, 1875,	Smyrna, Del.	67	43
Henry Sutton,	1835	March 23d, 1876,	Philadelphia, Pa.	68	23
George A. Campbell,	1871	Sept. 7th, 1876,	Frankford, Del.	30	4
John W. Weston,	1862	April 23d, 1877,	Wilmington, Del.	38	15
John D. Curtis,	1837	July 25th, 1877,	Wilmington, Del.	61	40
David R. Thomas,	1845	Feb. 13th, 1878,	Wilmington, Del.	58	30
Andrew J. Crozier,	1870	Jan. 21st, 1879,	Wilmington, Del.	41	7
Joshua Humphriss,	1829	Jan. 23d, 1879,	Salisbury, Md.	78	41
Francis M. Chatham,	1868	May 29th, 1878,	Berlin, Md.	41	8
Edward G. Irwin,	1857	March 12th, 1879,	Wilmington, Del.	56	21
John Hough,	1848	March 27th, 1879,	near Trenton, N. J.	58	31
Thomas J. Williams,	1857	March 29th, 1879,	New Castle, Del.	53	22
Wm. I. Baine,	1870	Nov. 13th, 1880,	Pocomoke City, Md.	36	10
Wm. Urie,	1832	Nov. 13th, 1880,	Smyrna, Del.	70	42
Thomas F. Plummer,	1860	Feb. 2d, 1881,	Wilmington, Del.	44	8
Elijah Miller,	1833	April 15th, 1881,	Sudlersville, Md.	71	49
John W. Pierson,	1836	May 6th, 1881,	Wilmington, Del.	67	44
Francis B. Quigley,	1880	August 19th, 1881,	Hopewell, Md.	27	2
Thomas J. Prettyman,	1873	Feb. 27th, 1882,	Newark, Md.	36	9
Benj. W. Chase,	1865	Dec. 11th, 1882,	Seaford, Del.	48	17
Lucius C. Matlack, D. D.,	1837	June 24th, 1883,	Cambridge, Md.	67	46
I. T. Cooper, D. D.,	1834	April 12th, 1884,	Camden, Del.	78	26
Henry Colclazer,	1829	Dec. 18th, 1884,	Philadelphia, Pa.	75	55
John L. Taft,	1833	May 30th, 1884,	Norristown, Pa.	72	41
John Shilling,	1869	July 22d, 1884,	Wilmington, Del.	52	15
A. W. Milby,	1842	June 13th, 1886,	Harrington, Del.	71	44
Elon J. Way, M. D.,	1840	July 5th, 1886,	Baltimore, Md.	75	26
Valentine Gray,	1839	Jan. 21st, 1887,	Gap Pa.	72	42
Isaiah D. Johnson,	1881	March 4th, 1887,	Bridgeville, Del.	33	6
Wm. J. O'Neil,	1859	March 9th, 1887,	Church Hill, Md.	55	28
Jos. Dare,	1854	Oct. 22d, 1887,	Newark Del.	56	32
Frank M. Morgan,	1886	Feb. 11th, 1889,	Philadelphia, Pa.	34	3
William Merrill,	1849	Oct. 23d, 1889,	Upper Fairm't, Md.	75	28
Isaac N. Foreman,	1873	June 12th, 1890,	Lincoln, Del.	47	17
John Allen,	1841	Dec. 13th, 1890,	Brooklyn, N. Y.	72	33
Samuel T. Gardner,	1855	Jan. 3d, 1891,	Pivot Bridge, Md.	60	33
Samuel J. Baker,	1889	Sep. 22d, 1891,	Laurel, Del.	33	2
Thos. O. Ayres,	1870	Oct. 14th, 1891,	Delaware City, Del.	53	21
Thos. R. Creamer,	1873	Jan. 10th, 1892,	Milton, Del.	45	19
Vaughan Smith,	1840	Nov. 21st, 1891,	Wilmington, Del.	79	43
Charles Hill,	1845	June 22d, 1892,	Salisbury, Md.	70	47
James L. Houston,	1833	Sep. 18th, 1882,	Trappe, Md.	82	32
Alfred T. Melvin,	1865	Oct. 17th, 1892,	Bel Air Md.	52	24
Alfred A. Fisher,	1859	Dec. 12th, 1893,	Bridgeville, Md.	62	17
Wm. B. Gregg,	1857	Jan. 24th, 1893,	Wyoming, Del.	68	36
Joseph Robinson,	1847	Feb. 18th, 1893,	Perryman's, Md.	68	45
George Barton,	1855	March 19th, 1893,	Church Hill, Md.	34	11

Memoir.

REV. GEORGE BARTON.



Rev. George Barton, was born in Irvine, Garvan, Southern part of Scotland, Nov. 16, 1808. We cannot find a written family record, but enough is known to justify the conviction that he did not descend from an ordinary family. The name is suggestive. From Elizabeth Barton—holy maid of Kent—friend of Queen Catharine of Arragon, and opponent of the divorce scheme of Henry VIII, to Dr. Benjamin S. Barton of Philadelphia, Professor of Materia Medica in the University of Pennsylvania, member of the American Philosophical Society, and author of Elements of Zoology and Botany, the name has been little less than a synonym of intellectual force.

Thomas and Elizabeth Barton, parents of our departed brother, after his birth returned to their nativity—the North of Ireland—whence they came to America, landing in Philadelphia in 1826. Ten years later they moved to Jodavies County, Ill. The father died in 1853; the mother in 1871. They were devoted to Methodism and gave to its ministry two sons; one to the M. E. Church South. The thoroughness of their family discipline is indicated by the fact, that when he had reached his seventh birthday, George had read the Bible through consecutively. He was always religiously inclined, but did not receive the spirit of adoption until about twenty-one years old. From that time his experience was clear and definite. Before consecrating himself to ministerial work he taught school in Rockdale, Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

He entered the Philadelphia Conference on probation in 1835, in a class of twenty, among whom were Stephen Townsend, John T. Hazzard, Joseph Carlisle, John D. Onins, George Lacey, Pennell Coomb, I. T. Cooper, John A. Roach and John McClintock. He filled several prominent appointment on the Peninsula and in Pennsylvania. After several years of usefulness in the Itinerant ranks, failing eye sight compelled him to retire. He became totally blind, and remained in that condition more than forty years; or until his eyes opened upon the "King in His beauty." The cause of the affliction, he thought, was the study of Greek by candle-light. Notwithstanding his lack of vision he was elected a delegate to the General Conference of 1864.

He was married by the late David Daily, his P. E., December 4, 1838, to Miss Hester Ann Voss, of Chestertown, Md., who died on the 8th of May 1840, leaving one son. About

two years later, May 12, 1842, he married Miss Mary Elizabeth Stoops, daughter of a prominent citizen of Queen Anne County, Md. Leaving eight children, six of whom survive, she died July 30th, 1888, at Church Hill, Md. The remainder of his earthly life was spent with his eldest son.

As a preacher Bro. Barton excelled. In appearance, however, he was not prepossessing. In stature small, blind, and with a feeble voice, his mere presence in the pulpit did not attract attention; but when he became enthused by the subject, his voice assumed a volume exceeded only by fresh and massive thought. Losing sight of the speaker, the audience saw only truth in the scintillation of a master mind. His sermons were generally topical, terse and logical; usually based upon some cardinal doctrine or ethical principal, which was expounded, illustrated and closely applied. The human side of their force was chaste language, conciseness and perspicuity. They were always climactic. His manner was calm, but earnest: he seemed conscious of bearing a divine message.

In denouncing error he was always fearless, often abrupt and sometimes scathing; but never without logical reason or scriptural authority. Three things were an abomination to him; slavery, the liquor traffic and tobacco. On these he was Wesleyan and scriptural; and incurred the displeasure of adverse opinion in church and State. When the "New Chapter" was inserted in the Discipline, he deplored it as a retrograde movement, and on one occasion owing to some remarks made in the pulpit, certain parties determined to punish if not to mob him, this was near where Garretson was beaten on the highway, and in the county where he was imprisoned, but were deterred by one who appreciated Bro. Barton's integrity and intellectual power. The late Dr. George of Church Hill, Md., with whom the writer was acquainted, and son of Bishop George, was supposed to be in sympathy with the South; his influence was therefore desired. The committee which waited upon him, received the following reply: "Gentlemen, I advise you to drop this matter; Mr. Barton never affirms anything he cannot prove, the less you oppose him the better for our cause." Like Paul he had the courage to assert his rights as a citizen against popular sentiment. In the days of incipient rebellion when the Christian Advocate was indicted by the grand jury of his county, and the postmaster forbidden to deliver it, Bro. Barton on demanding and being refused his paper replied: "You as postmaster are not amenable to the State of Maryland, you are a United States officer and accountable to the General Government. Read your oath of office. I will call for my paper next week and if it be not delivered I will report you in Washington." The paper was delivered.

His mind was analytic and vigorous—difficult problems, tangled complications and the results of principles, were read seemingly as by intuition, and often with marvelous accuracy. A friend of the greatest possible intellectual training for the ministry he nevertheless thought there was danger of exalting it to the neglect of the heart culture necessary to greatest success. His motto was: "Getting Knowledge is Good; Saving Souls is Better." Brother Barton's nature was rigid: without grace almost autocratic. This gave to his devotional habits, in fact to all his duties, an unyielding system which sometimes seemed stern. But he had a sympathetic heart, and was generally on the right side. His piety was transparent, and in the bitter strife of the late Rebellion, the worst his enemies could say was, George Barton is a good man but sadly mistaken; and his views are dangerous to the community. But he lived to see his principles dominate his neighborhood and triumph in the death of American slavery.

He was fond of work and preached frequently—almost every Sabbath—until his health failed; he then attended church regularly until six months before his departure. For two

months before his death he was confined to the house but not to the bed. During this time, writes his eldest son, he was perfectly resigned and perfectly happy; constantly in devotional exercises: frequently reciting whole chapters of the Bible or quoting devotional hymns. Sometimes he would repeat from Isaac Watts with deep emotion:

"Thee we adore eternal Name,
And humbly own to Thee
How feeble is our mortal frame,
What dying worms are we."

and again in supplicatory tones he would say:

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!
Under the shadow of thy throne
Still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

But the most affecting of all, was his use of Samuel Stennett's beautiful lines. Emphasizing the pronoun he would stand with clasped hands and sightless eyes upturned toward Heaven, and with great pathos exclaim:

"When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blest,
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest."

As the end drew near and after he was confined to bed a brother said: "All things shall work together for good to them that fear God." He instantly resumed the quotation and read from memory the balance of the chapter. He soon became unconscious and remained so for thirty-six hours, when the "weary wheels of life stood still at last." It was in March 1893, during the session of his Conference in Middletown, Del., that the Great Bishop of souls transferred him to the service of the Church Triumphant. The Conference appointed Rev. J. A. Arters and Rev. R. I. Watkins a committee to attend the funeral, and on the 21st of March 1893 his remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Church Hill, Queen Annes County, Md. "O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee."

W. E. ENGLAND.

Report of the Board of Stewards.

Though the past year has been one of great financial distress, and we feared that the collections would suffer, yet we are glad to state that there is an advance in the amount of the collections from the churches for Conference Claimants over last year of \$166. This indicates the interest felt in our disabled ministers, and the widows and orphans of those who have passed away. But though this is an increase, yet when we consider the large number of the claimants, and their pressing needs, the advance should be vastly greater. We are quite sure that if the people of the various charges fully knew the needs of the claimants as we of the Board of Stewards believe we know them, the collections for this most worthy object would be increased fully 50 per cent.

And though we speak of an increase in collections from the churches, yet the aggregate of the funds placed at our disposal for distribution is considerably less than last year, as follows: Interest from legacies: From the Riddle legacy, \$141; from the Bates legacy, \$95; from the Reynolds legacy, \$8; total from legacies, \$244; from Academy bonds, \$90; from Centenary Fund, \$120; from Chartered Fund, \$25; from Book Concern Dividend, \$1,085; from Collections from the Churches, \$5,931; total, \$7,495. The amount distributed last year was \$7,875. Decrease this year, \$380. We account for this by reminding you that the dividend from the Book Concern this year was \$356 less than last year, and last year a collection of \$224 taken at the Stewards Anniversary came directly into the hands of the Board of Stewards for distribution, whereas this year the anniversary collection of \$61 went to the Stewards Endowment Fund. The treasurer reports as having in hand \$1,296.55 of Endowment funds uninvested.

The following changes are made in the list of claimants: Bro. George Barton, translated to the home above where want is unknown, hence stricken from the roll. Bro. Richard C. Jones, made effective and transferred, and who makes no claim. Bro. Joseph S. Moore, effective and transferred, and hence no claim. Bro. Thomas H. Haynes, to whom was granted a Supernumerary relation and who presents a claim.

More than the usual difficulty has been experienced in distributing the funds because the aggregate of the Quarterly Conference estimates has so vastly exceeded the amount of funds we have had to distribute. In many instances we should have been glad for the claimant to receive double the amount we have been able to give. We have prayed for guidance and help, and conscientiously declare "we have done what we could." Our distribution is as follows:

DISTRIBUTION OF CONFERENCE FUNDS.

Date of Claim.	Term of Service.	NAME OF CLAIMANT.	POST OFFICE.	Estimates of Quarterly Conference.	Amount received by each Claimant.
SUPERANNUATED.					
1878	31 y'rs.	Geo. A. Phoebus	Brooklyn, N. Y.....	\$ 350 00	\$175 00
1871	15 "	James Esgate.....	216 Oxford St., Portland, Me.....	325 00	200 00
1875	14 "	Henry Sanderson	Wilmington, Del.....	225 00	100 00
1891	33 "	W. W. Redman.....	Farmington, Del.....	300 00	200 00
1890	8 "	C. J. Hammit.....	Kinsey, Ala.....	350 00	175 00
		Wm. B. Walton.....	Salisbury, Md.....		50 00
1892	47 "	John H. Caldwell.....	Dover, Del.....	500 00	285 00
SUPERNUMERARY.					
1885	28 y'rs.	Wm. F. Talbot.....	Dover, Del.....	300 00	115 00
1889	40 "	Thomas E. Bell.....	St. Michael's, Talbot Co., Md.....	300 00	125 00
1889	19 "	J. W. Poole.....	Farmington, Kent Co., Del.....	300 00	150 00
1891	40 "	James W. Hammersley.....	Wilmington, Del.....	500 00	270 00
1892	24 "	J. D. Rigg.....	618 West 6th St., Chester.....	400 00	225 00
1893	48 "	James A. Brindle.....	Cordova, Queen Ann Co., Md.....	300 00	200 00
1893	48 "	William E. England.....	1804 Girard Ave., Phila.....	500 00	200 00
1893	21 "	George W. Wilcox.....	Carlisle, Pa.....	400 00	175 00
1893	17 "	Wm. L. P. Bowen.....	Newark, Worcester Co., Md.....	225 00	100 00
1894	50 "	T. H. Haynes.....	Smyrna, Del.....		200 00
WIDOWS.					
1846	4 y'rs.	Hester A. Henderson.....	800 W. 9th St., Wilmington, Del.	175 00	140 00
1844	3 "	Drucilla Willets.....	Berlin, Md.....	150 00	100 00
1865	10 "	Carrie B. Dennison.....	Wilmington, Del.....	200 00	100 00
1873	14 "	Rebecca M. Brandreth.....	1011 St. Bernard Place, W.Phila.	200 00	100 00
1878	15 "	Laura E. Weston.....		225 00	150 00
1879	21 "	Mary S. Thomas.....	1818 Washington St., Wilm'g'n.	200 00	50 00
1879	21 "	Annie H. Irwin.....	406 W. 13th St., Wilm'gton, Del.	300 00	175 00
1879	10 "	Annie D. Chatham.....		500 00	250 00
1879	22 "	Sadie A. Williams.....	Smyrna, Del.....	200 00	100 00
1881	11 "	Sadie B. Bain.....	Kepple, Blair Co., Penna.....	250 00	125 00
1882	45 "	Eliza Pierson.....	Wilmington, Del.....	300 00	200 00
1882	8 "	Emma A. Prettyman.....	East Market, Dorchest'r Co., Md.	250 00	125 00
1884	33 "	Rebecca E. Hough.....	Smyrna, Del.....	150 00	90 00
1884	43 "	Roberta H. Matlack.....	1120 West St., Wilmington, Del.	300 00	100 00
1884	15 "	Emma L. Shilling.....	1110 West St., Wilmington, Del.	250 00	125 00
1887	44 "	Rebecca E. Milby.....	Frederica, Del.....		125 00
1887	37 "	Mary F. Way.....	4220 Broom St., Phila., Pa.....	200 00	200 00
1887	6 "	Mollie P. Johnson.....	Milford, Del.....	400 00	200 00
1887	28 "	Mary A. O'Neil.....	1012 Hopkins Ave., Balto., Md.....	200 00	125 00
1887	48 "	Sarah D. Gray.....	Gap, Lancaster Co., Penna.....	125 00	75 00
1888		Emma D. Ewing.....	Chester, Penna.....	100 00	75 00
1888	34 "	Caroline A. Dare.....	1622 14th St., Washington, D. C.	150 00	100 00
1891	35 "	Louisa A. Gardner.....	Marshallton, Del.....	400 00	125 00
1891	18 "	Mary A. Foreman.....	1011 Pine St., Wilmington, Del.	300 00	150 00
1891	50 "	Henrietta M. Allen.....	125 Berkley Pl., Brooklyn, N. Y.	400 00	225 00
1892	19 "	S. Jennie Creamer.....	Wilmington, Del.....	350 00	175 00
1892	21 "	Rebecca T. Ayers.....	Delaware City, Del.....	400 00	200 00
1893	35 "	G. Annie Gregg.....	Wyoming, Del.....	300 00	225 00
1893	47 "	Susan S. Hill.....	Wilmington Del.....	200 00	150 00
1893	26 "	M. R. Robinson.....	Perryman's, Harford Co., Md.....	250 00	180 00
1893	27 "	Marian F. Melvin.....	Preston, Caroline Co., Md.....	250 00	200 00
1893	23 "	Ruth B. Fisher.....	Bridgeville, Sussex Co., Del.....		200 00
				\$13,110	\$7,495

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

COLLECTIONS AND APPORTIONMENTS.

DOVER DISTRICT.				SALISBURY DISTRICT.			
CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	App't last yr.	Am't C'll'e'd this yr	App't n'xt yr	CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	App't last yr.	Am't C'll'e'd this yr	App't n'xt yr
Beckwith	\$ 25 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 25 00	Annamessex	\$ 16 00	\$ 12 00	\$ 16 00
Bridgeville.....	25 00	20 00	25 00	Asbury	70 00	90 00	75 00
Burrsville.....	25 00	25 00	25 00	Barren Creek	5 00	1 00	5 00
Cambridge.....	80 00	70 00	80 00	Berlin	20 00	20 00	20 00
Camden.....	40 00	45 00	40 00	Bethel	21 00	21 00	21 00
Cannon's.....	30 00	20 00	30 00	Bishopville.....	20 00	15 00	20 00
Ch'ch Cr., Madi'n, T. I.	15 00	4 00	15 00	Cape Charles City..	10 00	5 00	10 00
Crapo.....	30 00	35 00	30 00	Chincoteague	10 00	10 00	10 00
Denton.....	30 00	40 00	35 00	Crisfield.....	70 00	85 00	75 00
Dorchester.....	5 00	10 00	10 00	Deal's Island.....	50 00	60 00	55 00
Dover, Wesley.....	150 00	200 00	150 00	Delmar.....	25 00	25 00	25 00
" Armory.....	20 00	5 00	20 00	Fairmount.....	75 00	75 00	75 00
East New Market..	25 00	25 00	25 00	Frankford.....	35 00	35 00	35 00
Ellendale.....	20 00	6 00	20 00	Fruitland.....	10 00	9 00	10 00
Elliot's Island	5 00	5 00	5 00	Girdle Tree.....	20 00	20 00	20 00
Farmington.....	20 00	15 00	20 00	Gumboro.....	20 00	20 00	20 00
Federalburg.....	30 00	30 00	30 00	Holland's Island....	20 00	15 00	20 00
Felton.....	40 00	40 00	40 00	Laurel.....	65 00	70 00	65 00
Frederica.....	55 00	55 00	55 00	Millsboro.....	20 00	20 00	20 00
Galestown.....	20 00	20 00	20 00	Mt. Pleasant.....	5 00	10 00	5 00
Georgetown.....	40 00	40 00	40 00	Mt. Vernon.....	15 00	22 00	20 00
Georgetown Circuit..	10 00	10 00	10 00	Nanticoke.....	30 00	30 00	30 00
Greenwood.....	30 00	30 00	30 00	Newark.....	10 00	10 00	10 00
Harrington.....	35 00	35 00	40 00	N.Church, Hall'w'd	5 00	5 00	5 00
Hooper's Island.....	10 00	8 00	10 00	Onancock.....	30 00	30 00	30 00
Houston.....	30 00	30 00	30 00	Parksley.....	10 00	1 00	10 00
Hurlock.....	25 00	25 00	25 00	Parsonsborg.....	15 00	10 00	15 00
Lakeville.....	5 00	9 00	10 00	Pocomoke Circuit..	10 00	10 00	10 00
Leipsic.....	20 00	20 00	20 00	Pocomoke City.....	25 00	25 00	25 00
Lewes.....	60 00	60 00	60 00	Powellsville.....	5 00	4 00	5 00
Lincoln.....	30 00	15 00	30 00	Princess Ann.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
Little Creek.....	10 00	5 00	10 00	Quantico.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
Magnolia.....	30 00	25 00	30 00	Quindocqua.....	10 00	10 00	10 00
Milford.....	85 00	75 00	85 00	Roxanna.....	25 00	25 00	25 00
Milton.....	40 00	40 00	40 00	Reed's Wharf.....	1 00	1 00	5 00
Nassau.....	25 00	25 00	25 00	St. Peter's.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Preston.....	20 00	10 00	20 00	Salisbury.....	60 00	60 00	60 00
Salem Circuit.....	5 00	10 00	5 00	Selbyville.....	10 00	10 00	10 00
Seaford & Bladesville.	35 00	30 00	35 00	Sharptown.....	20 00	20 00	20 00
Vienna.....	20 00	18 00	20 00	Smith's Island.....	35 00	35 00	35 00
Williamsburg.....	10 00	15 00	10 00	Snow Hill.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Williston.....	25 00	25 00	25 00	Somerset.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
Woodside.....	10 00	9 00	10 00	Stockton.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
Wyoming.....	20 00	20 00	20 00	Tangier.....	45 00	50 00	45 00
Zoar.....	10 00	5 00	10 00	Westover.....	10 00	10 00	10 00
				Whitesville.....	25 00	20 00	25 00

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

COLLECTIONS AND APPORTIONMENTS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.				EASTON DISTRICT.			
CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	App't last yr.	Am't C'll'e'd this yr	App't n'xt yr	CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	App't last yr.	Am't C'll'e'd this yr	App't n'xt yr
Bethel and Summit....	\$ 25 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 25 00	Appoquinimink....	\$ 30 00	\$ 30 00	\$ 30 00
Charlestown.....	20 00	15 00	18 00	Bayside.....	20 00	11 00	20 00
Cherry Hill & Union...	55 00	55 00	55 00	Cecilton.....	50 00	50 00	50 00
Chesapeake City.....	30 00	30 00	30 00	Centerville.....	60 00	60 00	60 00
Chester.....	30 00	32 00	30 00	Chestertown.....	85 00	85 00	85 00
Christiana.....	25 00	22 00	25 00	Clayton.....	20 00	10 00	20 00
Claymont.....	15 00	15 00	15 00	Church Hill.....	30 00	30 00	30 00
Delaware City.....	30 00	30 00	30 00	Crumpton.....	25 00	10 00	25 00
Elk Neck.....	10 00	12 00	10 00	Cordova.....	25 00	20 00	25 00
Elkton and Crouch's...	80 00	80 00	80 00	Crumpton.....	10 00	10 00	10 00
Hockessin & Ebenezer	20 00	20 00	30 00	Easton.....	80 00	80 00	80 00
Hopewell.....	25 00	25 00	20 00	Galena.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Marshallton, Stanton.	15 00	15 00	15 00	Greensboro.....	35 00	37 00	35 00
Mt. Lebanon & Union.	25 00	25 00	25 00	Hillsboro.....	30 00	30 00	30 00
Mt. Pleasant.....	30 00	35 00	30 00	Ingleside.....	12 00	12 00	12 00
Newark and Wesley...	40 00	40 00	40 00	Kent Island.....	45 00	30 00	45 00
New Castle.....	70 00	70 00	60 00	Kenton.....	25 00	25 00	25 00
Newport.....	30 00	30 00	30 00	Marydel.....	22 00	22 00	22 00
North East.....	45 00	45 00	45 00	Middletown.....	100 00	100 00	100 00
Perryville.....	6 00	10 00	10 00	Millington.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Port Deposit.....	85 00	85 00	85 00	Odessa.....	45 00	45 00	45 00
Port Penn.....	5 00	2 00	5 00	Oxford.....	20 00	20 00	20 00
Red Lion & Glasgow....	25 00	20 00	25 00	Piney Neck.....	10 00	10 00	10 00
Rising Sun & Sylmar..	30 00	35 00	30 00	Pomona.....	30 00	30 00	30 00
Rowlandville & Mt. P..	5 00	5 00	5 00	Queenstown.....	25 00	25 00	25 00
St. Georges.....	135 00	30 00	35 00	Rock Hall.....	35 00	30 00	35 00
Wilmington, Asbury..	50 00	193 00	150 00	Royal Oak.....	25 00	10 00	20 00
Brandy w'e, EdgeMo..	45 00	37 00	45 00	St. Michael's.....	60 00	60 00	60 00
Cookman.....	5 00	5 00	5 00	Salem & Morgan's..	20 00	8 00	20 00
East Lake & Elsemere	5 00	4 00	5 00	Sassafras & Masseys	15 00	8 00	15 00
Epworth.....	15 00	20 00	15 00	Smyrna.....	150 00	150 00	150 00
Grace.....	250 00	500 00	250 00	Smyrna Circuit.....	30 00	35 00	35 00
Harrison Street.....	10 00	10 00	10 00	Still Pond.....	80 00	85 00	80 00
Kingswood.....	10 00	10 00	10 00	Sudlersville.....	50 00	50 00	50 00
Madeley.....	15 00	15 00	15 00	Talbot.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
Mt. Salem.....	50 00	60 00	50 00	Tilghman.....	20 00	20 00	20 00
St. Paul's.....	150 00	214 00	150 00	Townsend.....	25 00	25 00	25 00
Scott.....	50 00	50 00	50 00	Trappe.....	25 00	19 00	25 00
Silverbrook.....	10 00	10 00	10 00	Union.....	20 00	6 00	20 00
Swedish Mission....	5 00	3 00	5 00	Wye and Starr.....	15 00	8 00	15 00
Union.....	140 00	140 00	140 00				
Wesley.....	15 00	15 00	15 00				
Zion Circuit.....	45 00	30 00	45 00				

STATISTICAL
DOVER DISTRICT,
No. 1.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Church Membership (No. of Probationers, Full Members, Local Preachers, Deaths, Child'n baptized, Adults Baptized), SUNDAY SCHOOLS (No. of Schools, Officers and Teachers, Scholars), CHURCH PROPERTY (Probable Value, Parsonages, Value for building and improving Churches and Parsonages).

TABLES.
DOVER DISTRICT,
No. 2.

Table with columns: CHURCH PROPERTY (Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property, Present Indebtedness on Church Property, No. of Schools, Officers, Teachers, Total Officers and Teachers), SUNDAYS SCHOOLS (No. of Scholars: Primary Grade, All Others, Total Scholar; Average Attendance; No. of Library Books; No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers; No. of Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers; No. of Conversions in Sunday Schools this Year; Current Expenses—Lesson Leaves, Books, etc).

STATISTICAL

DOVER DISTRICT,

No. 3.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						Supp't of Pr's'd'g Elders.		Supp't of B'hops.			
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.						
1	Beckwith.....	M. D. Nutter.....	\$ 600	\$ 75	\$ 675	\$ 549	\$ 75	\$ 624	\$ 51	\$ 40	\$ 37	\$ 10	\$ 9
2	Bridgeville.....	W. P. Compton.....	700	100	800	700	100	800	40	40	10	10	
3	Burrsville.....	J. E. Graham.....	600	75	675	475	75	550	125	30	25	15	15
4	Cambridge.....	F. C. McSorley.....	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200		90	90	15	15
5	Camden.....	I. G. Fosnocht.....	800	100	900	800	100	900		50	50	10	10
6	Cannon.....	T. S. Williams.....	700	100	800	700	100	800		50	50	15	15
7	Church Creek.....	D. H. Willis.....	350	100	450	340	100	440	10	15	15	3	3
8	Crapo.....	W. W. Chaires.....	800	75	875	800	75	875		60	60	5	5
9	Denton.....	G. W. Townsend.....	800	125	925	800	125	925		50	50	15	15
10	Dorchester.....	L. B. Kirby.....	380		380	355		355	25	30	30	1	1
11	Dover—Wesley.....	W. L. S. Murray.....	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500		100	100	25	25
12	" Armory.....	J. H. Geoghgan.....	425	75	500	425	75	500		30	30		
13	East New Market.....	Asbury Burke.....	600	150	750	600	150	750		40	40	10	10
14	Ellendale.....	L. T. McLain.....	400	40	440	400	40	440		25	20		
15	Elliott's Island.....	C. W. Strickland.....	400	50	450	400	50	450		15	15	1	1
16	Farmington.....	W. M. Green.....	650	100	750	580	100	680	70	40	34	4	4
17	Federalburg.....	G. T. Alderson.....	625	100	725	625	100	725		35	35		
18	Felton.....	H. S. Thompson.....	800	150	950	800	150	950		45	45	10	10
19	Frederica.....	S. R. Maxwell.....	(700)	(150)	(850)	(700)	(150)	(850)		(55)	(55)		
20	Galestown.....	J. T. VanBurkalow.....	600	100	700	542	100	642	58	40	38	10	10
21	Georgetown.....	C. A. Grise.....	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150		70	70	15	15
22	Georgetown Ct.....	A. D. Davis.....	600	75	675	600	75	675		30	36	5	5
23	Georgetown Miss'n												
24	Greenwood.....	Aloysius Green.....	650	100	750	650	100	750		45	45	10	10
25	Harrington.....	P. H. Rawlins.....	800	100	900	800	100	900		50	50	10	10
26	Hooper's Island.....	B. Wheatley.....	500	75	575	423	75	498	77	20	20	2	2
27	Houston.....	G. R. Neese.....	800	100	900	800	100	900		45	45	10	10
28	Hurlock.....	T. B. Cooper.....	600	100	700	570	100	670	30	30	30	5	5
29	Lakesville.....	C. H. Clapham.....	400	16	416	310	16	326	90	20			
30	Leipsic.....	T. C. Smoot.....	600	72	672	600	72	672		35	35	5	5
31	Lewes.....	J. H. Howard.....	900	150	1050	900	150	1050		70	70	15	15
32	Lincoln.....	G. W. Hastings.....	700	100	800	700	100	800		40	48	10	10
33	Little Creek.....	A. C. Jones.....	400	80	480	400	80	480		10	10	3	3
34	Magnolia.....	W. F. Dawson.....	700	150	850	700	150	850		40	40	10	10
35	Milford.....	Robert Watt.....	1000	250	1250	1000	250	1250		80	80	25	25
36	Milton.....	E. P. Roberts.....	800	150	950	800	150	950		60	60	10	8
37	Nassau.....	J. S. Wickline.....	800	100	900	753	100	853	47	50	47	10	10
38	Preston.....	J. H. Wilson.....	600	100	700	586	100	686	14	35	30	5	5
39	Salem.....	John Sewell.....	225	50	275	225	50	275		10	10		
40	Seaford, Bladesville	W. O. Prettyman.....	900	150	1050	900	150	1050		55	55	15	15
41	Vienna.....	J. A. Brewington.....	550	100	650	500	100	600	50	35	32	5	5
42	Williamsburg.....	J. P. Outten.....	410	60	470	424	60	484		30	30	5	5
43	Williston.....	T. F. Tabler.....	700	125	825	700	125	825		45	45	10	5
44	Woodside.....	W. H. Benford.....	325	60	385	306	60	366	19	25	25	5	4
45	Wyoming.....	G. W. Bowman.....	650	80	730	592	80	672	58	35	30	5	4
46	Zoar.....	W. J. Tindal.....	300		300			300		20	20		5
	Total.....		29040	4658	33698	28390	4658	32988	724	1873	1816	\$851	\$322

TABLES.

DOVER DISTRICT,

No. 4.

CONF. CLAIMANTS.	REC'D FROM	C'R'N'T EXP'N'g.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																				
			MISSIONS.				Education.			Other Objects.													
Collections.	Endowments.	Other Sources.	Total.	Church Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	Sunday School: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	(a) Church.	(b) Sunday School.	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.	(a) Children's Fund.	(b) Other Educational Objects.	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Woman's Home Missionary Society.	General Conference Exp.	Conference Education Soc'y.	Ladies' Hall.	Domestic Missions.	Steward's Endowment Fund.	
16	25	25	\$ 95	\$ 15	\$ 65	\$ 65	\$ 100	\$ 16	\$ 3	\$ 1	\$ 5	\$ 7	\$ 1	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 11	\$ 3	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 7
20	7	27	170	25	52	48	100	16	3	1	5	10	5	5	2	11	3	1	1	1	5	9	7
25		25	60	50	75	75	8	1	1	1	1	5	15	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	5	7
4	20	70	310	107	147	103	250	20	5	4	4	4	4	6	12	40	1	1	1	1	12	10	
45		45	340	70	41	69	110	15	4	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	10
6	20	20	190	95	60	20	80	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	10
7	4	4	52	15	10	15	25	2	2	1	1	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	10	5	
8	30	5	35	200	60	100	85	185	4	4	4	20	12	8	4	49	1	1	1	1	10	5	
9	40	154	119	130	45	175	20	4	4	4	20	12	8	4	49	1	1	1	1	5	5	10	
10	10	10	8	10	15	15	30	5	1	1	1	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	5	
11	200	200	300	100	146	604	600	40	10	10	20	10	60	10	60	10	27	5	10	10	25	5	
12	5	5	105	50	50	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5
13	25	25	175	100	80	55	7	1	1	1	1	5	2	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	
14	6	6	110	25	35	20	55	7	1	1	1	4	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	
15	5	5	50	25	25	25	10	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	
16	15	15	100	55	35	25	60	10	1	1	1	4	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
17	30	30	75	67	50	117	10	1	1	1	1	6	5	5	3	34	1	1	1	1	10	12	
18	40	40	150	65	30	95	125	18	4	4	4	10	5	10	6	6	3	3	3	3	5	5	
19	(55)	(55)	(160)	(63)	(50)	(125)	(175)	(14)	(5)	(2)	(10)	(12)	(1)	(2)	(5)	(28)	1	1	1	1	(12)	(12)	
20	20	20	100	66	57	33	90	3	1	1	1	4	10	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
21	40	40	200	100	25	175	200	8	3	3	3	5	5	10	18	10	1	1	1	1	10	1	
22	10	10	62	45	20	40	5	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	5	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	
23							10	10															
24	30	30	130	50	123	17	140	10	2	1	1	5	10	10	10	10				10	10	8	
25	35	35	150	60	35	90	125	12	3	3	3	5	14	20	4	4	1	1	1	1	5	4	
26	8	8	70	70	10	15	25	8	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
27	30	30	178	178	22	200	25	10	10	10	4	4	10	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	10	
28	25	25	98	41	76	24	100	5	1	1	3	10	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	10	6
29			53	11	10		10																
30	20	20	75	25	33	2	35	1	1	1	1	1	10		1						5		
31	60	60	227	82																			

STATISTICAL
EASTON DISTRICT,
No. 1.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Membership				Bap-tisms		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.				
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Childr'n baptized.	No. of Adults baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.
1 Appoquinimink.....	60	265	2	5	23	3	40	225	3	\$ 8500	1	\$ 1000	\$ 35
2 Bayside.....	16	94	1	1	2	2	15	80	2	2900	1	.....	75
3 Cecilton.....	52	204	1	1	2	2	32	212	1	17000	1	3000	2500
4 Centreville.....	8	249	1	2	30	2	37	292	2	11000	1	4000	150
5 Cheswold.....	15	77	1	1	13	1	17	125	1	3500	.....	.....	60
6 Chestertown.....	32	229	.....	.....	10	2	32	222	1	15000	1	3000	.....
7 Church Hill.....	12	220	.....	2	6	4	46	250	4	7000	.....	.....	.....
8 Clayton.....	15	184	.....	1	8	1	25	207	1	3000	.....	.....	250
9 Cordova.....	28	123	.....	.....	13	2	32	145	3	3200	.....	.....	.....
10 Crumpton.....	22	113	.....	.....	15	2	20	160	2	5500	.....	.....	.....
11 Easton.....	65	300	.....	4	8	1	35	284	1	15000	1	4500	.....
12 Galena.....	12	134	.....	.....	12	2	29	148	2	8000	1	2000	40
13 Greensboro.....	40	150	.....	4	9	1	27	190	1	4700	1	2700	250
14 Hillsboro.....	51	214	.....	5	13	2	30	159	2	3500	1	1200	248
15 Ingleside.....	55	185	.....	5	25	17	4	50	210	4000	1	1000	.....
16 Kent Island.....	32	134	.....	1	4	2	7	233	3	5000	1	2500	1400
17 Kenton.....	22	154	.....	1	4	2	3	110	3	3500	1	1900	120
18 Maryland.....	48	233	.....	9	12	.....	4	60	300	7300	1	1300	160
19 Middletown.....	12	280	.....	1	10	8	1	40	300	10000	1	3000	99
20 Millington.....	40	160	.....	1	7	23	2	26	162	12500	1	2000	80
21 Odessa.....	23	154	.....	4	19	3	2	23	162	7000	1	3000	530
22 Oxford.....	28	160	.....	2	15	2	1	25	220	3000	.....	.....	30
23 Piney Neck.....	43	20	.....	2	1	17	.....	80	1	450	.....	.....	.....
24 Pomona.....	10	87	.....	1	16	1	2	45	120	5000	1	2000	125
25 Queenstown.....	33	207	.....	2	16	3	3	34	240	6000	.....	.....	.....
26 Rock Hall.....	4	110	.....	2	30	1	30	220	1	2500	1	1200	.....
27 Royal Oak.....	8	102	.....	2	24	3	2	110	2	3000	1	2800	.....
28 St. Michael's.....	83	338	.....	5	1	1	36	432	1	10000	1	2000	.....
29 Salem and Morgan's Creek.....	4	66	.....	1	7	1	1	118	2	2500	.....	.....	.....
30 Sassafras and Massey's.....	14	89	.....	2	10	2	21	88	4	4400	.....	.....	131
31 Smyrna.....	26	524	.....	7	8	11	1	43	326	25000	1	3500	.....
32 Smyrna Circuit.....	10	176	.....	1	15	1	4	61	341	7000	1	2500	169
33 Still Pond.....	23	153	.....	2	38	1	33	227	2	13000	1	2000	1450
34 Suddlersville.....	44	165	.....	3	12	.....	38	160	3	11000	1	4000	125
35 Talbot.....	40	114	.....	2	16	.....	40	190	2	2500	1	1300	165
36 Tilghman.....	45	112	.....	2	23	.....	30	190	2	3000	1	1000	80
37 Townsend.....	45	140	.....	3	8	.....	1	165	1	1400	1	2000	.....
38 Trappe.....	20	120	.....	1	15	.....	3	25	30	6000	3	1200	33
39 Union.....	.....	47	.....	1	8	.....	1	11	40	1500	.....	.....	.....
40 Wye and Starr.....	22	100	.....	1	1	3	27	110	3	4000	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	1134	6736	14	99	581	61	82	1277	7613	\$268950	29	\$64700	\$ 8305

TABLES.
EASTON DISTRICT,
No. 2.

	CHURCH PROPERTY		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.										No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Conversions in Sunday School this Year.	Current Expenses—Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers.	No. of Teachers.	Total Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.		Average Attendance.	No. of Library Books.						
1.....	.....	.....	3	15	25	40	75	150	225	150	250	35	125	45	100
2.....	.....	.....	2	10	15	25	25	55	85	55	.....	15	25	5	35
3.....	.....	.....	2	18	32	60	152	212	109	350	37	31	60	5	56
4.....	\$ 175	60	2	13	24	37	88	204	292	152	.....	37	102	10	75
5.....	.....	.....	1	5	12	17	35	90	125	85	100	17	55	10	60
6.....	.....	.....	1	9	25	34	64	158	222	153	335	32	.....	.....	122
7.....	75	.....	4	16	30	46	90	160	250	150	400	45	150	3	100
8.....	150	.....	1	8	17	25	50	157	207	84	140	25	84	5	60
9.....	568	.....	3	13	19	32	65	80	145	100	.....	30	42	8	39
10.....	146	.....	2	11	19	30	20	140	160	120	150	27	17	9	184
11.....	.....	.....	1	14	21	35	70	214	284	163	400	34	240	40	194
12.....	50	800	2	13	16	29	40	108	148	73	225	29	25	.....	26
13.....	.....	.....	1	9	18	27	50	140	190	95	275	26	60	12	60
14.....	.....	.....	2	12	18	30	50	109	159	90	370	30	48	23	35
15.....	160	220	4	20	30	50	40	170	210	140	100	45	50	20	30	
16.....	700	3	17	20	37	76	187	263	126	112	35	52	8	46	20	
17.....	1000	3	9	24	33	60	50	110	85	100	31	30	1	20	90	
18.....	25	200	4	28	32	60	75	225	300	168	385	57	79	15	229	
19.....	67	140	1	5	35	40	55	245	300	200	300	39	.....	.....	36
20.....	.....	.....	2	18	8	26	51	111	162	90	250	26	104	40	44
21.....	.....	.....	1	6	17	23	30	132	162	118	300	22	48	7	125
22.....	104	25	1	7	18	25	100	120	220	125	300	25	60	15	13	
23.....	.....	.....	1	4	13	17	20	60	80	60	75	17	20	25	13
24.....	60	.....	2	20	25	45	20	100	120	80	300	40	34	4	22
25.....	.....	.....	3	12	22	34	100	140	240	148	450	34	56	29	41
26.....	.....	.....	1	6	27	33	75	145	220	200	300	28	8	4	34
27.....	.....	.....	2	7	13	20	10	100	110	82	250	20	.....	.....	.....
28.....	140	100	1	5	31	36	100	332	432	248	690	36	100	20	100	
29.....	.....	.....	2	12	13	25	44	74	118	57	89	23	17	.....	23
30.....	150	2	11	10	21	30	58	88	50	.....	19	20	.....	.....	15
31.....	70	800	1	17	26	43	89	237	326	195	382	42	158	17	120	
32.....	800	4	26	35	61	109	232	341	208	425	53	104	6	103	.....
33.....	222	253	2	13	20	33	155	72	227	122	1150	33	63	11	64	
34.....	300	1300	3	12	26	38	40	120	160	128	700	37	24	18	105	
35.....	222	253	2	5	35	40	50	140	190	100	44	30	20	20	15	
36.....	12	13	2	6	24	30	50	140	190	130	60	30	60	16	50	
37.....	304	.....	1	4	16	20	40	125	165	75	165	20	100	16	40
38.....	.....	.....	3	8	17	25	70	70	140	100	250	18	30	5	50
39.....	.....	.....	1	5	6	11	40	.....	40	25	.....	11	5	.....	16
40.....	.....	.....	3	27	21	48	65	45	110	70	.....	23	.....	3	57
Total.....	\$ 2482	\$ 6964	82	466	841	1303	2376	5347	7723	4709	10172	1207	2275	475	2491	

STATISTICAL EASTON DISTRICT, No. 3.

Table with columns: NAME OF CHARGE, NAME OF PASTOR, PASTOR'S SUPPORT (CLAIMS, RECEIPTS, DEFICIENCIES), Supp'rt of Pr's'd'g Elders, Supp'rt of B'hops. Rows list 40 churches and their financial data.

TABLES. EASTON DISTRICT, No. 4.

Table with columns: CONFER. CLAIMANTS, C'R'NT EXP'NS., BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS (MISSIONS, EDUCATION, etc.). Rows list financial data for various church activities.

STATISTICAL
SALISBURY DISTRICT,

No. 1.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Church Membership (No. of Probationers, No. of Full Members, No. of Local Preachers, No. of Deaths, No. of Childr'n baptized, No. of Adults baptized, No. of Schools, No. of Officers and Teachers, No. of Scholars), SUNDAY SCHOOLS, CHURCH PROPERTY (No. of Churches, Probable Value, No. of Parsonages, Probable Value, Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages).

TABLES.
SALISBURY DISTRICT,

No. 2.

Table with columns: CHURCH PROPERTY (Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property, Present Indebtedness on Church Property, No. of Schools, No. of Officers, No. of Teachers, Total Officers and Teachers), SUNDAY SCHOOLS (No. of Scholars: Primary Grade, All Others, Total Scholars; Average Attendance; No. of Library Books; No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers; No. of Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers; No. of Conversions in Sunday School this Year; Current Expenses—Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.).

STATISTICAL SALISBURY DISTRICT, No. 3.

TABLES. SALISBURY DISTRICT, No. 4.

Table with columns: NAME OF CHARGE, NAME OF PASTOR, PASTOR'S SUPPORT (CLAIMS, RECEIPTS), Supp't of Pr's/dg Elder, Supp't of B'shop. Rows list 46 churches and their financial data.

Table with columns: CONF. CLAIMANTS, C'R'N'T EXP'N'S., MISSIONS, BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS. Rows list various collection categories and their amounts.

STATISTICAL
WILMINGTON DISTRICT,
No. 1.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Membership				Bap- tisms		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		CHURCH PROPERTY					
	No. of Probationers.	No. of full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Child'n Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Officers and teachers.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	
1 Bethel and Summit.....	16	96	2	2	14	.....	2	17	95	2	\$ 5000	1	\$ 2500	.....
2 Charlestown.....	20	134	.....	4	7	.....	3	31	140	1	7000	1	1200	.....
3 Cherry Hill and Union.....	18	295	3	.....	1	4	59	420	4	.....	9000	1	3000	\$ 55
4 Chesapeake City.....	4	161	.....	4	57	2	.....	2	23	130	2	10800	.....	.....
5 Chester.....	45	161	.....	4	3	.....	1	17	184	1	14500	1	1900	63
6 Christiana.....	15	94	.....	8	4	.....	2	22	150	2	3000	1	1200	.....
7 Claymont.....	.....	33	.....	.....	8	1	1	11	73	1	5000	1	1600	.....
8 Delaware City.....	26	130	.....	2	14	.....	1	25	93	1	11000	1	2500	137
9 Elk Neck.....	6	69	.....	3	15	1	2	24	150	2	5000	1	1000	250
10 Elkton and Crouch's.....	40	260	.....	4	25	6	4	60	500	1	10000	1	5000	.....
11 Hockessin and Ebenezer.....	16	94	.....	2	3	9	2	30	220	2	5000	1	2000	259
12 Hopewell.....	10	110	.....	3	12	1	1	24	132	1	2500	1	1000	.....
13 Marshallton and Stanton.....	26	156	1	3	22	1	2	41	290	2	4500	.....	.....	.....
14 Mt. Lebanon and Union.....	.....	101	3	.....	4	.....	2	26	246	2	4000	.....	.....	.....
15 Mt. Pleasant.....	5	76	1	3	3	2	1	10	100	1	3000	1	1500	2261
16 Newark and Wesley.....	5	163	.....	6	3	3	2	44	410	2	10000	1	2500	.....
17 New Castle.....	25	240	2	5	24	1	1	35	325	1	18000	1	3500	.....
18 Newport and Elsmere.....	18	150	1	3	3	.....	2	32	230	2	8000	1	2300	90
19 North East.....	58	312	2	8	31	4	1	36	300	1	8000	1	2500	300
20 Perryville.....	76	52	.....	1	32	9	1	21	146	1	2500	.....	.....	165
21 Port Deposit.....	34	215	.....	6	33	2	1	46	356	1	30000	1	2500	170
22 Port Penn.....	.....	63	.....	1	2	.....	1	7	70	1	3000	.....	.....	.....
23 Red Lion and Glasgow.....	6	120	.....	7	3	.....	3	30	159	2	9250	1	1200	890
24 Rising Sun and Sylmar.....	45	175	1	2	14	18	2	38	278	2	14000	1	2500	84
25 Rowlandville & Mt. Pleasant.....	18	62	.....	2	9	.....	2	22	147	2	4000	.....	.....	47
26 St. Georges.....	51	100	.....	2	9	5	1	19	140	1	5000	1	2100	180
27 Wilmington-Asbury.....	155	737	3	18	118	24	2	69	783	1	46000	1	4000	50
28 Brandywine.....	81	316	1	5	42	10	2	71	593	1	20000	.....	.....	.....
29 Cookman.....	14	92	.....	.....	38	1	1	20	105	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
30 East Lake & Edgemoor.....	9	58	1	.....	5	1	2	32	200	2	3600	.....	.....	50
31 Epworth.....	51	220	1	3	23	5	1	35	540	1	30000	1	4000	15000
32 Grace.....	35	617	4	3	20	29	1	79	605	1	225000	1	20000	.....
33 Harrison St.....	65	150	1	2	10	5	1	35	325	1	2300	.....	.....	6300
34 Kingswood.....	175	310	.....	1	.....	.....	1	36	420	1	1400	.....	.....	3000
35 Madeley.....	102	250	1	1	32	2	1	50	375	1	10000	.....	.....	.....
36 Mt. Salem.....	50	225	2	2	23	11	2	52	500	1	25000	1	2000	.....
37 St. Paul's.....	30	499	3	7	4	4	2	90	506	1	60000	1	4000	1950
38 Scott.....	80	370	2	6	20	6	2	65	700	1	20000	1	2600	50
39 Silverbrook.....	43	96	1	.....	17	6	1	29	225	1	22000	.....	.....	14000
40 Swedish Mission.....	1	27	1	.....	11	.....	1	6	34	1	3700	.....	.....	258
41 Union.....	1	650	2	13	48	14	2	99	800	1	35000	1	4500	2774
42 Wesley.....	76	188	2	.....	32	2	1	.....	.....	1	14000	1	2500	.....
43 Zion Circuit.....	4	400	2	4	6	2	4	54	340	4	15000	1	1500	1800
Total.....	1555	8807	43	153	803	188	74	1572	12535	63	\$777350	29	\$88600	\$47183
Conference Total.....	6611	34353	118	522	3004	541	400	6066	43789	382	1460941	131	268850	\$84949

TABLES.
WILMINGTON DISTRICT,
No. 2.

CHURCH PROPERTY.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.														
	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present indebtedness on Church Property.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers.	No. of Teachers.	Total Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.			Average Attendance.	No. of Library Books.	No. of Officers and teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Conversions in Sunday Schools this y'r.	Current Expenses—Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
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Total	\$ 3210	\$52941	74	596	1066	1688	4349	8396	12815	7749	14417	2547	2618	701	6072
Conference Total	\$13030	\$82433	404	2211	3975	6244	14399	28992	44259	27005	37723	5705	12171	2955	\$13952

STATISTICAL
WILMINGTON DISTRICT,
No. 3.

Table with columns: NAME OF CHARGE, NAME OF PASTOR, PASTOR'S SUPPORT (CLAIMS, RECEIPTS), and Supp't of Pr's'd'g Elders. Rows include churches like Bethel & Summit, Cherry Hill, etc., ending with a Total row.

TABLES.
WILMINGTON DISTRICT,
No. 4.

Table with columns: CONF. CLAIMANTS, C'R'N'T EXP'N'S, and BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS (MISSIONS, Educational, etc.). Rows include various collection categories like Collections, Endowments, Church Sexton, etc., ending with a Total row.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

DOVER DISTRICT.			EASTON DISTRICT.		
	Chapt'rs	Memb'rs		Chapt'rs	Memb'rs
Bridgeville	I	75	Appoquinimink	I	61
Cambridge	I	32	Bayside	I	20
Cannon	I	70	Cecilton	I	50
Dover, Wesley	I	30	Centreville	I	110
" Armony	I	33	Chestertown	I	99
East New Market	I	45	Cheswold	I	60
Farmington	2	60	Church Hill	I	30
Federalsburg	I	71	Clayton	I	100
Felton	2	75	Cordova	I	15
Galestown	2	52	Easton	I	142
Georgetown	I	20	Galena	2	88
Greenwood	2	70	Hillsboro	2	91
Harrington	I	40	Middletown	I	40
Houston	I	80	Millington	I	57
Lewes	I	75	Oxford	I	64
Little Creek	I	102	Queenstown	I	42
Lakesville	I	22	Rock Hall	I	30
Milford	I	125	Royal Oak	I	25
Milton	I	38	Sassafras and Masseys	I	30
Preston	I	35	Sudlersville	I	90
Seaford and Bladesville	I	111	Talbot	2	86
Vienna	I	21	Townsend	I	50
Wyoming	I	42	Tilghman's Island	I	60
	29	1324		26	1440

SALISBURY DISTRICT.			WILMINGTON DISTRICT.		
	Chapt'rs	Memb'rs		Chapt'rs	Memb'rs
Asbury	I	90	Charlestown	I	30
Berlin	I	28	Cherry Hill and Union	I	75
Cape Charles City	I	35	Chester	I	100
Crisfield	2	100	Claymont	I	25
Deal's Island	I	116	Delaware City	I	65
Delmar	I	90	Elkton	I	100
Fairmount	I	96	Hopewell	I	62
Frankford	2	70	Mt. Lebanon	I	60
Fruitland	I	58	Mt. Pleasant	I	83
Girdletree	3	168	New Castle	I	80
Gumboro	I	50	Newport	I	84
Holland's Island	I	42	North East	2	130
Laurel	I	35	Port Deposit	I	107
Millsboro	I	49	Rising Sun	I	100
Nanticoke	2	60	Rowlandsville and Mt. P.	I	35
Pocomoke City	I	80	St. Georges	I	100
Pocomoke Circuit	2	50	Wilmington—Brandywine	2	203
Quindocqua	I	65	" East Lake	I	31
Roxanna	2	125	" Epworth	I	85
St. Peters	I	190	" Grace	I	93
Salisbury	I	55	" Harrison Street	I	55
Snow Hill	I	115	" Scott	I	205
Somerset	2	80	" Silverbrook	I	24
Stockton	I	12	" Union	2	236
Tangier	I	80	Perryville	I	61
	33	1939	Zion	2	125
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OF THE

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WILMINGTON CONFERENCE,

For the Promotion of Foreign and Domestic Missions.

IN ACCOUNT WITH ALFRED G. COX, TREASURER.

SALISBURY, MD., March 20th, 1894.

DOVER DISTRICT.

Beckwith.....	M. D. Nutter	\$ 65 00
Bridgeville	W. P. Compton.....	100 00
Burrsville	J. E. Graham.....	75 00
Cambridge	F. C. McSorley.....	250 00
Camden.....	I. G. Fosnocht.....	110 00
Cannon	T. S. Williams.....	80 00
Church Creek.....	D. H. Willis	25 00
Crapo.....	W. W. Chaires	185 00
Denton	G. W. Townsend	175 00
Dorchester	L. B. Kirby	30 00
Dover { Wesley.....	W. L. S. Murray	600 00
{ Armory	J. H. Geoghegan	30 00
East New Market	Asbury Burke	80 00
Ellendale.....	L. T. McLain	55 00
Elliott's Island.....	C. W. Strickland	25 00
Farmington.....	W. M. Greene.....	60 00
Federalburg.....	G. T. Alderson.....	127 00

Felton	H. S. Thompson.....	\$ 125 00
Frederica.....	S. R. Maxwell.....	150 00
Galestown.....	J. T. VanBurkalow....	90 00
Georgetown.....	C. A. Grise.....	200 00
Georgetown Circuit.....	A. D. Davis.....	40 00
Georgetown Mission.....		10 00
Greenwood.....	A. Green.....	140 00
Harrington.....	P. H. Rawlins.....	125 00
Hooper's Island.....	B. Wheatly.....	25 00
Houston.....	G. R. Neese.....	200 00
Hurlock's.....	T. B. Cooper.....	100 00
Lakesville.....	C. W. Clapham.....	10 00
Leipsic.....	T. C. Smoot.....	35 00
Lewes.....	J. H. Howard.....	250 00
Lincoln.....	G. W. Hastings.....	75 00
Little Creek.....	A. C. Jones.....	20 00
Magnolia.....	W. F. Dawson.....	95 00
Milford.....	Robert Watt.....	460 00
Milton.....	E. P. Roberts.....	150 00
Nassau.....	J. S. Wickline.....	100 00
Preston.....	J. H. Wilson.....	50 00
Salem.....	J. T. Sewell.....	25 00
Seaford.....	C. W. Prettyman.....	191 00
Vienna.....	J. A. Brewington.....	50 00
Williamsburg.....	J. P. Outten.....	85 00
Williston.....	T. F. Tabler.....	100 00
Woodside.....	W. H. Benford.....	58 00
Wyoming.....	G. W. Bowman.....	60 00
Zoar.....	W. J. Tindall.....	10 00
Total.....		\$ 5,101 00

EASTON DISTRICT.

Appoquinimink.....	E. H. Hynson.....	\$ 71 00
Bayside.....	Fred E. McKinsey.....	35 00
Cecilton.....	D. H. Corkran.....	185 00
Centreville.....	Vaughn S. Collins.....	250 00
Cheswold.....	Thos. R. Vandyke.....	75 00
Chestertown.....	J. W. Easley.....	250 00

Church Hill.....	E. E. White.....	\$ 106 00
Clayton.....	H. C. Turner.....	20 00
Cordova.....	J. M. Lindale.....	60 00
Crumpton.....	John Boehm.....	30 00
Easton.....	W. E. Avery.....	350 00
Galena and Locust Grove.....	Edwin H. Nelson.....	140 00
Greensboro.....	J. A. Arters.....	110 00
Hillsboro.....	W. W. Sharp.....	150 00
Ingleside.....	W. M. Warner.....	40 00
Kent Island.....	Frank Fletcher.....	95 00
Kenton.....	J. M. Collins.....	35 00
Marydel.....	Albert Chandler.....	100 00
Middletown.....	N. M. Browne.....	500 00
Millington.....	George W. Burke.....	115 00
Odessa.....	R. Irving Watkins.....	150 00
Oxford.....	J. W. Fogle.....	85 00
Piney Neck.....	W. M. Lister.....	7 00
Pomona.....	J. F. Anderson.....	70 00
Queenstown.....	W. O. Hurst.....	70 00
Rock Hall.....	Robert Roe.....	100 00
Royal Oak.....	O. W. DeVenish.....	20 00
St. Michael's.....	S. J. Morris.....	260 00
Salem and Morgan's Creek.....	C. S. York.....	15 00
Sassafras and Massey's.....	J. W. Talley.....	15 00
Smyrna.....	Adam Stengle.....	600 00
Smyrna Circuit.....	W. R. Mowbray.....	105 00
Still Pond.....	J. D. Kemp.....	168 00
Sudlersville.....	C. F. Sheppard.....	93 00
Talbot Circuit.....	J. T. Prouse.....	50 00
Tilghman's Island.....	J. D. Lecates.....	65 00
Townsend.....	F. F. Carpenter.....	80 00
Trappe.....	G. S. Conoway.....	33 00
Union.....	J. B. Merritt.....	20 00
Wye and Starr.....	W. H. S. Loller.....	40 00
Total.....		\$ 4,763 00

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Anamessex.....	O. S. Walton.....	55 00
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Asbury	C. S. Baker	\$ 430 00
Barren Creek	C. P. Futcher	2 00
Berlin	W. R. McFarlane	75 00
Bethel	E. Davis	68 00
Bishopville	L. E. Pool	60 00
Cape Charles	G. W. Bounds	30 00
Chincoteague	G. P. Jones	60 00
Crisfield	R. K. Stephenson	285 00
Deal's Island	C. T. Wyatt	300 00
Delmar	L. P. Corkran	208 00
Fairmount	T. A. H. O'Brien	500 00
Frankford	C. P. Swain	140 00
Fruitland	C. I. Stengle	15 00
Girdletree	J. D. Reese	110 00
Gumboro	W. B. Guthrie	100 00
Holland's Island	Wm. E. Matthews	120 00
Laurel	S. N. Pilchard	262 00
Millsboro	James Carroll	100 00
Mt. Pleasant	W. S. H. Williams	60 00
Mt. Vernon	E. H. Derrickson	100 00
Nanticoke	F. J. Cochran	150 00
Newark	J. R. Campbell	25 00
New Church	J. W. Minner	5 00
Onancock	E. C. Atkins	150 00
Parksley	N. P. Johnson	20 00
Parsonsburg	W. R. Gwinn	75 00
Pocomoke City	E. C. Macnichol	100 00
Pocomoke Circuit	W. N. Conway	40 00
Powellsville	E. Welch	40 00
Princess Anne	R. W. Todd	70 00
Quantico	J. M. Mitchell	79 00
Quindocqua	V. P. Northrup	55 00
Roxana	G. L. Hardesty	140 00
Reed's Wharf	T. S. Barrett	10 00
St. Peter's	Warren Burr	310 00
Salisbury	C. A. Hill	401 00
Selbyville	T. F. Beauchamp	60 00
Sharptown	N. McQuay	80 00

Smith's Island	J. W. Gray	\$ 260 00
Snow Hill	R. T. Coursey	170 00
Somerset	D. F. McFaul	107 00
Stockton	T. N. Given	73 00
Tangier	Z. H. Webster	400 00
Westover	C. K. Morris	30 00
Whitesville	E. H. Miller	140 00
Total		\$ 6,072 00

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Bethel and Summit	T. B. Hunter	\$ 65 00
Charlestown	T. H. Harding	70 00
Cherry Hill and Union	W. T. Valiant	200 00
Chesapeake City	Wilmer Jaggard	70 00
Chester	E. S. Mace	126 00
Christiana	T. G. Eiswald	37 00
Claymont	G. E. Wood	50 00
Delaware City	A. P. Prettyman	90 00
Elk Neck	Edwin Gardner	45 00
Elkton and Crouche's	I. L. Wood	325 00
Hockessin and Ebenezer	J. O. Sypherd	75 00
Hopewell	B. F. Price	65 00
Marshallton and Stanton	C. H. Williams	55 00
Mt. Lebanon and Union	James Conner	81 00
Mt. Pleasant	W. E. Tomkinson	65 00
Newark and Wesley	W. J. DuHadway	140 00
New Castle	T. E. Martindale	240 00
Newport and Elsmere	A. S. Mowbray	150 00
North East	W. G. Koons	140 00
Perryville	W. P. Taylor	41 00
Port Pepsit	H. W. Ewing	210 00
Port Penn	D. J. Given	15 00
Red Lion and Glasgow	W. P. Townsend	50 00
Rising Sun and Sylmar	J. E. Bryan	135 00
Rowlandville and Mt. Pleasant	James Purnell	15 00
St. George's	Julius Dodd	80 00
Asbury	J. D. C. Hanna	1000 00
Brandywine	P. J. Otis	97 00

Cookman	W. L. White	\$ 32 00
East Lake and Edgemoore	M. B. Bullock	24 00
Epworth	Isaac Jewell	80 00
Grace	J. Y. Dobbins	2252 00
Harrison St	F. B. Short	25 00
Kingswood	H. S. Dulaney	70 00
Madeley	D. F. Waddell	90 00
Mt. Salem	S. M. Morgan	410 00
St. Paul's	T. E. Terry	710 00
Scott	John France	275 00
Silverbrook	W. A. Wise	35 00
Swedish Mission	F. O. B. Wallin	30 00
Union	J. E. Amos	600 00
Wesley	J. B. Quigg	75 00
Zion	L. W. Layfield	225 00
Total		\$ 8665 00

RECAPITULATION.

DOVER DISTRICT.

Raised last year,	\$4,924 00
Raised this year,	5,101 00
Increase,	\$ 177 00

EASTON DISTRICT.

Raised last year,	\$5,099 00
Raised this year,	4,763 00
Decrease,	\$ 336 00

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Raised last year,	\$5,939 00
Raised this year,	6,072 00
Increase,	\$ 133 00

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Raised last year,	\$9,304 00
Raised this year,	8,665 00
Decrease,	\$ 639 00

GENERAL SUMMARY

Whole amount raised last year,	\$25,777 00
Whole amount raised this year,	24,601 00
Decrease,	\$ 1,176 00

MISSIONARY STATISTICS.

DOVER DISTRICT.

Beckwith—M. D. Nutter, Pastor.

Beckwith Church	\$ 26 00
Spedden Church	39 00
Total	\$ 65 00

Bridgeville—W. P. Compton, Pastor.

Church	\$ 52 00
Sunday School	48 00
Total	\$ 100 00

Burrsville—J. E. Graham, Pastor.

Wesley Church and School	\$ 30 00
White's Church and School	20 00
Shepherd's Church and Sunday School	15 00
Thawley's	10 00
Total	\$ 75 00

Cambridge—F. C. McSorley, Pastor.

From Church	\$ 147 00
" Sunday School	103 00
Total	\$ 250 00

Camden—I. G. Fosnocht, Pastor.

Camden Sunday School	\$ 35 00
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Camden Congregation	\$ 25 00
Lebanon Sunday School	5 25
“ Congregation	14 75
St. Jones' Sunday School	30 00
Total	\$ 110 00

Cannon—T. S. Williams, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 60 00
Sunday Schools	20 00
Total	\$ 80 00

Church Creek—D. H. Willis, Pastor.

Church Creek Sunday School	\$ 15 00
Church	10 00
Total	\$ 25 00

Crapo—W. W. Chaires, Pastor.

From Churches	\$ 100 00
From Sunday Schools	85 00
Total	\$ 185 00

Denton—Geo. W. Townsend, Pastor.

Denton Church	\$ 115 00
Denton Sunday School	15 00
Harris Church	15 00
Harris Sunday School	5 00
Central Sunday School	25 00
Total	\$ 175 00

Dorchester—L. B. Kirby, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 15 00
Schools	15 00
Total	\$ 30 00

Dover—Wesley—W. L. S. Murray, Pastor.

From Church	\$ 146 00
From Sunday School	454 00
Total	\$ 600 00

Dover—Armory—J. H. Geoghegan, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 25 00
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Church	\$ 5 00
Total	\$ 30 00

East New Market—A. Burke, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 80 00
Total	\$ 80 00

Ellendale—L. T. McLain, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 20 00
Churches	35 00
Total	\$ 55 00

Elliott's Island—C. W. Strickland, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 25 00
Total	\$ 25 00

Farmington—W. M. Greene, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 35 00
Sunday Schools	25 00
Total	\$ 60 00

Federalsburg—G. T. Alderson, Pastor.

Federalsburg Church	\$ 50 00
“ School	50 00
Chestnut Grove Church and School	17 00
Total	\$ 117 00

Felton—H. S. Thompson, Pastor.

Felton Churches	\$ 30 00
Felton Sunday Schools	95 00
Total	\$ 125 00

Frederica—S. R. Maxwell, Pastor.

Church	\$ 53 00
Sunday School	100 00
Total	\$ 150 00

Galestown—J. T. VanBurkalow, Pastor.

The four Churches	\$ 57 20
Galestown Sunday School	14 80
Wesley Sunday School	10 00

Cokesbury Sunday School	\$ 5 00
Woodland Sunday School	3 00
Total	\$ 90 00

Georgetown—C. A. Grise, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 175 00
Church	25 00
Total	\$ 200 00

Georgetown Circuit—A. D. Davis, Pastor.

From Churches	\$ 20 00
“ Sunday Schools	20 00
Total	\$ 40 00

Greenwood—Aloysius Green, Pastor.

Greenwood Church	\$ 34 00
Greenwood Sunday School	8 00
Trinity Church	63 00
Trinity Sunday School	8 00
Chaplains Church	18 00
St. John's Church	8 00
St. John's Sunday School	1 00
Total	\$ 140 00

Harrington—P. H. Rawlins, Pastor.

Harrington Church	\$ 23 00
“ Sunday School	90 00
Masten's Church	10 00
Asbury Sunday School	2 00
Total	\$ 125 00

Hooper's Island—B. Wheatly, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 10 00
Sunday Schools	15 00
Total	\$ 25 00

Houston—G. R. Neese, Pastor.

From Churches	\$ 178 00
From Sunday Schools	22 00
Total	\$ 200 00

Hurlock—T. B. Cooper, Pastor.

Washington Church	\$ 60 00
“ Sunday School	21 00
St. Paul's Church	13 00
“ Sunday School	3 00
McKendree Church and Sunday School	3 00
Total	\$ 100 00

Lakesville—C. W. Clapham, Pastor.

Circuit	\$ 10 00
Total	\$ 10 00

Leipsic—T. C. Smoot, Pastor.

Raymond Church	\$ 12 00
Leipsic Church	21 00
“ Sunday School	2 00
Total	\$ 35 00

Lewes—J. H. Howard Pastor.

Church	\$ 125 00
Sunday School	125 00
Total	\$ 250 00

Lincoln City—G. W. Hastings, Pastor.

Churches and Sunday Schools	\$ 75 00
Total	\$ 75 00

Little Creek—A. C. Jones, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 2 00
Sunday School	18 00
Total	\$ 20 00

Magnolia—W. F. Dawson, Pastor.

Magnolia Sunday School	\$ 50 00
“ Congregation	20 00
Saxtons Sunday School	5 00
Barrett's Chapel Sunday School	20 00
Total	\$ 95 00

Milford—R. Watt, Pastor.

Church	\$ 130 00
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Schools	\$ 330 00
Total	\$ 460 00

Milton—E. P. Roberts, Pastor.

Church	\$ 40 00
Sunday Schol	110 00
Total	\$ 150 00

Nassau—J. S. Wickline, Pastor.

Connellys	\$ 21 00
“ Sunday School	16 00
Whites	25 00
“ Sunday School	15 00
Ebenezer	15 00
“ Sunday School	8 00
Zion	8 00
“ Sunday School	2 00
Total	\$ 110 00

Preston—J. Harry Wilson, Pastor.

Preston Church	\$ 14 00
“ Sunday School	7 00
Choptank Church	9 00
“ Sunday School	12 00
Bethlehem Church	8 00
Total	\$ 50 00

Seaford and Bladesville—C. W. Prettyman, Pastor.

Seaford Church	\$ 58 00
“ Sunday School	115 00
Bladesville Church	8 00
“ Sunday School	10 00
Total	\$ 191 00

Vienna—J. A. Brewington, Pastor.

Vienna Church	\$ 32 52
“ Sunday School	8 48
Manship Church	1 00
“ Sunday School	3 00
Wainwright Church	2 00
“ Sunday School	3 00
Total	\$ 50 00

Williamsburg—J. P. Outten, Pastor.

Williamsburg Sunday School	\$ 30 00
Hynson Church	15 00
“ Sunday School	10 00
Friendship Church	15 00
“ Sunday School	5 00
Nichols Church	7 00
“ Sunday School	3 00
Total	\$ 85 00

Williston—T. F. Tabler, Pastor.

Concord	\$ 40 00
Bloomery	25 00
Williston	20 00
Harmony	15 00
Total	\$ 100 00

Woodside—W. H. Benford, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 35 00
Sunday Schools	20 00
Self-denial	3 00
Total	\$ 58 00

Wyoming—G. W. Bowman, Pastor.

Wyoming Church	\$ 20 00
“ Sunday School	15 00
Union Church	4 00
“ Sunday School	14 94
Asbury Church	3 20
“ Sunday School	2 86
Total	\$ 60 00

Zoar—W. J. Tindall, Pastor.

Zoar	\$ 3 00
St. Thomas	2 00
Asbury	5 00
Total	\$ 10 00

EASTON DISTRICT.

Appoquinimink—E. H. Hynson, Pastor.

Friendship Church	\$ 33 00
“ Sunday School	14 00
Smyrna Landing Sunday School	12 00
Blackbird Sunday School	10 00
Union Church	2 00
Total	\$ 71 00

Bayside—Fred E. McKinsey, Pastor.

Asbury Sunday School	\$ 13 25
“ Church	5 00
Sherwood Sunday School	14 00
“ Church	2 75
Total	\$ 35 00

Cecilton—D. H. Corkran, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 50 00
Sunday Schools	135 00
Total	\$ 185 00

Centreville—Vaughan S. Collins, Pastor.

Easter Offering	\$ 14 00
Ebenezer Sunday School	24 25
Centreville “ “	145 52
“ Church	66 23
Total	\$ 250 00

Chestertown—J. W. Easley, Pastor.

Church	\$ 68 00
Sunday School	182 00
Total	\$ 250 00

Cheswold—Thos. R. VanDyke, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 75 00
Total	\$ 75 00

Church Hill—E. E. White, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 56 00
Sunday Schools	50 00
Total	\$ 106 00

Clayton—H. C. Turner, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School	\$ 30 00
Total	\$ 30 00

Cordova—J. M. Lindale, Pastor.

Kings Creek Sunday School	\$ 33 67
Chapel School	2 20
“ Congregation	1 00
Cordova Sunday School	21 79
“ Congregation	1 85
	60 51
Less Expenses	51
Total	\$ 60 00

Crumpton—John Boehm, Pastor.

Crumpton Church	\$ 8 00
“ Sunday School	12 00
Double Creek Sunday School	7 50
“ Church	2 50
Total	\$ 30 00

Easton—W. E. Avery, Pastor.

Ebenezer Church	\$ 100 00
“ Sunday School	242 00
Tunis Mills Sunday School	8 00
Total	\$ 350 00

Galena and Locust Grove—Edwin H. Nelson, Pastor.

Galena Church	\$ 30 00
“ Sunday School	76 00
Locust Grove Church	27 00
“ Sunday School	7 00
Total	\$ 140 00

Greensboro—J. A. Arters, Pastor.

From Church	\$ 18 00
“ Sunday School	92 00
Total	\$ 110 00

Hillsboro—W. W. Sharp, Pastor.

Hillsboro	\$ 113 00
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Ridgeley	37 00
Total	\$ 150 00

Ingleside—W. M. Warner, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 33 00
Henderson Sunday School	7 00
Total	\$ 40 00

Kent Island—Frank Fletcher, Pastor.

First Church	\$ 40 00
Sunday School	20 00
Kingsley Church	15 00
Sunday School	5 00
Trinity Church	10 00
Sunday School	5 00
Total	\$ 95 00

Kenton—J. M. Collins, Pastor.

Churches and Schools	\$ 35 00
Total	\$ 35 00

Marydel—Albert Chandler, Pastor.

Templeville Church	\$ 25 00
“ Sunday School	11 00
Marydel Church	16 00
“ Sunday School	15 00
Hartley Church	7 00
“ Sunday School	16 00
Thomas Chapel	8 00
“ Sunday School	2 00
Total	\$ 100 00

Middletown—N. M. Browne, Pastor.

Church	\$ 92 00
Sunday School	408 00
Total	\$ 500 00

Millington—Geo. W. Burke, Pastor.

Millington Church	\$ 28 00
“ Sunday School	87 00
Total	\$ 115 00

Odessa—R. Irving Watkins, Pastor.

Church	\$ 20 00
Sabbath School	130 00
Total	\$ 150 00

Oxford—J. W. Fogle, Pastor.

Church	\$ 14 00
Sunday School	71 00
Total	\$ 85 00

Piney Neck—W. M. Lister Pastor.

Church	\$ 7 00
Total	\$ 7 00

Pomona—J. F. Anderson, Pastor.

Bond Sunday School	\$ 62 81
“ Church	4 19
Mowbury	3 00
Total	\$ 70 00

Queenstown—W. O. Hurst, Pastor.

Queenstown Church	\$ 16 00
“ Sunday School	6 00
Perry's Corner Church	20 00
Winchester Church	25 00
“ Sunday School	3 00
Total	\$ 70 00

Rock Hall—Robert Roe, Pastor.

School	\$ 70 00
Church	30 00
Total	\$ 100 00

Royal Oak—O. W. DeVenish, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School	\$ 20 00
Total	\$ 20 00

St. Michael's S. J. Morris, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School	\$ 260 00
Total	\$ 260 00

Salem and Zion—Charles S. York, Pastor.

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

Sassafras and Massey—J. W. Talley, Pastor.

Church	\$ 15 00
Total	\$ 15 00

Smyrna—Adam Stengle, Pastor.

Church	\$ 303 00
Sunday School	*282 00
Christian Endeavor Society	15 00
Total	\$ 600 00

Smyrna Circuit—W. R. Mowbray, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 28 00
Bethel Sunday School	37 50
Severson Sunday School	16 25
Jerman Chapel Sunday School	18 00
Bay View Sunday School	5 25
Total	\$ 105 00

Still Pond—John D. Kemp, Pastor.

Still Pond Church	\$ 160 00
Betterton	8 00
Total	\$ 168 00

Sudlersville—Chas. F. Sheppard, Pastor.

From Churches	\$ 26 00
“ Sunday Schools	67 00
Total	\$ 93 00

Talbot—James T. Prouse, Pastor.

Broad Creek Church	\$ 11 00
“ Sunday School	24 00
Chathams	15 00
Total	\$ 50 00

Tilghman—John D. Lecates, Pastor.

Chesapeake Sunday School	\$ 0 4
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Choptank Sunday School	14 68
Churches	9 84
Total	\$ 65 00

Townsend—F. F. Carpenter, Pastor.

Church	\$ 36 00
Sunday School	44 00
Total	\$ 80 00

Trappe—G. S. Conoway, Pastor.

Trappe Church	\$ 20 00
“ Sunday School	5 00
Bolingbrooke Church and School	2 00
Landing Neck Church and School	6 00
Total	\$ 33 00

Union—J. B. Merritt, Pastor.

Church	\$ 20 00
Total	\$ 20 00

Wye and Starr—W. H. S. Loller, Pastor.

From Church	\$ 38 00
From Sunday School	2 00
Total	\$ 42 00

SALISBURY DISTRICT,

Annamessex—O. S. Walton, Pastor.

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

Asbury—C. S. Baker, Pastor.

Church	\$ 226 00
School	204 00
Total	\$ 430 00

Barren Creek—C. P. Futcher, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 2 00
Total	\$ 2 00

Berlin—Wm. R. McFarlane, Pastor.

Berlin Sunday School	\$ 40 00
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Church	30 00
Synapuxent	5 00
Total	\$ 75 00

Bethel—E. Davis, Pastor.

Bethel	\$ 42 00
Mt. Zion	23 15
Epworth	2 85
Total	\$ 68 00

Bishopville—L. E. Pool, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 32 00
Congregation	28 00
Total	\$ 60 00

Cape Charles City—Geo. W. Bounds, Pastor.

Church	\$ 10 00
Sunday School	20 00
Total	\$ 30 00

Chincoteague—G. P. Jones, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 60 00
Total	\$ 60 00

Crisfield—R. K. Stephenson, Pastor.

Church	\$ 135 00
Sunday School	150 00
Total	\$ 285 00

Deal's Island—C. T. Wyatt, Pastor.

Deal's Island Church	\$ 50 00
“ Sunday School	206 00
Chapel	44 00
Total	\$ 300 00

Delmar—L. P. Corkran, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 208 00
Total	\$ 208 00

Fairmount—T. A. H. O'Brien, Pastor.

Christ's Church	\$ 55 89
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“ Sunday School	270 09
Union Church	49 91
“ Sunday School	50 09
Fishing Island Sunday School	30 00
Self-denial for Charge	44 02
Total	\$ 500 00

Frankford—Charles P. Swain, Pastor.

Frankford Church	\$ 40 00
“ Sunday School	20 00
St. George's Church	60 00
“ Sunday School	10 00
Houston Church and Sunday School	10 00
Total	\$ 140 00

Fruitland—Charles I. Stengle.

Churches	\$ 15 00
Total	\$ 15 00

Girdletree—J. D. Reese, Pastor.

Conner's Sunday School	\$ 50 00
Girdletree Sunday School	40 00
Churches	20 00
Total	\$ 110 00

Gumboro—W. B. Guthrie, Pastor.

Gumboro Church	\$ 30 00
“ Sunday School	15 00
Bethel Church	15 00
“ Sunday School	12 00
West Woods Church	24 00
“ Sunday School	4 00
Total	\$ 100 00

Holland's Island—Wm. E. Matthews, Pastor.

From Church	\$ 89 00
“ Sunday School	31 00
Total	\$ 120 00

Laurel—S. N. Pilchard, Pastor.

Church	\$ 8 00
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Sunday School	252 00
Total	\$ 260 00

Millsboro—James Carroll, Pastor.

Millsboro Church	\$ 36 00
“ Sunday School	5 00
Dagsboro Church	7 00
“ Sunday School	9 00
Carey's Church	9 00
“ Sunday School	6 00
Central Church	15 00
Unity Church	13 00
Total	\$ 100 00

Mt. Pleasant—W. S. H. Williams, Pastor.

Church	\$ 40 00
Sunday School	20 00
Total	\$ 60 00

Mt. Vernon—E. H. Derrickson, Pastor.

Sunday Schools	\$ 100 00
Total	\$ 100 00

Nanticoke—F. J. Cochran, Pastor.

Whitehaven Church	\$ 25 00
“ Sunday School	5 00
Trinity Church	30 00
“ Sunday School	20 00
Jones' Church	50 00
“ Sunday School	10 00
Tyaskin Church	10 00
Total	\$ 150 00

Newark—J. R. Campbell, Pastor.

Congregations and Sunday Schools	\$ 25 00
Total	\$ 25 00

New Church—J. Willis Minner, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 5 00
Total	\$ 5 00

Onancock—E. C. Atkins, Pastor.

Onancock Church	\$ 43 00
“ Sunday School	57 00
Leatherbury's Chapel	15 00
“ Sunday School	11 00
Ayer's Chapel	24 00
Total	\$ 150 00

Pocomoke Circuit—W. N. Conway, Pastor.

Parker's Chapel Sunday School	\$ 16 00
Cokesbury Sunday School	10 00
Williams Sunday School	5 00
Cokesbury Church	5 00
Williams' Church	4 00
Total	\$ 40 00

Parsonsbury—W. R. Gwinn Pastor.

Parsonsbury Church	\$ 20 00
“ Sunday School	30 00
Pittsville Sunday School	10 00
Zion Sunday School	15 00
Total	\$ 75 00

Pocomoke City—E. C. Macnichol, Pastor.

Church	\$ 20 00
Sunday School	80 00
Total	\$ 100 00

Powellville—E. Welch, Pastor.

Churches and Sunday School	\$ 40 00
Total	\$ 40 00

Princess Anne—R. W. Todd, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 56 00
Congregation	14 00
Total	\$ 70 00

Quantico—J. M. Mitchell, Pastor.

Rockawalking	\$ 40 00
Quantico	11 00
Messick's	26 00

Hebron	2 00
Total	\$ 79 00

Quindocqua—Van P. Northrup, Pastor.

Quindocqua Sunday School	\$ 36 00
Churches	19 00
Total	\$ 55 00

Roxanna—G. L. Hardesty, Pastor.

Roxana Church	\$ 40 00
“ Sunday School	20 00
Bethel Church	42 00
“ School	22 00
Sound Church	7 00
“ School	9 00
Total	\$ 140 00

Read's Wharf—Thos. S. Barrett, Pastor.

Read's Wharf Church	\$ 5 00
“ “ Sunday School	5 00
Total	\$ 10 00

Salisbury—Charles A. Hill, Pastor.

Church	\$ 127 00
Sunday School	274 00
Total	\$ 401 00

Stockton—Thos. N. Given, Pastor.

Franklin Church	\$ 17 00
“ Sunday School	17 00
Stockton Church	15 00
“ Sunday School	11 00
Remson Church	10 00
“ Sunday School	5 00
Total	\$75 00

St. Peter's—Warren Burr, Pastor.

St. Peter's Church	\$ 200 00
St. Stephen's Chapel	55 00
Bethel	25 00
Burr's	30 00
Total	\$ 310 00

Selbyville—T. F. Beauchamp, Pastor.

Salem	\$ 50 00
Ebenezer	10 00
Total	\$ 60 00

Sharptown—N. McQuay, Pastor.

Church	\$ 30 00
Sunday School	50 00
Total	\$ 80 00

Smith's Island—J. W. Gray, Pastor.

Smith's Island Church	\$ 110 00
Northend School	65 00
Drumpoint School	60 00
Roads-point School	25 00
Total	\$ 260 00

Snow Hill—R. T. Coursey, Pastor.

Church	\$ 35 00
Sunday School	135 00
Total	\$ 170 00

Somerset—D. F. McFaul, Pastor.

Churches and Sunday Schools	\$ 107 00
Total	\$ 107 00

Tangier—Zack H. Webster, Pastor.

Church	\$ 50 00
Main Sunday School	300 00
Upper “	50 00
Total	\$ 400 00

Westover—C. K. Morris, Pastor.

Westover Church	\$ 10 00
“ Sunday School	5 00
Mt. Olive Church	10 00
“ Sunday School	5 00
Total	\$ 30 00

Whitesville—E. H. Miller, Pastor.

Church	\$ 120 00
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Sunday School	20 00
Total	\$ 140 00

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Bethel and Summit—T. B. Hunter Pastor.

Bethel Church	\$ 27 75
“ Sunday School	6 21
Summit Church	12 55
“ Sunday School	18 49
Total	\$ 65 00

Charlestown—T. H. Harding, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 50 00
Sunday Schools	20 00
Total	\$ 70 00

Cherry Hill—W. T. Valiant, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 100 00
Sunday Schools	100 00
Total	\$ 200 00

Chesapeake City—Wilmer Jaggard, Pastor.

Chesapeake City	\$ 55 00
Manor	15 00
Total	\$ 70 00

Chester-Bethel—Edgar S. Mace, Pastor.

Chester-Bethel Church	\$ 95 44
“ Sunday School	31 56
Total	\$ 127 00

Christiana—T. G. Eiswald, Pastor.

Christiana Church	\$ 5 00
“ Sunday School	20 00
Salem Church	4 00
“ Sunday School	8 00
Total	\$ 37 00

Claymont—Geo. E. Wood, Pastor.

Church	\$ 8 00
Sunday School	42 00
Total	\$ 50 00

Delaware City—A. P. Prettyman, Pastor.

Church	\$ 54 00
School	36 00
Total	\$ 90 00

Elk Neck—Edwin Gardner, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 32 50
Sunday Schools	13 50
Total	\$ 45 00

Elkton—Isaac L. Wood, Pastor.

Church	\$ 50 00
Sunday School	275 00
Total	\$ 325 00

Hockessin and Ebenezer—J. Owen Sypherd, Pastor.

Hockessin Sunday School	\$ 20 00
“ Missionary Anniversary	14 00
“ Church Collection	17 00
Ebenezer Sunday School	10 00
“ Church	10 00
Total	\$ 71 00

Hopewell—B. F. Price, Pastor.

Church	\$ 5 00
Sunday School	60 00
Total	\$ 65 00

Marshallton and Stanton—C. H. Williams, Pastor.

Marshallton School	\$ 15 00
“ Congregation	15 00
Stanton School	10 00
“ Congregation	15 00
Total	\$ 55 00

Mt. Lebanon—James Connor, Pastor.

Mt. Lebanon Sunday School	\$ 60 00
Newark Union	30 00
Less Expenses	9 00
Total	\$ 81 00

Mt. Pleasant—William E. Tomkinson, Pastor.

Church	\$ 10 00
Sunday School	\$ 55 00
Total	\$ 65 00

Newark and Wesley—W. J. DuHadway, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 15 00
Sunday Schools	125 00
Total	\$ 140 00

New Castle—T. E. Martindale, Pastor.

Church	\$ 10 00
Sunday School	230 00
Total	\$ 240 00

Newport—A. S. Mowbray, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 40 00
Schools	110 00
Total	\$ 150 00

North East—W. G. Koons, Pastor.

Church	\$ 16 00
Sunday School	124 00
Total	\$ 140 00

Perryville,—Wm. P. Taylor, Pastor.

From Sunday School	\$ 40 00
From Church	1 00
Total	\$ 41 00

Port Deposit—H. W. Ewing, Pastor.

Church	\$ 40 00
Sunday School	170 00
Total	\$ 210 00

Port Penn—D. J. Given, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School	\$ 15 00
Total	\$ 15 00

Red Lion and Glasgow—Wm. P. Townsend, Pastor.

Red Lion Sunday School	\$ 9 00
Bear Sunday School	2 00

Churches	39 00
Total	\$ 50 00

Rising Sun and Sylmar—J. E. Bryan, Pastor.

Rising Sun Church	\$ 54 00
“ Sunday School	56 00
Sylmar Church	16 00
“ Sunday School	9 00
Total	\$ 135 00

Rowlandville—James Purnell, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 9 00
Sunday Schools	6 00
Total	\$ 15 00

St. Georges—Julius Dodd, Pastor.

Church	\$ 40 00
Sunday School	40 00
Total	\$ 80 00

Asbury—John D. C. Hanna, Pastor.

Church	\$ 468 00
Sunday School	532 00
Total	\$1000 00

Brandywine—J. P. Otis, Pastor.

Entertainment	\$ 118 00
Morning Sunday School	19 c4
Afternoon “ “	33 26
Anniversary	9 00
Junior League	6 10
Congregation	11 60
Total	\$97 00

Cookman—Wm. L. White, Pastor.

Church	\$ 21 43
Sunday School	10 57
Total	\$ 32 00

Eastlake and Edgemoor—M. Bullock, Pastor.

Churches and Schools	\$ 24 00
Total	\$ 24 00

Epworth—Isaac Jewell, Pastor.

Sunday School and Church	\$ 80 00
Total	\$ 80 00

Grace—John Y. Dobbins, Pastor.

Church	\$ 720 00
Sunday School	1532 00
Total	\$2252 00

Harrison Street—F. Burgette Short, Pastor.

From Church	\$ 10 00
From Sunday School	\$ 15 00
Total	\$ 25 00

Kingswood—Henry S. Dulany, Pastor.

From Church	\$ 15 00
From Sunday School	55 00
Total	\$ 70 00

Madeley—D. F. Waddell, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School	\$ 90 00
Total	\$ 90 00

Mt. Salem—S. M. Morgan, Pastor.

Mt. Salem Church	\$ 102 00
“ Sunday School	158 00
Riddle's Chapel Sunday School	150 00
Total	\$ 410 00

St. Paul's—Thos. E. Terry Pastor.

From Church	\$ 310 00
“ Sunday School	400 00
Total	\$ 710 00

Scott—John France, Pastor.

Sabbath Schools	\$ 200 00
Church	75 00
Total	\$ 275 00

Silverbrook—W. A. Wise, Pastor.

Church	\$ 5 00
Sunday School	30 00
Total	\$ 35 00

Swedish Mission—F. O. B. Wallin, Pastor.

Society	\$ 11 00
Sunday School	19 00
Total	\$ 30 00

Union—J. Edwin Amos, Pastor.

Church	\$ 73 00
Sunday School	527 00
Total	\$ 600 00

Wesley—John B. Quigg, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 75 00
Total	\$ 75 00

Zion—L. W. Layfield, Pastor.

Zion Sunday School	\$ 20 00
Stephen's “	36 00
Ebenezer “	40 00
Calvert “	40 00
St. John's Church	25 00
Zion “	25 00
Ebenezer “	25 00
Calvert “	14 00
Total	\$ 225 00

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