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Thirtieth Session.

Wilmington Conference.

Record of Sessions.

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1	March 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'y 21, '72	Laurel	E. R. Ames	T. E. Martindale
5	March 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
27	" 20, '95	Smyrna	J. F. Hurst	A. S. Mowbray
28	" 18, '96	Dover	H. W. Warren	A. S. Mowbray
29	" 17, '97	Chestertown	J. M. Walden	A. S. Mowbray
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From the Laws of the State of Delaware.

CHAPTER 420.

OF RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

AN ACT to incorporate the "Trustees of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware in General Assembly met (two-thirds of each branch of the Legislature concurring therein):

SECTION 1. That Vaughan S. Collins, C. P. Swain, Adam Stengle, Thomas E. Martin

dale, W. L. S. Murray, C. T. Wyatt, E. H. Nelson, P. H. Rawlins and C. W. Prettyman, be and they are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic by the name of "Trustees of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church" and by that name shall have succession with the power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, complain, answer and defend in all courts of law and equity, and may purchase, take and receive by deed, gift or otherwise, any property, real, personal or mixed, and have, hold and lease the same, and the same to invest, manage, sell, grant, convey, loan, mortgage and otherwise dispose of at its pleasure.

SEC. 2. The number of trustees of said corporation shall be nine, who shall be elected by the annual session of the Wilmington Annual Conference, and their terms shall be appointed by lot in such manner as said session of the Wilmington Annual Conference may direct, for one, two and three years, respectively, and at every annual session of the said Wilmington Annual Conference thereafter three trustees shall be elected for the term of three years. The said trustees shall continue in office until their successors are duly elected and any vacancy may be filled by the said trustees until the next session of the Wilmington Annual Conference.

SEC. 3. The said corporation shall hereafter have power to accept and administer any trust for the benefit of the Methodist Episcopal Church within the bounds of the Wilmington Annual Conference as defined by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church or for any religious, eleemosynary, charitable, educational or benevolent purpose within the limits of said Conference or for any church or charge within the bounds thereof, and to that end to take legal title to lands which may be purchased or otherwise legally acquired by it for church sites, parsonages, schools, hospitals, asylums or other purposes within the scope of this act, to accept funds to be invested in lands for such purposes and also to receive funds in trust, to hold the same and from time to time to reinvest such funds in interest bearing securities and apply the income thereof for the purchase of lands for the like purposes and in all such cases to manage and control such property for the uses declared in the instrument of such gifts or conveyances or in the absence of express direction as shall seem best to said corporation, and generally to accept and administer any and all trusts of real and personal property which may be committed to it by individuals, bodies corporate and politic, by any court, or by any church or charge within or without the bounds of the said Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church or by the authorities of any church therein for the purposes aforesaid. The said corporation shall also have power to be appointed as executor or administrator with the will annexed, and when so appointed shall not be required to give security except in such case and in such manner and amount as the Register of Wills, who shall grant the letters testamentary or of administration therein, may deem necessary to secure the payment of debts, and any oath or affirmation required by law to be taken in the due execution of the powers herein granted may be made or taken by the president or treasurer of said corporation.

SEC. 4. The said corporation shall have power in the execution of the purposes and trusts contemplated by this act, subject to the direction of the donors, to sell and convey, mortgage, lease and otherwise dispose of the said property, and to receive and receipt for the purchase or other money received from the transfer or mortgage of the same without any liability on the part of any purchaser, grantee or lessee with respect to the application of the money or other security or property paid or delivered to said corporation.

SEC. 5. The said corporation may have and use a common seal, the same to alter and renew at pleasure and from time to time may enact laws for its government, and providing

for all necessary details in the management of its business and the selection of its officers and agents, and the same may alter, amend or repeal, provided the same be not repugnant to the Constitution or laws of the United States or of this State.

Sec. 6. That the Legislature hereby reserves the power of revoking, altering and amending this act, but such revocation, alteration or amendment shall in no case divert the property, funds, money or rights acquired under its provisions, nor divert them from the purposes herein expressed, but such property, funds, money and rights of said corporation in case of such revocation shall be applied to such uses and purposes hereinbefore mentioned, and shall be directed by the said Wilmington Annual Conference or by the provisions of gifts, conveyances or trusts aforesaid.

Sec. 7. This shall be deemed and taken to be a public act.

Passed at Dover, April 22, 1897.

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1900—E. C. Macnichol, G. W. Townsend, S. M. Morgan, I. L. Wood.

1901—Julius Dodd, J. D. Rigg, W. J. DuHadway, H. W. Ewing.

1902—J. P. Otis, V. S. Collins, R. I. Watkins, R. K. Stephenson.

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EXCERPT FROM RULES OF EXAMINATION.

4. All examinations shall be in writing, both questions and answers. The examination on each book shall consist of not less than 25 nor more than 50 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 and mental grasp of the student. 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 70 on the whole examination shall be necessary to pass the candidate. (Conference minutes 1894, page 67, amended.)

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED MARCH 21, 1896.

Resolved 1. "No candidate shall be admitted or advanced in classes with conditions, who has failed in more than one major or two minor studies.

Resolved 2. "In no case shall a candidate for full admission be received nor a candidate for elder's orders be so elected until every requirement shall have been fully met."

SCHEME OF STUDIES.

- Note.* (a) Studies for Examination.
(b) Studies upon which a syllabus is required.
(c) *Books to be read.

1. English.—Examiner, Jno. D. Rigg.
 - (a) Reading, Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, Spelling.
 - (b) Problem of Religious Progress.
2. History.—Examiner, W. J. Du Hadway.
 - (a) Leading Facts of American History, Outlines of Universal History (Ancient, Mediaeval, Modern).
 - (b) Short History of the English People.
- Belle Lettres.—Examiner, J. P. Otis.
 - (a) English and American Literature, Rhetoric, Logic, and all Essays.
 - (b) Social Aspects of Christianity.
4. Mental Science.—Examiner, Julius Dodd.
 - (a) Elements of Psychology, Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation.
 - (b) Life and Epistles of St. Paul.
5. Apologetics.—Examiner, I. L. Wood.
 - (a) Butler's Analogy, Manual of Christian Evidences.
 - (b) History of Rationalism.
6. Methodist Polity.—Examiner, R. K. Stephenson.
 - (a) Discipline, Digest of Methodist Law.
 - (b) The Governing Conference in Methodism, Digest of Methodist Law, The General Conference and Episcopacy, The Epworth League: Four Wonderful Years.
7. Methodist History.—Examiner, S. M. Morgan.
 - (a) Life of John Wesley, History of American Methodism (abridged), History of Methodism (abridged).
 - (b) History of Methodism, 3 vols., Missions and Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 3 vols., History of the Methodists Episcopal Church 4 vols.
8. Theological Encyclopedia.—Examiner, E. C. Macnichol.
 - (a) Theological Encyclopedia and Methodology, Introduction to the Gospel Records.
 - (b) From Dan to Beer Sheba, Protestant Foreign Missions.
9. Historical Theology.—Examiner, V. S. Collins.
 - (a) Smaller Scripture History, History of the Christian Church, Short History of the Christian Church, Outlines of Bible History.
 - (b) Ecclesiastical Architecture.
10. Biblical Theology.—Examiner, G. W. Townsend.
 - (a) Harman's Introduction, The Supernatural Book.
 - (b) Christian Archaeology.

11. Exegetical Theology.—Examiner, F. C. McSorley.
 (a) All Studies in Exegesis, Biblical Hermeneutics.
 (b) Higher Criticism.
12. Systematic Theology.—Examiner, D. H. Corkran.
 (a) Miley's Systematic Theology, Raymond's Systematic Theology.
 (b) Historic Episcopate.
13. Doctrinal Theology.—Examiner, H. W. Ewing.
 (a) Larger Catechism, Christian Baptism.
 (b) The Tongue of Fire, The Modern Sunday School.
14. Homiletical Theology.—Examiner, W. G. Koons.
 (a) Theory and Practice of Extemporaneous Preaching, Preparation and Delivery of Sermons, and all Sermons
 (b) Wesley's Sermons.
15. Practical Theology.—Examiner, W. O. Hurst.
 (a) Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience, Plain Account of Christian Perfection, Theological Compend.
 (b) The Revival and the Pastor, Introduction to Political Economy, The Christian Life.

* On all "Books to be Read" in the Local Preacher's Course of Study, a written statement shall be required of the student, said statement to be handed to the Registrar some time during the March Examination.

PLAN FOR THE JUNE EXAMINATION.

- First Year.—(a) Theory and Practice of Extemporaneous Preaching, Outlines of Universal History, Sermon.
 (b) The Governing Conference in Methodism.
- Second Year.—(a) Systematic Theology, Logic, Sermon.
 (b) History of Methodism.
- Third Year.—(a) Hermeneutics, The Supernatural Book, Essay.
 (b) Introduction to Political Economy.
- Fourth Year.—(a) Theological Encyclopedia and Methodology, Manual of Christian Evidences, Essay.
 (b) History of Rationalism.

PLAN FOR THE JANUARY EXAMINATION.

- Candidates.—(a) Sermon, Essay.
 (b) Wesley's Sermons, Vol. I., The Revival and the Pastor, Social Aspects of Christianity, A Short History of the English People.
- First Year.—(a) Exegetical Studies, Essay.
 (b) Wesley's Sermons, Vol. II., The Tongue of Fire, Ecclesiastical Architecture, Problem of Religious Progress.

- Second Year.—(a) Exegetical Studies, Essay.
 (b) Christian Archaeology, Digest of Methodist Law, Missions and Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 3 vols., The Modern Sunday School, The General Conference and Episcopacy.
- Third Year.—(a) Exegetical Studies, Sermon.
 (b) From Dan to Beer Sheba, Higher Criticism, The Epworth League; Four Wonderful Years, History of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 4 vols., The Historic Episcopate.
- Fourth Year.—(a) Exegetical Studies, Sermon.
 (b) Life and Epistles of St. Paul, Protestant Foreign Missions, The Christian Life.
- Local Deacons.—(a) Sermon, Essay.

PLAN FOR MARCH EXAMINATION.

- Candidates.—(a) Elementary English Branches, Life of John Wesley, Larger Catechism, Discipline, Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience, Smaller Scripture History, History of American Methodism, Leading Facts of American History, English and American Literature.
- First Year.—(a) Harman's Introduction, Systematic Theology, Plain Account of Christian Perfection, Rhetoric.
- Second Year.—Harman's Introduction, Discipline, Outlines of Universal History.
- Third Year.—(a) Elements of Psychology, History of the Christian Church.
- Fourth Year.—(a) Butler's Analogy, Preparation and Delivery of Sermons, History of the Christian Church.
- Local Deacons.—(a) Review of the entire four years' course prescribed for Local Preachers (See Discipline, p. 373).
- Local Elders.—(a) Raymond's Systematic Theology, Hurst's Short History of the Christian Church.

Conference Directory.

[The letters designate the present relation. P., Probation; D., Deacon; E., Elder; Sd., Superannuated; Sy., Supernumerary. The figures in the first column indicate the time of admission on trial. Those in the last column the year of appointment.

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1870 Arters, J. A. E.	Cecilton, Md.	2
1877 Atkins, E. C. E.	Centreville, Md.	I
1877 Avery, W. E. E.	Salisbury, Md.	2
1865 Baker, Henry E.	Wilmington	2
1881 Baker, C. S. E.	Dover, Del.	I
1876 Barrett, L. E. E.	Milford, Del.	I
1894 Beauchamp, J. H. E.	Dover, Del.	3
1892 Beauchamp, Theo. F. E.	Widgeon, Md.	2
1892 Benford, Wm. H. E.	Rockland, Del.	I
1898 Bloxton, F. E. P.	Bishopville, Md.	3
1890 Bounds, G. W. E.	Deal's Island, Md.	3
1876 Bowen, W. L. P. Sy.	Newark, Md.	
1885 Bowman, G. W. E.	Gumboro, Del.	I
1890 Brewington, J. A. E.	Lincoln, Del.	2
1894 Budd, H. G. E.	Berlin, Md.	I
1888 Burr, Warren E.	Cape Charles, Va.	3
1886 Burke, Asbury E.	Onancock, Va.	I
1865 Burke, George W. E.	St. Michael's, Md.	3
1897 Bennett, W. O. D.	Queenstown, Md.	2
1845 Caldwell, J. H. Sd.	Dover, Del.	
1888 Carpenter, F. F. E.	Hillsboro, Md.	4
1865 Carroll, James E.	Royal Oak, Md.	I
1888 Chaires, W. W. E.	Tilghman, Md.	2
1876 Chandler, Albert E.	Townsend, Del.	4
1881 Cochran, F. J. E.	Williston, Md.	2
1876 Collins, J. M. E.	Holland's Island, Md.	I
1883 Collins, V. S. E.	Dover, Del.	I
1895 Collins, Edw. H. D.	St George's, Del.	I
1888 Compton, W. P. E.	Port Deposit, Md.	2
1862 Conaway, G. S. E.	Chesapeake City, Md.	I
1892 Cooper, Thos. B. E.	Oxford, Md.	I

1885 Corkran, D. H. E.	Laurel Del.	I
1881 Corkran, L. P. E.	Fairmount, Md.	I
1876 Corkran, W. F. E.	Smyrna, Del.	2
1887 Coursey, R. T. E.	Wilmington, Del.	2
1891 Cross, E. L. E.	Flushing, N. Y.	
1860 Davis, A. D. Sd.	Georgetown, Del.	
1869 Davis, Edward Sd.	Newark, Md.	
1884 Dawson, W. F. E.	Booth's Corner, Pa.	I
1884 Derrickson, E. H. E.	Bellevue Del.	I
1893 De Venish, O. W. E.	Clayton, Del.	I
1879 Dodd, Julius E.	Newport, Del.	4
1871 Du Hadway, W. J. E.	Milton, Del.	I
1886 Dulany, H. S. E.	Whitesville, Del.	I
1896 Dougherty, F. M. P.		
1885 Easley, J. W. E.	Pocomoke City, Md.	I
1845 England, W. E. Sd.	1018 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa	
1866 Esgate, James Sd.		
1887 Ewing, H. W. E.	Wilmington, Del.	2
1898 Ellis, G. R. D.	Worton, Md.	I
1887 Fletcher, Frank E.	Trappe, Md.	I
1889 Fogle, James W. E.	Seaford, Del.	I
1868 Fosnocht, I. G. E.	Farmington, Del.	2
1856 France, John E.	Wilmington, Del.	4
1891 Gardner, Edwin E.	Cheswold, Del.	I
1891 Geoghegan, J. H. E.	Church Hill, Md.	3
1895 Givan, D. J. D.	Chance, Md.	I
1884 Given Thomas N. E.	Church Creek, Md.	I
1889 Graham, Jas. E. E.	Wyoming, Del.	3
1888 Gray, J. W. E.	Crapo, Md.	2
1890 Green, Alocyus. E.	Greensboro, Md.	2
1873 Greene, Wm. M. Sy.	Camden, Del.	I
1879 Grise, C. A. E.	Chestertown, Md.	2
1883 Guthrie, W. B. E.	Bethel, Del.	I
1884 Hackman, M. R. E.	Selbyville, Del.	I
1851 Hammersley, J. W. Sy.	Baltimore, Md.	
1882 Hammitt, C. J. Sd.	Kinsey, Ala.	
1874 Hanna, J. D. C. E.	Wilmington, Del.	5
1883 Hardesty, G. L. E.	Oriole, Md.	4
1871 Harding, T. H. E.	Stanton, Del.	I
1896 Hastings, C. E. D.	Madison, N. J.	
1843 Haynes, T. H. Sy.	Smyrna, Del.	
1878 Hill, Chas. A. E.	Smyrna, Del.	I

1897 Holt, Thomas S. D.	Lewisville, Pa.	2
1885 Hopkins, G. F. E.	Parksley, Md.	1
1869 Hunter, T. B. E.	Hockessin, Del.	1
1892 Hurst, W. O. E.	Odessa, Del.	2
1859 Hynson, E. H. E.	Smyrna, Del.	2
1890 Harris, F. P. E.	Wilmington, Del.	2
1884 Jaggard, Wilmer E.	Laurel, Del.	1
1891 Jones, G. P. E.	Cherry Hill, Md.	4
1898 Jones, O. E. P.	Ingleside, Md.	1
1898 Jones, J. W. P.	Hopewell, Md.	1
1872 Kemp, J. D. E.	Magnolia, Del.	1
1886 Koons, W. G. E.	Bridgeville, Del.	2
1898 Kelso, H. B. D.		
1871 Layfield, L. W. E.	Smyrna, Del.	2
1879 Lindale, J. M. E.	Sudlersville, Md.	4
1892 Loller, W. H. S. E.	Elk Neck, Md.	3
1885 Mace, E. S. E.	Wilmington, Del.	2
1876 Macnichol, E. C. E.	Cambridge, Md.	1
1864 Martindale, T. E. E.	Salisbury, Md.	1
1868 McFarlane, W. R. E.	Sharptown, Md.	2
1884 McFaul, D. F. E.	Roxana, Del.	2
1892 McKinsey, F. E. E.	Elliott's, Md.	2
1873 McSorley, F. C. E.	Newark, Del.	3
1853 Merritt, J. B. Sy.	Fairlee, Md.	
1869 Miller, E. H. E.	Cornersville, Md.	1
1885 Mitchell, J. M. E.	Cordova, Md.	2
1887 Morgan, S. M. E.	Snow Hill, Md.	2
1858 Morris, S. J. E.	Rising Sun, Md.	2
1883 Mowbray, A. S. E.	Elkton, Md.	4
1886 Mowbray, W. R. E.	Zion, Md.	1
1872 Murray, W. L. S. E.	Wilmington, Del.	3
1898 Moore, F. X. P.	Marion, Md.	1
1879 Neese, G. R. E.	Ewell, Md.	1
1880 Nelson, E. H. E.	Nanticoke, Md.	1
1862 Northrup, Van P. E.	Wilmington, Del.	2
1890 Nutter, M. D. E.	Marydel, Md.	2
1876 O'Brien, T. A. H. E.	Frederica, Del.	3
1872 Otis, J. P. E.	Crisfield, Md.	3
1893 Outten, J. P. E.	Rock Hall, Md.	2
1853 Phoebus, G. A. Sd.	123 2d Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.	

1881 Pilchard, S. N. E.	Fort Bayard, N. M.	
1870 Poole, J. W. Sy.	Farmington, Del.	
1896 Poole, L. E. D.	Charlestown, Md.	2
1882 Prettyman, A. P. E.	Galena, Md.	1
1868 Prettyman, C. W. E.	Salisbury, Md.	3
1836 Price, B. F. Sd.	Elkton, Md.	
1886 Prouse, J. T. E.	Red Lion, Del.	1
1897 Prettyman, J. W. D.	Crumpton, Md.	1
1850 Quigg, J. B. Sd.	Wilmington, Del.	
1869 Rawlins, P. H. E.	Seaford, Del.	
1858 Redman, W. W. Sd.	Greedwood, Del.	
1885 Reese, J. D. E.	Nassau, Del.	2
1867 Rigg, J. D. Sy.	Chester, Pa.	
1884 Roberts, E. P. E.	Still Pond, Md.	1
1873 Roe, Robert, E.	Kenton, Del.	2
1845 Sanderson, Henry Sd.	Wilmington, Del.	
1858 Scott, A. T. Sy.	Wilmington, Del.	
1886 Sharp, W. W. E.	Wilmington, Del.	4
1859 Sheppard, C. F. E.	Camden, Del.	2
1891 Short, F. B. E.	Wilmington, Del.	2
1879 Smith, Alfred E.	Dover, Del.	2
1896 Smith, G. P. E.	Houston, Del.	1
1889 Smoot, T. C. E.	Felton, Del.	1
1892 Soderman, Fridolph E.	Wilmington, Del.	4
1870 Stengle, Adam E.	Georgetown, Del.	1
1895 Stengle, Charles I. P.	Leipsic, Del.	2
1878 Stephenson, R. K. E.	Seaford, Del.	3
1892 Strickland, C. W. E.	Chincoteague, Va.	1
1888 Swain, C. P. E.	Tangier, Va.	4
1860 Sypherd, J. O. E.	Wilmington, Del.	2
1889 Shipman, S. P. E.	Kent, Island, Md.	1
1897 Talley, J. W. D.	Bozman, Md.	1
1886 Tabler, T. F. E.	Hurlock, Md.	3
1857 Talbot, Wm. F. Sd.	Dover, Del.	
1889 Taylor, W. P. E.	Christiana, Del.	2
1876 Terry, T. E. E.	Harrington, Del.	3
1858 Thompson, H. S. E.	Delaware City, Del.	3
1889 Thurlow, H. M. E.	East New Market, Md.	1
1866 Tinker, Ezra E.	Wilmington, Del.	3
1888 Todd, Jno. R. E.	Washington, D. C.	
1853 Todd, R. W. E.	113 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md.	
1871 Tomkinson, W. E. Sy.	Harrisburg, Pa.	
1876 Townsend, G. W. E.	Delmar, Del.	5

1891	Turner, H. C.	E.	Girdletree, Md.	3
1897	Taylor, Harry	P.	Vienna, Md.	1
1877	Valiant, W. T.	E.	Federalsburg, Md.	1
1859	Van Burkalow, J. T.	E.	Georgetown, Del.	2
1895	Van Dyke, Thos. R.	D.	Pomona, Md.	1
1874	Waddell, D. F.	E.	Millington, Md.	1
1871	Wallin, F. O. B.	Sy.		
1879	Walton, O. S.	E.	Preston, Md.	1
1848	Walton, W. B.	Sd.	Salisbury, Md.	
1853	Warner, W. M.	Sy.	Millington, Md.	
1886	Watkins, R. I.	E.	New Castle, Del.	1
1885	Watt, Robert	E.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1887	Webster, Z. H.	E.	Deuton, Md.	5
1893	Westerfield, H. A. G.	E.	Chesapeake City, Md.	4
1866	White, E. E.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	2
1893	White, W. L.	E.	Lewis, Del.	1
1868	Wickline, J. S.	F.	Frankford, Del.	4
1872	Wilcox, G. W.	Sy.	Onancock, Va.	
1882	Williams, C. H.	E.	Greenwood, Del.	1
1857	Williams, T. S.	Sd.	North East, Md.	1
1892	Williams, W. S. H.	E.	Millsboro, Del.	1
1885	Willis, D. H.	E.	Powellville, Md.	1
1886	Wilson, J. H.	E.	Williamsburg, Md.	2
1884	Wise, W. A.	E.	North East, Md.	4
1886	Wood, G. E.	E.	Parsonsburg, Md.	1
1884	Wood, I. L.	E.	Middletown, Del.	4
1886	Wyatt, C. T.	E.	Crisfield, Md.	3

Rules of Order.

I. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

1. The President shall call the Conference to order, punctually, at all times determined upon for the opening of its sessions, have each opened by appropriate devotional exercises, and see that all the business pertaining to the Conference shall be brought forward and transacted in a proper and orderly manner, according to the 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 decision of the President; except that the appellant shall state the reason for his appeal and the President the reason for his ruling.

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 Conference?**
Henry Baker from Newark Conference; Frank P. Harris from Minnesota Conference.
2. **Who have been Readmitted?**
None.
3. **Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?**
None.
4. **Who have been Received on Trial?**
 - (a) *In Studies of First Year.*
Omar E. Jones, Hugh B. Kelso, Floyd E. Bloxton, Frederick X. Moore, John W. Jones, George R. Ellis.
 - (b) *In Studies of Third Year.*
None.
5. **Who have been Continued on Trial?**
 - (a) *In Studies of First Year.*
Francis M. Dougherty.
 - (b) *In Studies of Second Year.*
John W. Prettyman, Harry Taylor.
 - (c) *In Studies of Third Year.*
Charles I. Stengle, James W. Talley, William O. Bennett.
 - (d) *In Studies of Fourth Year.*
Thomas S. Holt.
6. **Who have been Discontinued?**
None.
7. **Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?**
 - (a) *Elected and Ordained Deacons this Year.*
Luther E. Poole, Clarence E. Hastings, Daniel J. Givan, Thomas R. Van Dyke.
 - (b) *Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.*
None.
8. **What Members are in Studies of Third Year.**
 - (a) *Admitted into Full Membership this Year.*
Luther E. Poole, Clarence E. Hastings, Daniel J. Givan, Thomas R. Van Dyke.
 - (b) *Admitted into Full Membership previously.*
None.
9. **What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**
Edward H. Collins.
10. **What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?**
 - (a) *Elected and Ordained Elders this Year.*
John H. Beauchamp, Fred E. McKinsey, John P. Outten, William S. H. Williams.
 - (b) *Elected and Ordained Elders previously.*
Henry G. Budd.
11. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?**
 - (a) *As Local Preachers.*

- Goldsborough W. Hastings.
(b) *Under Missionary Rule.*
None.
13. **Was the Character of each Preacher examined?**
Done in open Conference.
 14. **Who have been Transferred, and to what Conference?**
Milton L. Hutton to Minnesota Conference.
 15. **Who have Died?**
Newton McQuay, William G. Chance.
 16. **Who have been Located at their own Request?**
Willard E. West.
 17. **Who have been Located?**
None.
 18. **Who have Withdrawn?**
Samuel R. Maxwell.
 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?**
J. W. Poole, J. W. Hammersley, J. D. Rigg, T. H. Haynes, W. E. Tomkinson, G. W. Wilcox, E. H. Hynson, J. B. Merritt, F. O. B. Wallin, A. T. Scott.
 23. **Who are the Superannuated Preachers?**
B. F. Price, G. A. Phoebus, J. B. Quigg, Jas. Esgate, Henry Sanderson, C. J. Hammitt, W. W. Redman, W. B. Walton, J. H. Caldwell, A. D. Davis, W. E. England, Edward Davis, W. F. Talbot, T. S. Williams.
 24. **Who are the Triers of Appeals?**
Adam Stengle, E. C. Atkins, C. W. Prettyman, J. M. Mitchell, H. S. Thompson, L. E. Barrett, R. H. Adams.
 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?**
\$38,339.00
 27. **What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?**
\$16,125.00
 28. **What has been Received on these claims, and how has it been Applied?**
\$7,410.00
 29. **Where are the Preachers Stationed?**
See list of Appointments.
 30. **Where shall the Next Conference be held?**
Cambridge, Md.

Appointments.

Dover District.

C. S. BAKER, Presiding Elder (P. O., Dover, Del.)

Beckwith, Md., E. H. Miller
 Bridgeville, Del., W. G. Koons
 Burrsville, Md., . . . Sup., L. T. McLain
 Cambridge, Md., E. C. Macnichol
 Camden, Del., C. F. Sheppard
 Cannon, Del., J. W. Fogle
 Church Creek, Md., T. N. Given
 Crapo, Md., Z. H. Webster
 Dover, Del., Wesley— . . Alfred Smith
 “ “ Armory—Sup., H. D. Smith
 E. N. Market, Md., . . . H. M. Thurlow
 Ellendale, Del., . . . Sup., W. H. Kenney
 Elliott's Island, Md., . . F. E. McKinsey
 Farmington, Del., I. G. Fosnacht
 Federalsburg, Md., W. T. Valiant
 Felton, Del., T. C. Smoot
 Frederica, Del., T. A. H. O'Brien
 Galestown, Md., . . . Sup., J. L. Johnson
 Georgetown, Del., Adam Stengle
 Georgetown Cir., Del., J. T. Van Burkalow
 Greenwood, Del., C. H. Williams
 Harrington, Del., T. E. Terry

Hooper's Is., Md., . . . Sup. W. N. Conway
 Houston, Del., G. P. Smith
 Hurlock, Md., T. F. Tabler
 Lakesville, Md., . . . Sup., J. A. Buckson
 Leipsic, Del., C. I. Stengle
 Lewes, Del., W. L. White
 Lincoln, Del., J. A. Brewington
 Little Creek, Del., . . . Supply, — Covey
 Magnolia, Del., J. D. Kemp
 Milford, Del., L. E. Barrett
 Milton, Del., W. J. DuHadway
 Nassau, Del., J. D. Reese
 Preston, Md., O. S. Walton
 Salem, Md., Sup., H. E. Truitt
 Seaford and Blades, Del., R. K. Stephenson
 Vienna, Md., Harry Taylor
 Williamsburg, Md., J. H. Wilson
 Williston, Md., F. J. Cochran
 Woodside, Del., W. M. Greene
 Wyoming, Del., J. E. Graham
 Zoar, Del., Sup., E. Welsh

V. S. Collins, Principal Conference Academy, member Dover Quarterly Conference.
 J. H. Beauchamp, Agent Conference Academy, member Dover Quarterly Conference.
 P. H. Rawlins, Agent Stewards End. Fund, member Seaford Quarterly Conference.
 J. R. Todd and E. E. Cross, members Dover Quarterly Conference.

Easton District.

W. F. CORKRAN, Presiding Elder, (P. O., Smyrna, Del.)

Bayside, Del., Supply—A. L. Gray
 Cecilton, Md., J. A. Arters
 Centreville, Md., E. C. Atkins
 Cheswold and Bethel, Del., Edw. Gardner
 Chestertown, Md., C. A. Grise
 Church Hill, Md., J. H. Geoghegan
 Clayton, Del., O. W. DeVenish
 Cordova, Md., J. M. Mitchell
 Crumpton, Md., J. W. Prettyman
 Easton, Md., R. H. Adams
 Galena, Md., A. P. Prettyman
 Golts, Md., Supply, Irwin B. Taylor
 Greensboro, Md., Aloycius Green
 Hillsboro, Md., F. F. Carpenter
 Ingleside, Md., O. E. Jones
 Kent Island, Md., S. P. Shipman
 Kenton, Del., Robert Roe
 Marydel, Md., M. D. Nutter
 Middletown, Del., I. L. Wood
 Millington, Md., D. F. Waddell

Odessa, Del., W. O. Hurst
 Oxford, Md., T. B. Cooper
 Piney Neck, Md., . . . Supply—J. B. Merritt
 Pomona, Md., T. R. Van Dyke
 Queenstown, Md., W. O. Bennett
 Rock Hall, Md., J. P. Outten
 Royal Oak, Md., James Carroll
 St. Michael, Md., G. W. Burke
 Smyrna, Del., C. A. Hill
 Smyrna Circuit, Del., . . . L. W. Layfield
 Still Pond, Md., E. P. Roberts
 Sudlersville, Md., J. M. Lindale
 Talbot Circuit, Md., J. W. Talley
 Tilghman's Island, Md. . . W. W. Chaires
 Townsend, Del., Albert Chandler
 Trappe, Md., Frank Fletcher
 —Tunis' Mills, Md., . . . Sup.—W. E. Wright
 Wye and Starr, Md., . . . Sup.—C. K. Morris
 —Worton, Md., G. R. Ellis

Salisbury District.

T. E. MARTINDALE, Presiding Elder, (P. O. Salisbury, Md.)

Annamessex, Md., J. W. Jones
 Asbury, Md., C. T. Wyatt
 Berlin, Md., H. G. Budd
 Bethel, Del., W. B. Guthrie
 Bishopville, Md., F. E. Bloxton
 Cape Charles, Va., Warren Burr
 Chincoteague, Va., C. W. Strickland
 Crisfield, Md., J. P. Otis
 Delmar, Md., G. W. Townsend
 Deals, Is., Md., G. W. Bounds
 Fairmount, Md., L. P. Corkran
 Frankford, Del., J. S. Wickline
 Fruitland, Md., Sup. W. E. Matthews

Gridle Tree, Md., H. C. Turner
 Gumboro, Del., G. W. Bowman
 Hallwood, Va., Sup. J. S. Bozman
 Holland's Is., Md., J. M. Collins
 Laurel, Del., D. H. Corkran
 Mardela Springs, Md., . . . Sup. T. S. Barrett
 Marion, Md., F. X. Moore
 Millsborough, Del., W. S. H. Williams
 Mt. Pleasant, Del., W. Jaggard
 Mt. Vernon, Md., T. F. Beauchamp
 Nanticoke, Me., E. H. Nelson
 Newark, Md., Sup. B. Wheatley
 Onancock, Va., Asbury Burke

Parksley, Va., G. F. Hopkins
 Parsonsburg, Md., G. E. Wood
 Pocomoke City, Md., C. C. McLean
 Pocomoke Cir, Md., Sup. W. G. Strickland
 Powellville, Md., D. H. Willis
 Princess Anne, Md., G. T. Alderson
 Quantico, Md., Sup. W. R. Gwinn
 Roxana, Del., D. F. McFaul
 St. Peter's, Md., G. L. Hardesty

Salisbury, Md., C. W. Prettyman
 " " W. E. Avery
 Selbyville, Del., M. R. Hackman
 Sharptown, Md., W. R. McFarlane
 Smith's Is. Md., G. R. Neese
 Snow Hill, Md., S. M. Morgan
 Somerset, Md., D. J. Givan
 Stockton, Md., Sup. G. W. Hastings
 Tangier, Va., C. P. Swain
 Westover, Md., Sup. T. G. Eiswald

R. W. Todd, Agent Maryland Bible Society, member of Princess Anne Quarterly Conference.

Wilmington District.

ROBERT WATT, Presiding Elder, (P. O., Wilmington, Del.)

Bethel and Summit, Md., . G. S. Conaway
 Charlestown, Md., L. E. Poole
 Cherry Hill, Md., G. P. Jones
 Chesapeake City, Md., H. A. G. Westerfield
 Chester, Del., W. F. Dawson
 Christiana, Del. W. P. Taylor
 Claymont, Del., Supply—John Jones
 Delaware City, Md., . . H. S. Thompson
 Ebenezer, Del., . Sup.—W. T. Hammond
 Elk Neck, Md., W. H. S. Loller
 Elkton, Md., A. S. Mowbray
 Hockessin, Del., T. B. Hunter
 Hopewell and Asbury, Md., J. F. Anderson
 Marshallton and Stanton, . T. H. Harding
 Mt. Lebanon, Del., . . . W. H. Benford
 Mt. Pleasant and Union, E. H. Derrickson
 Newark and Wesley, . . . F. C. McSorley
 New Castle, Del., R. I. Watkins
 Newport, Del., Julius Dodd
 North East, Md., W. A. Wise
 Perryville, Md., W. E. Avery
 Port Deposit, Md., W. P. Compton
 Port Penn, Del., To be Supplied

Red Lion and Glasgow, Del., J. T. Prouse
 Rising Sun and Sylmar, Del., S. J. Morris
 Rowlandville, . Sup.—W. E. Greenfield
 St. George's, Del., E. H. Collins
 St. John's, Md., Thos. S. Holt
 Wilmington:

Asbury, Ezra Tinker
 Brandywine and Edgmoor, J. W. Easley
 Cookman, John France
 Eastlake and Elsmere, . J. O. Sypherd
 Epworth, F. B. Short
 Grace, Henry Baker
 Harrison Street, R. T. Coursey
 Kingswood, E. S. Mace
 Madeley, V. P. Northup
 Mt. Salem and Riddle . . H. W. Ewing
 St. Paul, W. L. S. Murray
 Scott, F. P. Harris
 Silverbrook, E. E. White
 Swedish Mission, F. Soderman
 Union, J. D. C. Hanna
 Wesley, W. W. Sharp
 Zion Circuit, Md., W. R. Mowbray

S. N. Filchard, Chaplain U. S. Army, Member of Scott Quarterly Conference.

JOURNAL.

The thirtieth session of the Wilmington Annual Conference convened in the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Lewes, Del., at 8.30 A. M., on Wednesday, March 23, 1898, Bishop John P. Newman, LL. D. presiding.

Opening.—After appropriate opening exercises Bishop Newman administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, assisted by the Presiding Elders and other ministers.

The Secretary of the last session called the roll of the Conference and 141 members and probationers answered to their names.

Officers.—On motion of W. L. S. Murray, A. S. Mowbray was re-elected Secretary and named W. A. Wise, Z. H. Webster and J. D. Rigg as his assistants.

On motion of V. S. Collins, C. A. Grise was re-elected Conference Treasurer and he selected as his assistants, A. G. Cox, J. A. Brewington, W. B. Copper, F. C. McSorley, J. M. Lindale, Julius Dodd, T. F. Beauchamp, H. C. Turner, Aloycius Green.

T. E. Martindale nominated W. R. Mowbray for Statistical Secretary and he was re-elected choosing for his assistants H. A. G. Westerfield, J. H. Geoghegan, W. W. Sharp, V. P. Northrup, G. P. Smith, G. P. Jones.

Historic Gavel.—J. P. Otis presented to the Conference, on behalf of Mr. I. S. Lawson, of Crisfield, a gavel made from wood taken from the house occupied by Rev. Joshua Thomas at the time he preached to the British soldiers on Tangier Island. Bishop Newman received the gavel on behalf of the Conference.

Rules of Order.—On motion of V. S. Collins the Rules of Order governing the last session of Conference were adopted for the government of the present session.

Hours and Bar.—On motion of D. H. Corkran it was agreed that the Conference sessions begin at 8.30 A. M. and adjourn at 12 M., the opening part of the session to be occupied by devotional services and addresses by Bishop Newman to the young men of the Conference. C. F. Sheppard was appointed to conduct the devotional services to-morrow morning. It was further ordered that the Bar of the Conference be fixed at the seventh line of pews from the front.

Committees.—R. H. Adams announced the list of nominations for Standing Committees, and they were confirmed. (See list.)

References.—Several communications were presented to the Conference, read by the Secretary and referred to the appropriate committees. F. B. Short was appointed to solicit subscriptions for the *Methodist Review*.

Postmaster.—On motion of T. E. Martindale, J. W. Tallev was appointed Conference Postmaster.

Draft.—Bishop Newman presented a draft on the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church for \$25, amount due the Wilmington Conference from bequests of Atillia F. Christman and Caroline Clark, for the benefit of destitute superannuated preachers, which was ordered in favor of the Board of Conference Stewards.

Book Concern.—V. S. Collins was appointed a Committee on Book Concern Accounts.

Introductions.—Dr. A. J. Kynett, Corresponding Secretary of the Church Extension Society; Dr. W. V. Kelley, Editor of the *Methodist Review*; Dr. S. J. Herben, Assistant Editor of the *Christian Advocate*; Dr. C. H. Payne, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education, and Dr. W. W. Moffatt, of the Bible Society, were introduced, and addressed the Conference concerning their respective interests.

Episcopal Fund.—A communication from the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund was read, announcing the apportionment to this Conference of \$1746, which, on motion of C. S. Baker, was referred to the Presiding Elders.

On motion of R. H. Adams the consideration of Constitutional Questions was made the Order of the Day for 10 o'clock, on Friday.

Statistics.—The call for statistics and other reports was made, the Statistical Secretary, the Conference Treasurer and their assistants received the reports and were given permission to retire.

13th Question.—The Thirteenth Question "Was the Character of each Preacher examined" was taken up. R. H. Adams, Presiding Elder, of Dover District, was called, his character passed and he read a report of his work. W. F. Corkran, Presiding Elder of Easton District, was called, his character passed and he read his report. T. E. Martindale, Presiding Elder, of Easton District, was called and his character passed. On motion of R. W. Todd the time was extended and Brother Martindale read the report of his work. Committees were called, announcements were made. Conference adjourned with the Doxology, B. F. Price pronouncing the Benediction.

Thursday Morning, March 24.

Opening.—The Conference met at 8.30 o'clock, with Bishop Newman in the chair. The devotional services were conducted by C. F. Sheppard. Bishop Newman addressed the Conference on the subject of Methods of Study. The Journal of the previous session was read and approved. The roll of absentees from yesterday's session was called, 17 members answered to their names and it was ordered that further calling of the roll at this session be dispensed with.

13th Question.—The Thirteenth Question was resumed. L. E. Barrett, Presiding Elder of Wilmington District was called, his character passed and he read a report of his work. E. C. Macnichol was substituted for J. S. Wickline on the committee on Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society.

References.—Various papers and communications were referred to the appropriate

committees. A communication from the committee on General Conference entertainment was read by the Secretary and referred to the Presiding Elders.

Conference Trustees.—On motion, V. S. Collins was instructed to cast the ballot for the following as a Board of Conference Trustees; V. S. Collins, C. P. Swain, Adam Stengle, T. E. Martindale, W. L. S. Murray, C. T. Wyatt, E. H. Nelson, P. H. Rawlins and C. W. Prettyman. The list was then referred to the Trustees thus elected for arrangement by lot into classes of one, two and three years.

13th Question.—The Thirteenth Question was resumed. The following effective Elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections.

Dover District.—S. P. Shipman, W. G. Koons, W. J. DuHadway, C. F. Sheppard, G. E. Wood, M. R. Hackman, J. W. Gray, Z. H. Webster, Alfred Smith, G. W. Bowman, G. P. Smith, I. G. Fosnocht, W. L. White, D. F. Waddell, T. A. H. O'Brien, D. H. Willis, V. S. Collins, J. T. Van Burkalow, E. H. Miller, T. E. Terry, T. F. Tabler, D. H. Corkran, J. A. Brewington, E. H. Derrickson, W. T. Valiant, J. D. Reese, R. K. Stephenson, J. H. Wilson, F. J. Cochran, J. E. Graham, S. N. Pilchard, P. H. Rawlins, John R. Todd.

Easton District.—J. A. Arters, J. W. Fogle, C. A. Grise, J. H. Geoghegan, H. M. Thurlow, J. M. Mitchell, James Carroll, C. A. Hill, Frank Fletcher, Aloycius Green F. F. Carpenter, J. M. Collins, E. H. Hynson, Robert Roe, M. D. Nutter, I. L. Wood, T. C. Smoot, W. O. Hurst, T. B. Cooper, Edwin Gardner, G. W. Burke, Adam Stengle, L. W. Layfield, E. H. Nelson, J. M. Lindale, J. F. Anderson, W. W. Chaires, Albert Chandler, J. T. Prouse.

Salisbury District.—W. E. Avery, C. T. Wyatt, E. C. Atkins, E. P. Roberts, Warren Burr, G. F. Hopkins, J. P. Otis, G. W. Bounds, G. W. Townsend, C. S. Baker, J. S. Wickline, H. C. Turner, G. R. Neese, Robert Watt, R. I. Watkins, T. F. Beauchamp, W. R. Mowtray, T. N. Given, H. S. Dulany, C. W. Strickland, E. C. Macnichol, G. T. Alderson, D. F. McFaul, G. L. Hardesty, C. W. Prettyman, O. W. DeVenish, W. R. McFarlane, S. R. Maxwell, S. M. Morgan, W. B. Guthrie, C. P. Swain, T. B. Hunter, W. F. Dawson, R. W. Todd.

Wilmington District.—W. H. Benford, G. P. Jones, H. A. G. Westerfield, Wilmer Jaggard, H. S. Thompson, W. H. S. Lollar, A. S. Mowbray, O. S. Walton, J. D. Kemp, G. S. Conaway, C. H. Williams, F. C. McSorley, L. P. Corkran, Julius Dodd, W. A. Wise, H. G. Budd, W. P. Compton, T. S. Williams, S. J. Morris, T. H. Harding, Ezra Tinker, Asbury Burke, John France, J. O. Sypherd, F. B. Short, Henry Baker, R. T. Coursey, E. S. Mace, F. Soderman, V. P. Northrup, H. W. Ewing, W. L. S. Murray, F. P. Harris, J. D. C. Hanna, W. W. Sharp, A. P. Prettyman.

On motion of W. F. Corkran the relation of E. H. Hynson was changed from Effective to Supernumerary at his own request and referred to the Board of Stewards. On motion of

L. E. Barrett the relation of T. S. Williams, was changed from Effective to Superannuated at his own request.

Sabbath.—The following resolution, numerous signed, was presented and read by R. W. Todd and unanimously adopted by rising vote:

From the beginning, the attitude of the Wilmington Conference on the Sabbath question has been one of unequivocal loyalty to the Decalogue. Throughout our history, our well-known sentiments on this subject have been respected, and our annual gatherings have not heretofore been marred by railroad or steamboat excursions on the Lord's Day. We regret exceedingly, that the authorities of the Queen Anne Railroad Company have advertised such an excursion for March 27th; and we hereby enter our respectful, but most earnest protest against the action of this corporation in thus proposing to make our session the occasion of the violation of the Divine Command, and request that they will recall their announcement. Should they persist in their purpose, we hereby affectionately request of our people that they will not under any pretext of attending our Sunday religious services or of any other motive, patronize this excursion.

22d Question.—The Twenty-second Question, "Who are the Supernumerary preachers?" was taken up. J. W. Poole, J. W. Hammersley, J. D. Rigg, T. H. Haynes, W. M. Warner, G. W. Wilcox, W. E. Tompkinson, were called, their character passed, their relation continued and they were referred to the Board of Stewards. W. F. Talbot was called, his character passed and his relation was changed from Supernumerary to Superannuated at his own request. Wm. M. Greene was called, his character passed and he was referred to the Committee on Conference Relation. Jas. B. Merritt, F. O. B. Wallin and A. T. Scott were called, their characters passed and their relation continued.

23d Question.—The Twenty-third Question, "Who are the Superannuated Preachers?" was taken up. J. B. Quigg, B. F. Price, G. A. Phoebus, James Esgate, Henry Sanderson, C. J. Hammitt, W. W. Redman, William B. Walton, J. H. Caldwell, A. D. Davis, W. E. England, Edward Davis were called. Brothers Price, Phoebus, Sanderson and A. D. Davis addressed the Conference by request. Others were fittingly represented, their characters were passed, and, on motion of R. H. Adams, their relation was continued.

J. D. Rigg.—The following preamble and resolution respecting the Secretarial service of J. D. Rigg, presented and read by A. S. Mowbray were adopted:

Among, the gratifying and praiseworthy records of our Conference is that which is accomplished by our beloved brother, John D. Rigg, in attaining unto a quarter of a century of service as a Secretary of this body, eleven years as Secretary in Chief and fourteen years as Journal Secretary. His skill in the latter position has brought the favorable attention of the Church at large to the beauty and accuracy of our written Journal. A large amount of very careful labor is bestowed annually upon this valuable book. We would hereby express our great appreciation for the same, and suggest the propriety of the Conference becoming more fully acquainted with the excellencies of its Journal.

These valuable services have been performed without reward or any tangible expression of appreciation, though other journalists have been more suitably remembered, while for several years past Brother Rigg has served us in the midst of sickness that has deprived him of the joy and profit of active service in the ranks.

Wherefore, Resolved, That this Conference request the appointment of a Committee of one from each District to secure a suitable gift in recognition of Brother Rigg's twenty-five years of service.

The following is the committee called for in the above resolution: R. K. Stephenson, E. H. Nelson, J. D. C. Hanna, E. C. Macnichol.

Statistics.—The Statistical Secretary announced the name of charges not yet having handed in their reports.

Dr. Eaton.—Dr. Homer Eaton, agent of the New York Book Concern, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

Drafts.—Drafts on the Chartered Fund for \$22, and on the Book Concern for \$855 were ordered in favor of the Board of Stewards.

W. C. A. Trustees.—On motion of C. S. Baker, W. P. Compton, R. I. Watkins and W. T. Valiant were appointed a committee to present nominations to fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the Conference Academy.

Examinations.—R. I. Watkins presented the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved:—That credits be allowed all students who present proper certificates from our Church schools.

Domestic Missions.—Adam Stengle presented certain proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Domestic Missionary Society, which, upon motion of V. S. Collins, was referred to a special committee, which was appointed as follows: H. S. Thompson, J. T. Van Burkalow, V. S. Collins, R. W. Todd, E. C. Atkins.

Bequests.—On motion of T. E. Martindale a committee was appointed to frame a proper minute concerning certain bequests left to the Conference during the past year, as follows: T. E. Martindale, L. E. Barrett, H. W. Ewing, W. P. Compton, S. M. Morgan.

Notices.—Robert Watt was appointed to conduct the opening devotional services tomorrow morning.

Notices were given and Conference adjourned with the Doxology, C. P. Swain pronouncing the Benediction.

Friday Morning, March 25.

Opening.—Conference met at 8.30 o'clock, Bishop Newman in the chair. Robert Watt conducted the opening devotional services and Bishop Newman addressed the Conference on the subject of Ministerial Success. The Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

S. R. Maxwell.—S. R. Maxwell made a statement expressing his desire to withdraw from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church and upon motion of T. E. Martindale, his request was granted, the Secretary being instructed to return him, properly endorsed, his credentials deposited in the archives of the Conference. W. L. White was excused to attend a funeral.

Introductions.—Dr. J. M. Freeman, Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School

Union and Tract Society, Dr. S. F. Upham, Prof. of Drew Theological Seminary, Prof. J. H. Morgan of Dickinson College and Dr. J. A. Lippincott of the Philadelphia Methodist Hospital were introduced and addressed the Conference concerning their several intererets.

Prof. Morgan.—Robert Watt introduced the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved:—That we welcome Prof. J. H. Morgan of Dickinson College, a man to the manor born, and express our gratification that one of our own men is rendering such effecient service in the cause of higher education and we wish him the largest success in his chosen field.

Hospital Committee.—On motion of T. E. Martindale, the following were appointed a committee on Methodist Hospital: C. W. Prettyman, R. H. Adams, W. L. S. Murray, I. L. Wood, G. T. Alderson.

Elders Honored.—L. E. Barrett and R. H. Adams retiring Presiding Elders of Wilmington and Dover Districts were called before the bar of the Conference and presented by Bishop Newman with appropriate reminders of the esteem of the brethren of the Districts over which they have presided.

Laymen's Memorial.—On motion of L. E. Barrett it was agreed to defer the order of the day to hear a committee of laymen from Wilmington District upon the subject of Equal Lay Representation. After the presentation of a memorial from the laymen of Wilmington District, Hon. Chas. B. Love, Chief-Justice of the State of Delaware, Wm. M. Field, S. H. Baynard and Wm. H. Foulk were introduced and addressed the Conference.

Constitutional Questions.—The Order of the Day, the Constitutional Questions, was taken up. On motion of T. E. Martindale it was agreed that the vote be taken by ballot and that the form of the vote be yes or no. V. S. Collins, G. P. Jones, I. L. Wood and C. W. Prettyman were appointed tellers and the ballot was then taken upon the Rock River Conference proposition for Equal Lay Representation. The tellers retired, accompanied by W. A. Wise as secretary.

The second Constitutional Question, submitted by the East Maine Conference, proposing to change the ratio of ministerial representation in the General Conference, was then read, Robert Watt, Ezra Tinker, H. C. Turner and S. M. Morgan were appointed tellers, the ballot was taken and they retired with W. R. Mowbray as Secretary.

Cuba.—R. W. Todd presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

At its session in March, 1896, the Wilmington Conference declared its sympathy with the Cuban patriots in their struggle for freedom from a tyrannical power, and our purpose to appeal to the God of battles in their behalf.

In the two years that have intervned, the war, as prosecuted by Spain, has been marked by atrocities unknown to modern warfare, and at which civilization shudders. Pending the report of the Court of Investigation we withhold any expression as to the destruction of the battleship Maine and the killing and maiming of a multitude of brave Americans, who then and there met a fate so terrible. But we reaffirm our conviction that the right is on the side of oppressed and bleeding Cuba, and we still pray that right may be vindicated.

We admire and commend the deliberation and patience of His Excellency, William McKinley, the dignified Christian President of our Republic; we hereby express our entire approval of his wise and humane conduct amid all the threatening complications, involving the relations of our country and the Spanish Kingdom, and declare our unqualified confidence in his wisdom and patriotism to meet future exigencies, assuring him of our loyal support, meanwhile prayerfully uniting with him in the earnest hope that an honorable adjustment of these complications may be effected, the horrors of war averted and the right made to triumph in the victories of the Kindom of "peace on earth and good will towards men."

Ballots.—The tellers with the ballot on Equal Lay Representation returned and the vote was announced as follows: Whole number of votes cast, 142; affirmative, 137; negative, 5. The tellers with the ballot on Ratio of Ministerial Representation returned and the vote was announced: Whole number of votes cast, 155; affirmative, 99; negative, 36.

M. E. Hospital.—R. H. Adams introduced a resolution proposing to endow a bed in the Methodist Episcopal Hospital of Philadelphia, which on motion of V. S. Collins, was referred to the Hospital Committee.

Epworth Church.—At the request of L. E. Barrett, F. B. Short was given permission to explain to the Conference the necessities of Epworth Church; after considerable discussion and the receipt of several subscriptions, V. S. Collins presented the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That we heartily accord with the plans of Brother Short for paying the debt at Epworth and pledge him our earnest support, and will co-operate with him by opening our churches to him for this purpose.

On motion of T. E. Martindale the further taking of subscriptions was deferred for the present. On motion of Robert Watt the matter of further subscriptions was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Stewards.—P. H. Rawlins, on behalf of the Conference Stewards, made a statement of \$500 shortage in the receipts of the Board as compared with last year, and on motion of V. S. Collins it was directed that a collection be taken for the fund which amounted to \$151.50. At the request of Bishop Newman the call of the classes was made the order of the day to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. The list of committees was called, and Conference adjourned, Dr. J. M. Freeman pronouncing the benediction.

Saturday Morning, March 26.

Opening.—Conference met at 8:30 o'clock with Bishop Newman in the chair. The devotional exercises were conducted by Ezra Tinker.

7th Question.—The Seventh Question, "Who have been admitted into full membership?" Luther E. Poole, Clarence E. Hastings, Daniel J. Givan, Charles I. Stengle, Thos. R. Van Dyke, were called before the Conference and Bishop Newman, after an appropriate address, propounded the usual Disciplinary Questions. The names of the class were then called, they reported their collections, the Presiding Elders represented, the Committees reported and Luther E. Poole, Daniel J. Givan, Clarence E. Hastings and Thomas R. Van

Dyke were admitted into full membership and elected to Deacon's orders. Clarence E. Hastings was requested to be left without an appointment to attend one of our schools. Charles I. Stengle was continued on trial in studies of the third year and conditioned on certain books.

5th Question.—The Fifth Question, "Who have been continued on trial?" was taken up. The name of Franklin M. Dougherty was called and after explanation by the Presiding Elder he was continued on trial in studies of the first year. John W. Prettyman, Harry Taylor, James W. Talley, Wm. O. Bennett and Thomas S. Holt, were called, they made reports, the Committees reported, the Presiding Elders represented and they were continued on trial, John W. Prettyman and Harry Taylor in studies of the second year, James W. Talley and Wm. O. Bennett in studies of the third year, and Thomas H. Holt in studies of the fourth year.

8th Question.—The Eighth Question, "What Members are in Studies of the Third Year?" was taken up. Edward H. Collins was called, he made his report and upon representation of the Committee and motion of the Presiding Elder he was advanced to studies of the fourth year.

10th Question.—The Tenth Question, "What Members Have Completed the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up. Willard E. West was called, and upon motion of R. H. Adams he was granted a Certificate of Location at his own request. J. H. Beauchamp, Fred. E. McKinsey, Henry G. Budd, John P. Outten and Wm. S. H. Williams were called, they reported their collections and after representation by the Committees and upon motion of the Presiding Elders they were advanced in their studies and elected to Elders' orders, except Henry G. Budd, who, being already a local Elder was made an effective Elder.

11th Question.—The Eleventh Question, "What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?" was then taken up. The names of James W. Talley, George R. Ellis, John W. Prettyman and William E. Stimmill were called, their Credentials were read, the Committees reported, the Presiding Elders represented, and all were elected to Deacon's Orders except William E. Stimmill, whose application was withdrawn on motion of his Presiding Elder.

12th Question.—The Twelfth Question, "What others have been elected and ordained Elders?" was taken up. Goldsborough W. Hastings was called, his Credentials read, the Presiding Elder and Committee reported, and he was elected to Elder's Orders.

4th Question.—The Fourth Question, "Who have been received on trial?" was taken up. The names of William H. Kenney, Omar E. Jones, Hugh B. Kelso, William E. Wright, Floyd E. Bloxton, Frederick X. Moore, John W. Jones, George R. Ellis were called, they were introduced to the Conference and permitted to retire. After representation by the Committees, and upon motion of the Presiding Elders, Omar E. Jones, Hugh B. Kelso, William E. Wright, Floyd E. Bloxton, Frederick X. Moore, John W. Jones, George R. Ellis were admitted on trial. The applications of William H. Kenney and William E.

Wright were withdrawn, and the Presiding Elders were permitted to give the brethren employment.

Afternoon Session.—It was ordered that when we adjourn it be to meet this afternoon at 2 o'clock for a Memorial Service and a session to hear reports. Ezra Tinker was appointed to preside at the session this afternoon and J. D. C. Hanna to conduct the devotions.

Domestic Missions.—Report of Committee on Amendments to the Charter of the Domestic Missionary Society was presented, discussed and afterward withdrawn.

Mrs. Z. H. Webster.—The announcement of the dying condition of Sister Z. H. Webster brought great grief to the Conference which was led in prayer by R. H. Adams.

Conference Academy.—The time was extended. The report of the Conference Academy was read by the President of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Wm. Saulsbury and it was adopted and referred to the Committee on Education. On motion of R. H. Adams, the Secretary was directed to send a telegram of condolence to Z. H. Webster. J. D. C. Hanna was appointed to lead the devotions this afternoon. On motion of C. W. Prettyman, Conference adjourned with the Doxology, Frank Fletcher pronouncing the Benediction.

Saturday Afternoon, March 26.

Opening.—Conference met at 2 o'clock with Dr. Ezra Tinker in the chair. J. D. C. Hanna conducted the devotional services.

Memorial Service.—The memoir of Newton McQuay was read by T. F. Tabler. Miss Mary Cannon, of Dover, sang an appropriate solo. Remarks were made by A. S. Mowbray, W. M. Greene, Henry Sanderson. On motion of J. D. C. Hanna the memoir was then adopted. The memoir of Wm. G. Chance was read by E. C. Macnichol. L. E. Poole presented a resolution by his remaining associates of the class of 1896. Remarks were made by C. P. Swain and J. W. Prettyman. On motion of J. A. Arters the memoir was adopted. The paper read by Brother Poole was also adopted upon motion of C. F. Sheppard.

Mrs. Webster.—J. D. C. Hanna announced the death, to-day, of Mrs. Z. H. Webster, and J. D. C. Hanna, R. M. Todd and G. L. Hardesty were appointed a committee to attend the funeral of Sister Webster next Monday.

Stewards.—P. H. Rawlins presented a preliminary report of the Board of Stewards.

Sunday Train.—A. S. Mowbray read a letter from W. H. Bosley, president of the Queen Ann R. R., announcing the withdrawal of the train announced to come to Lewes on Sunday. On motion J. D. C. Hanna the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved:—That it has been with great pleasure we have heard the letter explaining the announcement of a Sunday train to Conference on the Queen Anne and Lewes, R. R. and that we esteem most highly the withdrawal of the train and thank the railroad officials for the deference paid to the request of the Conference.

Reports.—P. H. Rawlins presented the report of the Committee on Stewards Endowment which was adopted.

J. M. Lindale presented the report of the Committee on Education which was adopted. E. H. Derrickson read the report of the Committee on Periodicals which was adopted. J. A. Arters presented the report of the Committee on Temperance which was adopted. Aloycius Green read the report of the Committee on Epworth League which was adopted.

Wm. G. Chance.—Upon motion of Alfred Smith, a collection was ordered to defray funeral expenses of Wm. G. Chance. After a canvass of the congregation, L. E. Poole, C. E. Hastings, T. R. Van Dyke and C. W. Strickland were appointed a committee to continue the collection. The collection amounted to \$72.50.

C. W. Prettyman presented the nomination of managers for the Conference Education Society, and they were confirmed.

I. L. Wood read the report of the Committee on Methodist Hospital, and it was adopted.

R. W. Todd presented the report of the Historical Society, and it was adopted.

On motion of F. J. Cochran, C. F. Sheppard was appointed a Committee on Thanks.

It was agreed that when we adjourn it be to meet at 8 o'clock on Monday morning.

Notices were given and Conference adjourned, to be followed by Pentecostal Services.

Monday Morning, March 28.

Opening.—Conference met at 8 o'clock, Bishop Newman presiding. C. P. Swain conducted the devotional services. The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Missionary Debt.—On motion of F. C. McSorley \$1,000 of the excess of the Missionary Collection was set over to the Missionary Debt.

Adjournment.—On motion of L. E. Barrett it was agreed that when the minute business has been completed and reports received that the appointments be read and Conference adjourn not later than 12 o'clock.

Statistics.—The Statistical Secretary read his report which was adopted. The Treasurer and Statistical Secretary were permitted to retire and compare reports.

Reports.—W. F. Dawson presented the report of the Committee on Tract Society which was adopted.

H. M. Thurlow read his report on Bible Society which was adopted.

A. P. Prettyman presented the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance which was adopted.

J. O. Sypherd requested permission for Auditing Committee to retire, which was granted.

Academy Trustees.—The committee on nomination of Trustees for Wilmington Conference Academy presented eight names and a ballot for four was taken. Albert Chandler, E. H. Collins, R. T. Coursey, R. I. Watkins, acting as tellers.

Conference Relations.—C. A. Hilll presented report of Committee on Conference

Relations recommending the relation of W. M. Greene be changed from Supernumerary to Effective, which was granted.

Bequests.—H. W. Ewing presented the following resolutions from the Committee on bequests which were separately adopted by a rising vote.

Having learned with deep regret of the death of Hon. Jacob Tome, of Port Deposit, Md., we desire herewith to record our appreciation of his interest in the Methodist Episcopal Church, as evidenced by the generous use of his money for her enterprises. The Jacob Tome Scientific Building at Dickinson College, and the Tome Memorial Church at Port Deposit are standing monuments of his generosity. The provision in his will forever securing an annuity of \$1,500 to this church, which he had built, makes it possible for our people in Port Deposit to maintain that splendid church in a manner becoming the dignity of our denomination. We desire to commend his example to other men of wealth who may desire to leave behind them an ever-growing influence for good. We also desire to express the hope that the Tome Institute, so munificently endowed, may be so conducted as to realize to the fullest extent the purpose of the Founder. We desire also to extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Tome, and pray that for the additional burdens which now come to her, she may have the support of Divine strength and the guidance of Divine wisdom. Resolved, that a copy of this minute be sent to Mrs. Tome.

Whereas, the late Col. C. S. Watson of Milford, Delaware, bequeathed the sums of \$500 to Avenue Methodist Church in Milford; \$500 to the Missionary Society of our Church and \$500 to the Conference Claimants: Be it resolved, that we commend his action to the consideration of men of means, suggesting to those who are arranging their wills that no better disposition of trust funds which God has committed to their hands could be made. By such an endowment the influence of their lives will go forward, increasing with the passing of the year.

Whereas, the late Dr. Thomas Tomlinson, of Philadelphia, Pa., has bequeathed to the Church at Clayton, the sum of \$500 for the furtherance of the Gospel in that town, we desire herewith, to record our appreciation of his generous remembrance and we feel certain that the church thus helped will not only sacredly use the gift for the purpose intended, but will also hold in loving remembrance, the name of the generous donor.

Having learned that the church at Bethel, Md., has been the recipient of a generous legacy from the late Samuel Thompson, for many years a faithful member of that church, we wish to record our appreciation of his generosity and will hold his name and work in sacred remembrance.

Reports.—H. G. Budd presented report of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society which was adopted.

Bishop Newman announced the Board of Examination.

G. W. Bowman presented the report of the Woman's Home Missionary Society which was adopted.

30th Question. The Thirtieth Question, "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was taken up. W. J. Du Hadway presented the invitation of Zion Church, Cambridge, which was unanimously accepted.

Missionary Sermon.—E. C. Macnichol was appointed to preach Missionary Sermon with R. T. Coursey, alternate.

The Triers of Appeals were appointed as follows: Adam Stengle, E. C. Atkins, C. W. Prettyman, J. M. Mitchell, H. S. Thompson, L. E. Barratt, R. H. Adams.

Ordinations.—Bishop Newman presented the following Certificate of Ordination:

This certifies that at Lewes, Del., on March 27, 1898, I ordained Luther E. Poole, Clarence E. Hastings, Daniel J. Givan, Thomas R. Van Dyke, James W. Talley, John W. Prettyman, William O. Bennett, George R. Ellis, Hugh B. Kelso as Deacons in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and that at the same place and on the same day, assisted by a number of Elders present, I ordained John H. Beauchamp, Frederick E. McKinsey, John P. Outten, William S. H. Williams, Goldsboro W. Hastings as Elders in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Given under my hand this 28th day of March, A. D., 1898.

JOHN P. NEWMAN.

Board of Church Location.—The nominations of the Board of Church Location were presented and adopted, as also were the nominations for the Board of Church Extension.

Missionary Appropriations.—L. E. Barrett read reports of Missionary Appropriations and the use of same, which was approved, as follows:

Dover District.—Salem, \$100; Lakesville, \$80; Zoar, \$30. Salisbury District.—Cape Charles, \$175; Parksley, \$165; Hallwood, \$50. Wilmington District.—Swedish Mission, \$400.

Reports.—E. S. Mace presented the report of Committee on Sunday Schools which was adopted.

C. F. Sheppard read the report of the Committee on Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, which was adopted. He also presented the report of the Committee on Thanks, which was adopted by a rising vote, the Secretary putting the question.

Sexton.—On motion of J. D. C. Hanna a collection was taken for the Sexton, which amounted to \$32.02.

Academy Trustees.—The tellers on the ballot for Wilmington Conference Academy returned and reported as follows: Whole vote, 115; C. A. Grise, 84; C. W. Prettyman, 63; J. D. C. Hanna, 62; S. M. Morgan, 60; T. A. H. O'Brien, 49; Robert Watt, 49; C. S. Baker, 47; J. T. Van Burkalow, 42. The first four were declared elected.

Introductions.—S. W. Thomas of the Philadelphia Book Rooms was introduced and addressed the Conference. On motion of R. H. Adams rising vote of appreciation was tendered Dr. Thomas.

Dr. W. T. Smith, Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society was introduced and addressed the Conference. On motion of Alfred Smith the following Resolutions were adopted.

WHEREAS, Dr. W. F. Smith, one of our Missionary Secretaries, comes to us for the first time, therefore

Resolved, That we express to Dr. Smith our great pleasure at having him with us and our high appreciation of his able address at our Missionary Anniversary.

Resolved, That we extend to Dr. Smith a very cordial invitation to visit our churches and our Conferences whenever in the future he may be able to do so.

Resolved, That have heard with pleasure of the plan of the Missionary Society relative

to the circulation of Missionary literature and pledge ourselves to furnish the names of those persons who are entitled to receive the same.

Sabbath Legislation.—On motion of L. E. Barrett G. F. Hopkins presented the report of the Committee on Sabbath Legislation, which was appointed last year, and the report was adopted and the Virginia part of the committee discharged.

C. F. Sheppard was substituted for R. H. Adams on the above committee for Delaware.

J. D. C. Hanna.—J. D. C. Hanna made an announcement concerning special train to Denton for those who will attend the funeral of Mrs. Webster and then presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That with confidence in the integrity of our Presiding Elders in the administration of all funds placed in their hands, we reaffirm the action of the last Conference that no money raised for the cause of Domestic Missions shall be divided so as to provide for a deficiency in the salary of a Presiding Elder or of a minister with an adequate support.

The Secretary made call of Conference for subscriptions to Minutes.

Mrs. Hulburd.—W. W. Sharp presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, in the kindness of her heart, Mrs. Dr. Hulburd has sent to this Conference the beautiful memorial volume of her deceased husband for free distribution to the ministers. Resolved, that we extend to her our sincere thanks.

Reports.—J. O. Sypherd presented the report of the Auditing Committee, which, after discussion, was recommitted.

The Committee on Book Concern Accounts reported progress.

C. A. Grise presented the report of the Conference Treasurer, which was adopted.

J. O. Sypherd re-presented the Auditor's Report, which was adopted.

Dr. Phoebus.—W. L. S. Murray presented the following resolution which was adopted:

The proposed life of Bishop Asbury collected from previous unknown and unused documents, giving information concerning the dark period of early Methodism in America, is in contemplation by our Brother, Dr. Geo. A. Phoebus. Therefore be it resolved, that we congratulate our Brother, Dr. Phoebus, upon the forthcoming and much to be desired work and we will pray that the blessing of God may so rest upon him, that his life may be spared until this work is completed.

Dr. Roche.—G. A. Phoebus presented the following Memorial Declaration, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

The members of the Wilmington Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church have the Reverend John Alexander Roche, M.D., D.D., in their memories and in their hearts.

Being born among us, raised-up among us, called of God among us to the office and work of the ministry, his sanctified life will be remembered among us while we live. And we will be followers of him as he was of Christ. The children of his fatherhood have our sympathy and prayer.

Conference Trustees.—V. S. Collins announced the report of the Conference Trustees which was ordered printed in the Minutes.

Minutes for Lewes.—On motion of V. S. Collins a collection was ordered to supply Minutes to the families of Lewes which had entertained persons during the Conference, which amounted to \$22.00.

Board of Stewards.—P. H. Rawlins presented supplementary report of the Board of Stewards which was adopted and the monies were distributed.

E. H. Nelson was appointed Trustee of the funds given Mrs. Annie D. Chatham.

Adjournment.—W. L. S. Murray led the Conference in prayer. Bishop Newman read the appointments and Conference adjourned without date.

PRESIDING ELDER'S REPORTS.

Dover District.

Our sixth and final review of what has been accomplished on the Dover District will show an encouraging growth in all the departments of church work. The pastors have been graciously preserved, and their families have been signally free from the afflictions that often sadden the itinerant home. Our distinguished superannuate, the Rev. J. H. Caldwell, D. D., and his sainted wife have become very feeble, but the glow of their happy faces and the frequent outburst of an exultant faith make their presence a benediction to their many friends. The Rev. W. E. Tomkinson, who was suddenly prostrated more than a year ago, has convalesced slowly, and is hopeful of the recovery of his former health. Letters have reached us from Harrisburg making special mention of his Christly spirit and commending him and his estimable family to the consideration of the Conference.

Some changes have occurred in ministerial relations. The Rev. J. W. Talley appointed to Zoar Circuit, and the Rev. C. E. Hastings to Armory church, Dover at the last session of Conference were released in September to enter Drew Seminary, and the Rev. Ormae E. Jones was sent to supply Zoar Circuit, and the Rev. Howard Smith to supply Armory Church.

Children's Day was generally observed throughout the district and the call to aid this great work met with a liberal response. The observance of the day has served to impart valuable information, and our people begin to comprehend the magnitude of the educational interests of our Methodism.

Camp meetings were held at Camden Ennals, Hoopers, Island, Rehoboth, Wheatleys and Sand Hill, with varying results. At Ennals, Wheatleys and Hoopers Island many believers were sanctified and a goodly number of sinners converted. The Peninsula Summer School and Camp Meeting Association has been incorporated for the purpose of establishing a Summer School and Camp Meeting at Rehoboth, to save this resort from the baneful influence of the saloon and the Sabbath desecrating classes, and make it a religious and educational center where visitors may find rest for the body and food for the mind and soul.

The Epworth League continues to grow in numbers, organization and efficiency. Pastors and officials have a clearer conception of the real purpose of the League and are better prepared to utilize it as a training school for our youth. Peculiar interest has been awakened in the Junior League and our people have realized it is full of promise to the church of the future. The District Convention, held in Milton, was creditably attended despite the rain storm, and its proceedings were helpful and enthusiastic. Thomas N. Rawlins, the efficient District

President, reports 40 Senior and 16 Junior Leagues with a membership approximating 2,800.

The Quarterly Reports of the Superintendents of our Sunday Schools show a higher average attendance of teachers and scholars and more enthusiasm in Sunday School work. State and County Conventions have been occasions of more than ordinary interest and have done much to remedy the defective methods in School management and enlist the co-operation of the home. A large number of the converts reported are from the Sunday Schools. The sympathy of the Schools with the cause of Missions, education and temperance reform has become more pronounced, but in many societies there is a dirth of material and the pastors are compelled to content themselves with incapable officers and teachers.

The Class meeting is maintained on several of the charges with much of its primitive influence and power. Where we have leaders, intelligent and full of the Holy Ghost, who recognize in the class a means for the promotion of the knowledge and love of God, the attendance and spiritual life are most gratifying, but where we have leaders without qualifications for the duties of this sub-pastoral office, the class is a feeble force in the promotion of Godliness. The leaders report some improvement in the observance of family worship and yet we are convinced that this sacred duty is neglected in one-half of the professedly Christian families, and the pastors should by every possible means strive to quicken the conscience of parents and urge the necessity of religious instruction and the regular worship of God in the home. The cause of prohibition has received attention in all parts of the district. Pastors have neglected no opportunity for the promotion of this cause. There is a greater willingness to hear the discussion of this stupendous issue, and the people in larger numbers are ready to resist license and annihilate the saloon.

Among the appointments the Rev. J. H. Wilson has had a successful year on Williamsburg Circuit. The humble parsonage has been transformed into a comfortable home at a cost of \$400. Believers have entered into a richer Christian experience, sinners have found the pearl of great price, and the benevolences have been creditably sustained. At Friendship, on this Circuit, the class attendance has at times reached 100. On Hurlock Circuit the Rev. T. F. Tabler, with the co-operation of his noble people have erected a beautiful church on the site of the time-honored McKendree, at a cost of about \$1,100, and dedicated it free of debt. The spirit of revival pervades the churches, and much interest is manifested in the higher life; about twenty have been added to the church, and the apportionments for the benevolences met in full. On Salem Circuit, supplied by the Rev. Eben Welch, the parsonage has been repainted, papered and enlarged by an addition to the back building. Small payment has been made upon an old indebtedness, and 80 souls converted during the year. This circuit has in two years increased from 78 members and probationers to 163. East New Market, with the Rev. G. W. Bowman, pastor, has enjoyed a quiet year, with all the interests of the church well sustained, and report a commendable increase in the collections. Beckwith Circuit, under the supervision of the Rev. S. P. Shipman, has grown along all lines. The salary was advanced and paid with evident good will and promptness. The parsonage has received necessary repairs, and been rendered more comfortable, and the benevolent collections advanced 50 per cent. Large congregations have gathered to receive the Gospel message, and twenty have professed saving faith in Christ.

Church Creek Circuit, with Rev. M. R. Hackman as pastor, reports 19 conversions, 90 per cent. advance in benevolences and fair congregations. The salary, we regret to say, has not been paid but this self sacrificing man of God did not let the benevolences suffer. The churches of Lakesville Circuit, supplied by the Rev. Joseph A. Buckson, have put on new life and they have the prospect of a hopeful future. The Congregations and Sunday Schools

have steadily increased, Asbury has been refurnished, \$100 paid on the long standing debt of Streets and the collections have been doubled. Plans have been matured and funds are now in hand to begin the erection of a parsonage. Sister Buckson assists her husband in all of his duties, sings, teaches, prays, visits, exhorts and when necessary conducts the Sabbath services. Under the ministry of Rev. J. W. Gray, Crapo Circuit, has been restored to its former prestige. The salary has been increased to \$800. Bethany church has been repainted, the final payment on the debt of Ebenezer made, the parsonage beautified, every apportionment for the benevolences met and 40 souls found the peace that passeth knowledge. The Sabbath services and the class meetings are seasons of great power. Brother Gray and his people are thrice happy in their relations. Hooper's Island, supplied by the Rev. H. E. Truitt, is emerging from the shadows produced by betrayal, neglect and prejudice. Brother Truitt and his worthy wife have given all their time and energies to the cause of God. Impelled by love for souls they have gone into the homes, sung, prayed, counseled and entreated in Christ's stead, and as a result the church is regaining a place in the thought and heart of the people. An old indebtedness on the parsonage, and one on Zion church have been canceled, a new organ provided for Zion, the collections advanced and 40 added to the churches. The Rev. F. E. McKinsey has served Elliott's Island and Hurley's with general acceptability. The population of this Island is composed of sixty families. They appreciate the church and the morals of the people are of a higher standard than usually prevails in isolated sections. No similar community can surpass them in Sunday School and Class music. Vienna, supplied by the Rev. L. T. McLain, has been perplexed by the untoward community conditions, but the interests of the church have been maintained, congregations good, 16 conversions, and collection for missions advanced. For Camden Circuit the Rev. C. F. Sheppard reports improvements on parsonage property and in the supply of furniture. Large and appreciative audiences, a newly organized Chapter of the Epworth League, small numbers of conversions and collections the same as last year. Brother Sheppard and his excellent family greatly enjoy their pastorate among these charming people.

Wyoming under the leadership of the Rev. J. E. Graham is taking rank among the best circuits of the district. The advanced salary has not been more difficult to obtain than the lower estimate of former years. Asbury church has been handsomely painted and frescoed at a cost of \$200, which was provided for in cash. A small indebtedness on the Wyoming Church and parsonage has been liquidated. There have been 20 conversions and the apportionment for Missions, for the first time in several years, has been reached. Felton circuit under the pastorate of Dr. D. F. Waddell makes a favorable showing. A splendid bell has been placed in the steeple of the home church costing \$200. The Senior and Junior Leagues have been potent factors in aggressive work, and if cared for in the future they will bind the young steadily to the cause of Christ. The country churches are better organized and have large congregations and very spiritual classmeetings. The members and probationers have increased in two years from 168 to 248. There have been 28 conversions and some advance in collections. The Rev. E. H. Derrickson in charge of Magnolia records slight improvements on Church and parsonage property, a small number of conversions and the benevolences liberally supported. One of the chief events of the year was the arraignment of the saloon keeper at Bowers' Beach for violations of law and the suppression of his license, which result was brought about by the energetic position of Brother Derrickson. Frederica Circuit is the most influential one on the district. There have been 21 conversions, a new organ placed in the church at Milford Neck, a beautiful grove of five acres purchased for the use of the congregation at Millwood, desirable improvements added to the parsonage

and some advancement made in the collections. An important achievement of the year is the settlement of a serious difference of fourteen years duration between an influential family and the congregation at Frederica. This proffer of good will and its cordial acceptance was brought about by the good officers of the Rev. T. A. H. O'Brien the pastor and the event passed into the history of the church as one of its most beautiful chapters. Sheppards Church on Burrsville Circuit has been thoroughly transformed on the plan of "pay as you go," and the parsonage has been tastefully painted. There have been 25 conversions and a commendable increase in the collections. This Circuit has had more than ordinary prosperity under the ministry of the Rev. W. H. Kenney.

The Rev. Z. H. Webster has closed his fourth year on Denton Circuit greatly appreciated by the church and community. There have been 40 conversions, slight additions of furniture to the parsonage, and the usual liberal support given the benevolences. Plans have been formulated for necessary and extensive repairs upon the church at Denton. The Rev. F. J. Cochran enumerates for Williston Circuit repairs on Willston, Concord and Harmony churches amounting to \$280, and the parsonage improved at a cost of \$60. There have been 60 conversions and \$185, raised for the benevolences. This is one of the largest and should be one of the most fruitful fields within our bonds. Could these churches and their constituency be thoroughly aroused and their resources utilized for God the harvest of good would prove an abundant reaping.

At Preston with Rev. W. E. West, Pastor, the debt upon the parsonage has been discharged. There have been 25 conversions, an increase in ministerial support and some improvement in the collections. It is a matter of regret that Brother West, one of our most gifted young men has decided to leave the toils of the ministry for the turmoils of the law. The Rev. W. L. White has had a three years' ovation on Federalsburg Circuit, the people throng the churches and his name is on every lip. There have been 17 conversions, minor improvements upon the property and the collections same as last year. Galestown has been faithfully served by the Rev. D. H. Willis and the partial record of the fruitage is 35 conversions, the reconstruction of the Camp Meeting Tabernacle at Wheatleys Grove and an advance in the benevolences.

Harrington retains the influential position taken a year ago under the ministry of the Rev. T. E. Terry. Paid on repairs to church property, \$250; on church debt, \$100; raised for benevolences, \$248 and 10 conversions. Bridgeville, with the Rev. W. G. Koons leading the host has been the scene of the greatest revival upon the district, the church has wonderfully quickened and 120 converted. After the revival, the church debt of \$72c was promptly paid and the collection for Missions increased. Farmington has had a great year under the ministry of the Rev. I. G. Fosnocht. The parsonage has been thoroughly rebuilt at a cost of \$600. Our liberal minded laymen, Zebulon Hopkins, furnished the money, purchased material, paid the bills and takes a mortgage payable in easy installments. The revival at Farmington is one of the most memorable in the history of the church. The total number of conversions is 82 and about \$180 on collections. Greenwood, under Rev. E. H. Miller has been blessed with 71 conversions, \$130 expended in repairs and the collections equal to the apportionments. On Cannon Circuit, Wesley Church has been repainted and frescoed and the parsonage rendered more attractive and comfortable, 28 have been converted and the large contributions made to the benevolences last year are renewed this year. Rev. G. E. Wood, the pastor, is highly esteemed. On Houston Circuit, supplied by the Rev. A. C. Jones, Williamsville Church which had been abandoned for years, was slightly repaired and reopened. In the summer, a grove meeting was held which resulted in 28 con-

versions. Later a further meeting was held and 50 were converted. We now have at this place a new society with about 70 members and probationers. The total number of converts on the circuit is 98. Repairs were also made upon Laws' Church costing about \$125. The benevolences are far in advance of last year.

Milford has repeated the success of former years. Dr. G. W. King, who has supplied since the appointment of Dr. Martindale to Salisbury District, has endeared himself to the congregation and to the community. No interest of the church has suffered from this change in pastors. There have been 50 conversions and a satisfactory response to the benevolences. Colonel C. S. Watson, an aged and honored member of the church in Milford, did not forget the needs of the cause of God in the distribution of his estate. He left a legacy of \$500 to the Missionary Society, \$500 to Conference Claimants, and \$500 to the Avenue Church to be devoted to ministerial support and paid in instalments of \$50 annually. On Lincoln Circuit there have been 60 conversions, minor repairs on the parsonage and renewed interest in the Sunday School and Class meeting service. Brother Brewington is an expert in training the young, and the churches have felt the influence he has exerted in this and other departments. Ellendale Circuit has had 25 additions by letter and probation, and this year has returned to its former position in the support of Missions. The churches are in good condition except Redden, which is enfeebled by local dissensions. Rev. G. P. Smith, pastor. Rev. J. T. Van Burkalow, on Georgetown Circuit, reports 37 conversions, a new Chapter of the Epworth League at Bethesda, enthusiastic Sabbath services and a moderate response to the collections. On Nassau Circuit Rev. J. D. Reese, pastor, a new church is under construction at Rehoboth, which will cost \$1,200. About \$700 have been expended, and there is every indication it will be completed and dedicated free of debt. Zoar Circuit, supplied by the Rev. Omar E. Jones, shows gradual improvement, 18 conversions, small increase in the benevolences and a large attendance at the Sabbath services. For Little Creek the Rev. Harry Taylor brings in the gleanings; 18 conversions, growing Sunday School, a new organ for Cowgills, but a decline in the collections, though he has industriously presented them. Leipsic, by the Rev. C. I. Stengle, has increased the salary, paid \$200 on the debt, 28 conversions, enthusiastic classes, large audiences and a growing Sunday School. At Milton the Rev. W. T. Valiant is closing up his third year highly appreciated and commended. Salary has been maintained despite the losses from death, the benevolences brought up to apportionments; there have been 18 conversions.

Cambridge has, for more than two years, been shorn of strength by official dissensions, and there has been a loss of percentage in the spiritual life of many. The Rev. W. J. Du Hadway has departed himself wisely, and without exception has sought to know all as brothers in the church of Christ. Thirty have been converted and the benevolences about as last year. Woodside Circuit has been wonderfully blessed under the ministry of the Rev. J. L. Johnson. The churches have been revived, and in every department there are evidences of growth. There have been 45 conversions, an advance in collections. Armory, Dover, under the care of the Rev. Howard Smith, shows improvement in organization. \$300 have been paid on the church debt, 30 have been converted, and the collections in fair condition. For this little band the future is brightening. The appointment of the Rev. Vaughan S. Collins, to Georgetown, has been a benediction to Methodism. He has proven himself more than equal to the emergencies of the field. On the eve of the last Conference session the new church was dedicated with a large indebtedness to be cared for by some painstaking hand. During the year \$3,676.56 have been collected and paid, leaving now due upon this splendid building \$2,000, which the trustees propose to carry for a time by mortgage upon the property. Addi-

tional improvements have been made costing \$346. \$82 expended in improved comforts to the parsonage, a new library for the Sunday School and 100 church hymnals donated to the congregation by the Epworth League. The attention given to these property interests did not detract from the connectional interests. The report for Missions \$225, and \$12, for the "India Famine Fund," with remaining benevolences 50 per cent in excess of the apportionments. The Sunday School shows a large increase in average attendance. The Quarterly Conference committees meet quarterly to do the work prescribed by the discipline. All during the year there has been a rising tide of spiritual life, and the class, prayer and preaching services have become seasons of unusual power, 54 have been received on probation, a large proportion of them are heads of families, and promise great use to the church. Georgetown Methodism is full of promise.

The crowning work of the district in church building is the erection of the splendid edifice at Seaford. It is a modern frame structure of the ground floor plan, hardwood finish, beautiful memorial windows; an audience room of 400 sittings and Sunday School accommodation for 350, two ample and convenient class rooms, and is lighted from an acetylene plant. Previous to the dedication \$5,300 had been contributed and on the day of dedication, Jan 3rd, 1898, the remaining indebtedness, \$2,700 was subscribed and nearly all paid in cash. Of this subscription, made less than three months ago, less than \$400 remain unpaid. Plans have also been formulated for the purchase of a fine pipe organ. The Rev. R. K. Stephenson richly merits the praise he received from his parishioners. In the work he received valuable assistance from the Rev. P. H. Rawlins; nor can too much be said in commendation of the steadfast devotion and sacrifice of the entire membership of the church, and the support of the entire community in the accomplishment of so great a work. Immediately after the dedication revival services were held and 30 converted. The benevolences have not suffered because of this heavy draft on their resources. This new church, with her fine parsonage and increased membership, readily places Seaford in the first rank of appointments.

Dover has had many eventful years in its history as a church, but none of greater results than this Conference year under the pastorate of Dr. Smith. Immediately after his arrival in Dover he began consultation with the officials as to their methods and management, which led to the adoption of a system of a finance comprehending the settlement of all church expenses monthly. This change has not only provided sufficient means to meet expenses, but for the first time, in the knowledge of the oldest official they have a surplus. The contemplated improvement of the church began in September, and was completed and the building reopened on February 20, 1898. The entire cost was \$8,000, of which amount \$5,000 has been paid, and the remaining \$3,000 is provided for by reliable subscriptions. The audience room has been thoroughly transformed, and its architectural beauty is hard to describe. The floor has been raised, fine oak pews replace the old ones, an elaborate stairway leading up to a vestibule with plate glass storm doors, a fine gallery at the rear and one equally fine at the left of the pulpit for the choir; an overhead finish of exposed rafters arched and tastefully adorned, together with rich carpeting and handsome memorial windows, make this one of the most imposing auditoriums in the Conference. The Mite Society bought the pews which cost \$710, while the Sabbath School purchased the auditorium carpet at a cost of \$329. Notwithstanding this large financial outlay the benevolences exceed the report of last year. The revival services were preceded by pentecostal services of unusual interest and power. Many surrendered their prejudices, sought and obtained heart purity and 36 were converted.

Chiefly by the persistency of the Rev. D. H. Corkran and the choir a fine pipe organ

costing \$1,000, has been placed in the church at Lewes, and a handsome Brussels carpet provided by the ladies. No conversions are reported, the benevolences are up to the apportionments. Should the charges that have not reported to me do as well as those that have been heard from there will be an advance of \$500 for missions. The number of probationers is about 1,400. The salaries have been paid in full with a few exceptions. The advance in the price of farm products is reflected in all of our financial operations. The Conference Academy has had a prosperous year. The enrollment of students is about equal to that of last year, which was one of the best years in the history of the Academy, but the financial condition is not satisfactory, nor do we entertain the hope it will be until the bonded debt is paid. The Trustees are convinced that their first duty is to formulate plans for the payment of this indebtedness, which will require the earnest efforts of our preachers and laymen.

And now brethren you remember I was placed six years ago upon the Dover District which at that time was in a state of serious dissensions. Since the days of the civil war no Presiding Elder of this Conference has confronted conditions requiring more forbearance, patience and wisdom. I was sent as a messenger of peace to tranquilize and soothe asperities, to arbitrate grave disputes, to counsel and restrain the rash and restore confidence. It has taken time to accomplish the task, but by the grace of God and the co-operation of the brethren it has been accomplished and we are now in a state of blessed christian fraternity. Through these years I have preferred to turn away from the dress parade and keep to the drill, hoping thereby to prepare for future achievement. I believe the foundations relaid are deep and on them will rise in coming years that for which you with me have labored. For the ministerial brethren of the District I cherish sentiments of the highest regard. To the many laymen who have cordially greeted me, welcomed me to their homes, aided me in my duties, accorded me confidence and respect I am profoundly grateful. May the face of the Heavenly Father shine on you and you be enriched more and more abundantly by the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

R. H. ADAMS.

Easton District.

The Easton District covers three entire counties and a fractional part of the fourth in Maryland, and a small part of Kent and New Castle counties, Del. This District is divided into 37 charges, with one small mission, and 84 societies with 7,400 full members according to the Minutes of '97. This membership has been somewhat reduced by a careful pruning of the records during the year.

These 37 charges have been under the Pastoral supervision of 34 Conference members and three supplies. I have no complaints to make against any of these men of God, while some have been more, alert and skillful than others, all have evinced a great interest in their work and not one is ashamed of the record he has made. I believe it safe to say that every charge has taken a step forward this year, laid better plans, accumulated greater force and faces the future with more courage and hope.

It is a matter for congratulation and profound gratitude that death has not entered a single parsonage home during the year and that in health the pastors have been remarkably preserved. However, we must record with sorrow the translation of Brother Newton McQuay, one of our supernumerary preachers, from his home in St. Michaels to his home in Heaven, May, 1897, in the 57th year of his age. Brother McQuay had been in poor health for some two years or more, and death came as a sweet release. He was indeed a man "full of faith and of the Holy Ghost." Let prayer be made to the great Head of the church for

the sorrow stricken widow and the fatherless boy. A suitable memoir will be read by Brother Tabler. Sister Nutter is still in poor health. Let prayer be made for her speedy recovery. The church and her family both need her.

The financial conditions under which we have labored this year are perhaps a little relieved, or at least there has been a more hopeful spirit beneath the burden, yet the better times for which we have been hoping and praying are not fully upon us, and therefore the District has not taken a long leap forward in her material interest, yet we have made creditable advances at every point, as the final report will show, and we have been trying to lay deep and broad our plans for future aggression. Indeed, as to my part of the work, it has been a year of planning and systematizing rather than a year of execution, and we believe our nets are ready, at the Master's command, to "cast upon the right side of the ship." O, for the spring time of prosperity that shall bring us an abundance for the Master's use! While no great enterprise has been launched in building and improving church property, quite a number of enterprises are crystallizing, and in more than a score of cases improvements greater or less have been made. Perhaps the most important of these is the building of a handsome parsonage at Wye Mills. It is an up-to-date building in every particular for a country place, and exhibits a spirit of devotion and courage on the part of the faithful few that is truly refreshing. The house and lot cost \$1,100 in cash, and much additional in work, upon which no estimate has been made; \$400 has been paid. The Clayton Church was struck by lightning in the summer, and the rear end greatly damaged. The brethren accepted this as a favorable opportunity to do what greatly needed to be done, viz., to enlarge their building, which was made by the addition of 12 feet to its length at a cost of \$600, and some modifications in the front, both inside and out, all of which is provided for and nearly all paid. This would have been a small thing to many societies, but for that it meant a sacrifice. However, it is done, and everybody appreciates the advantages.

Early last summer Brother Burke was impressed with the spiritual needs of the people of Pea Neck and he organized a Sunday School in a very small school house and began preaching. In the fall he held a revival meeting in which nearly all the people of the community were converted. At once a new church enterprise was begun and will be finished in the spring. The upper church on Tilghman's Island was renovated, repainted and repapered within at a cost of some \$800, and funds are being raised for building a tower and repainting without. The pastor, Brother Chaires, has been the inspiration of these improvements. The church at Cordova has been thoroughly repainted within and without and new windows put in, all at a cost of some \$150, with an old debt of \$150 was raised on day of reopening. Hartley Church, on Marydel Circuit, was improved at a cost of \$150, which, with an old debt of \$230, has been paid. The Townsend Church has been re-seated, with opera chairs, and repainted and repapered within at a cost of \$350. Hillsboro Church has been much improved by the expenditure of \$100. \$105 has been expended in improving the Sunday School Chapel at Galena. Roseville Church was renovated at a cost of \$250. \$250 has been expended on improvements on the Chestertown parsonage. Still Pond invests \$215 in various improvements. Minor improvements have been made to church property in many other places.

Besides the above named something has been done also in paying old debts. St. Michaels leads in this and raises \$1038 on her church debt, reducing it to \$1800. Smyrna pays \$350, Odessa \$160, Ingleside pays the last \$115 of her parsonage debt, Cecilton raises \$100 on debts and Oxford raises about \$180 for debts, improvements and a new carpet. Trappe for debts and improvements, \$105.

Plans are crystallizing for larger things next year along the line of material progress.

By the aid of the Domestic Missionary Board we have secured a very desirable lot in the village of Massey and expect to build a new church next Conference year. We have at Blackbird, a Sunday School of 60 scholars and as large a congregation, both meeting in a small school house. We need a church and both pastor and people are moving in that direction. We hope also to build at Worten Station on the Baltimore and Delaware Bay Railroad where we have a lot and \$130 in hand toward the building. At Jumptown, on Wye Circuit, there is great need of a new church and we tried to stimulate the brethren to rise and build, but they were too timid to venture. The effort will be renewed next year.

With reference to the great benevolences, this has been a year of activity and success. Pastors, Presiding Elder and sometimes the Committees have sought to lay the claim of these institutions upon the conscience of the people and the field has been faithfully harvested. So profoundly are we convinced that these great benevolent enterprises incarnate the very life of the church and the real spirit of the living God, that our souls are pained within us when we see the narrowness of spirit which is often manifested toward them, yet we are ready to thank God for what has been done and take courage for the future. The final report will show that we have made some advance on each of the seven general collections as well as in those which are local. All taken together every charge on the District, save possibly three or four, has taken a forward step. Some of the advances are indeed handsome, while many others which are not so large numerically are more so proportionally.

To the best of our ability we have supplemented the appeals of the Missionary Secretaries for contributions to the debt of the Missionary Society and the returns show that have thus far responded, either with pledges or cash, with amounts ranging from \$3 to \$130. The latter amount is pledged by Chestertown, Brother Thos. Eliason contributing \$100. Easton District's apportionment of the \$186,000 is \$637 and she can be depended upon to raise it.

On Pastoral Support, we found the Easton District the lowest in the Conference, and appreciating the embarrassments that such a position brought with it, but more, realizing the great need of better support for the Pastors, I have given much concern and effort to this department of the work, and whilst the results are by no means satisfactory, I am glad to be able to report the following advances: Clayton and Rock Hall, \$100 each; Galena, Piney Neck, Pomona, Smyrna and Talbot, \$50 each; Church Hill, \$40; Oxford and Townsend, \$25 each, and whilst Still Pond did not advance in her estimate she paid \$100 more than the estimate. Also Cordova virtually advances \$50. Chestertown did not increase her estimate over last year, \$1,000; but she did what many other places have done during the year—adopted a good system for raising all her church monies and so thoroughly has the pastor met the situation and such prosperity has come to the church that she has paid \$1,100 with the greatest ease. Odessa announced a year ago that her salary must go down from \$700 to \$500, but Brother Hurst so quickly caught the hearts of the people and so completely filled the place that there was no hesitancy in putting the salary at \$600, and he is invited to return with strong assurance of better support. Last year Centreville put the salary at \$1,000, but failed by \$100, to pay it, while this year she made an estimate of \$900, and in addition thereto has paid the deficiency of last year. The net increase in the estimates \$490 or counting the over payments of \$100 each at Chestertown and Still Pond it is \$690. While this is not a large sum, it should be remembered that these estimates were made when the District was in the depths of the severest financial depression that she ever experienced and also when the Presiding Elder and Quarterly Conferences were entire strangers to each other. If we are not entirely mistaken, this increase, though small, indicates the direction of the current. Easton District has the ability and she will stand beside the very chiefest of the Districts of the Con-

ference in the financial support given to her pastors. So brethren don't be afraid to come this way.

The importance of the Sunday School work, from every point of view, grows upon us. The information imparted, the emotions awakened, the influences set in motion and the habits cultivated, all focalized upon the buoyant plastic life of childhood must be an immortal benediction. This is the most fruitful field within the domain of the church. That the Easton District is doing her whole duty in this department I can't say, yet I believe our people are fairly awake to the importance of the work and to their responsibilities in the matter. Three or four country churches keep up the antiquated custom of closing their schools in winter, but they say the vacation term is shorter this year than usual and they hope to have no cessation next winter. With very few exceptions, (one of these is notable, however,) our literature is used in spite of the inducements offered by the venders of trash.

Children's Day was almost universally observed, attracted large audiences and brought good results financially. The Education Collection will be about \$150 ahead of last year.

The Epworth League of the District numbers 37 Chapters of the Senior League and 16 Chapters of the Junior League, with a membership of 2,100 in the former and 750 in the latter. This organization is a social, educational and moral power in the church life of the District. The Devotional and Mercy and Help Departments are operated everywhere, and all the departments are at work in very many places. St. Michael's seems to have the largest and most vital Chapters of the District, their Senior League, Nos. 220 and the Junior 107. They support a Reading Room and a Library, and recently a Young Men's Christian Association has grown out of it. The Junior League of Still Pond is supporting an orphan in India. But everywhere the League is the helper to every good word and work. The District Convention held in Clayton in October was one of unusual interest and profit. The addresses were of a high order, and its spiritual power was marked. Everybody went home enthused with the work. The Rev. A. Green, an experienced and most efficient worker in this as in every department of church enterprise, is at the head of the District, and he is supported by a strong Cabinet.

Upon every pastor and church in the District God has in a measure, put the seal of his approbation in making them the means of leading sinners to Christ. The conversion of the world abroad is to us chiefly a question of money, but the salvation of the people at home is chiefly a question of spiritual power. Judged by this severe test, we rejoice to say the Lord is still with us. The conditions under which special revival work has been carried on have been very discouraging, and especially so in country places, because of the repeated and sometimes long continued rains and the terrible condition of the roads for most of the winter. Many very promising revivals were either drowned by rain or smothered by mud. Yet we have had success. More than 1,100 souls have professed faith in Christ at our altars during the year. A few of these have gone to kindle the fires upon the altars of other churches, but most of them have cast in their lot with us. In the number of conversions as in debt paying and in Epworth League activity, St. Michaels leads the District with 165 converts, though perhaps the most remarkable revival on the District was that at Tunis Mills where we have had a very small society maintaining a poor existence for years, sometimes with a shepherd but more frequently without one. In the fall I sent there a young man, with only exhorter's license to hold meetings and superintend the Sunday School; encouraged by having someone around whom they could rally, the faithful few began to pray for better times, the fire came down and souls were converted. \$300 has been promised for pastoral support and they ask for Joshua another year to lead them to greater victories.

Marydel Circuit has had a very remarkable work of grace. Brother Nutter began the year with a fight against that right arm of the devil, the liquor traffic which has been broken and completely routed, while the dry bones have risen up around him a great army and souls have been saved. The pastor, who has led in many victorious charges against sin, counts this the most triumphant year of his life. But allow me to add that at the same price similar success can be had in every charge of the District.

Time would fail us if we should attempt to go into the details of all the glorious revivals that have come to the District. Therefore, we must content ourselves with a bare mention of some of the greater achievements in this department. Chestertown has had one of the greatest revivals that have come to this church for many years. The converts number 80, while the number of people renewed, whose names were on the record, but who did not claim to be Christians, and those who were holding certificates, is about 75. Townsend, under Brother Chandler's leadership, has had a good revival for three years in succession. The converts this year number 75. The pastor writes that the greatest revival in her history has just closed in the Royal Oak Church. 60 souls professed faith in Christ. Brother Galloway, whom we all know, loaned a helping hand. Brother Anderson closes his third year on Talbot Circuit with an ingathering of 60 souls. Brother Chaires reports 58 conversions on Tilghman's Island. Wye and Starr, Union and Salem, Smyrna Circuit, Odessa, Middletown, Massey, Hillsboro, Church Hill, Cheswold and Cecilton have had from 20 to 50 conversions each, while every charge not named has had some success, and indeed, in some cases where but few converts are reported, the number is proportionately larger than in some other cases where a greater number is reported.

In the matter of temperance very little especial work has been done. All our Maryland territory is under a Local Option law except one District in Talbot county, where the whiskey traffic flourishes the more because it has a monopoly of the business. A movement was inaugurated in Talbot looking to substituting a high License law for Local Option, but so prompt and vigorous was the protest that it apparently died with the breath that gave it existence. In the Delaware part of our territory, some effort is being made to organize a movement looking to secure Local Option under the provisions of the new Constitution. This is a great opportunity and the Christian people of all creeds and parties should combine to eliminate this abomination from our State. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the most active, constant and effective temperance organization the world ever saw, continue unremittingly its agitation, and the recent death of its world famous leader, Miss Frances E. Willard, has given it an opportunity for a special hearing, in memorial services, which bring up every phase of this greatest reform movement of the age. The lamented leader is no more, but God lives, and He is the Captain of this host whose insignia is, "For God and Home and Native Land."

In conclusion, I want to express my appreciation of the heartiness with which I was everywhere received. The varied and multitudinous kindnesses shown me by both preachers and laymen, and the almost universal co-operation I have had in my plans for the prosperity of the work. The Easton District is a most delightful field of toil. The people are wide awake, intelligent and loyal. They are well fed, well clothed and well housed; their churches and parsonages are in keeping with their own homes—well built, well finished and well furnished; and they have done well for the comfort of the Presiding Elder and his family. Smyrna, the home of the family, is a haven for a Methodist preacher. The supreme, all comprehensive need of Easton district, is that which is most accessible—multiplied spiritual vitality and power.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. CORKRAN.

Salisbury District.

DEAR BRETHREN: In presenting this Report of the work done on the Salisbury District for the year now closing, I need only refer in a word to the circumstances which explain my unexpected connection with it. In mid-autumn our dear Brother, Dr. Avery, in consequence of ill-health, resigned the Presiding Eldership of the District, and Bishop Newman, on the 16th of November, assigned me to the vacancy. Coming to the responsible task so late in the year, I have had, of necessity, but limited opportunity to study the many problems which attach to a work of this character. I am not ashamed to say that it has driven me to my knees for light, and to my brethren for unusual co-operation, which they have generously granted me. The results of the year's patience and fidelity are now to be summed up.

The shadows that come with every year have not failed during this one to settle about some of our Parsonages. Rev. William G. Chance, a rare and noble young minister, whose career promised unusual success, and whose zeal burned like an alter fire, fell asleep at Quantico Md., October 19. The venerable father of Bro. J. P. Otis, aged 79, closed his life gently on the 3d of March, at the home of his son in Crisfield. Mrs. Ewell, revered mother of Mrs. E. C. Atkins, also went home to Heaven on February 19 from the Berlin Parsonage.

Bro. G. W. Bounds has had multiplied afflictions, not only in the loss of a dear child, but in the long and critical illness of his wife, who is now, however, mercifully creeping back from death's door to strength again. Bros. G. W. Hopkins and Warren Burr have been ill during the year, but are now entirely recovered. A son of Bro. Neese has recently been obliged to undergo a severe surgical operation, but is at present on the road to health again. A second severe loss has come to our Church at Onancock in the death of George W. Mason, one of the tried and liberal laymen of that congregation. With these exceptions, the brethren and their families have been graciously kept in health, so that the work of the District has moved steadily forward during the year.

Two of our brethren, W. H. S. Williams and Dr. E. C. Macnichol, are closing their full term of five years in great peace, and with prosperity upon their charges.

Reports of the Children's Day services show that this valued method of securing educational results, has had unusual attention and consequent success. The observance of the day was well nigh universal; and the offerings will be in advance of last year. Surely we cannot contribute too liberally to assist our struggling young men in securing a thorough training for the work of the ministry.

I have made diligent inquiry concerning the status of the class meetings in the District. I do not sympathize with the tendency to relegate these services to the rear, in our economy. As much as ever, we need to "speak one to another." I am glad to report, not an ideal condition of class interest, but a very creditable interest; and to express my delight at finding in a few reports of leaders, these three significant items. "All my members attend class." "All of them contribute to the support of the church," "and all the heads of families conduct family worship." A record worthy of imitation. In this connection reference may be made to a peculiar religious work among the employes of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad, which has developed a novel form of Class Meeting, known as the Railroad Class. It is a fact of thrilling interest that the considerable majority of the men on this line, the termini of which lie within our District, are members of the church. These are christian conductors, God fearing engineers and praying brakemen. No oath is heard on their trains. They do not allow it. Now, at Cape Charles and Delmar, Railroad Classes have been

formed, which are thronged by these men and which have become centres of spiritual power. It is a touch of the Millenium.

The Sunday Schools, so far as I have been able to learn, are doing genuine service. Very few of them have felt obliged to close during the winter. They are, for the most part, well officered, are using our own church lesson material, have efficient Missionary organizations and are building the church of the future.

In the matter of church erection and improvement, as well as in the payment of old debts, the District has had a busy and joyous year. A new church at Millsboro of charming architectural design, with well arranged auditorium and lecture rooms; and costing \$3950 was dedicated on April 10th; Bros. Terry, Avery and Hanna officiating. \$3350 have been paid on it up to the present time. On Tangier Island an imposing new church is in process, of erection. It is 60 by 80 feet, is designed to accomodate 1000 persons and is being constructed with all the modern improvements. It is to have memorial windows, steam heating and special apartments for Senior Sunday School class work. It will cost \$7500 and be ready for occupancy probably in June next. \$2500 have been already paid on it and nearly all the needed funds to complete it are promised. Best of all, its membership is at present all aglow with Pentecostal fire and it will have the best showing for benvelonces in all its history.

The church at Fairmount has been greatly improved, both as to the Auditorium and the exterior, at an expenditure of \$3,100. With its rich memorial windows, metal walls and ceiling, quartered oak pews and pulpit furniture and harmonizing carpet tints, there is scarcely a more attractive audience room in the Conference. It was re-dedicated December 19, by Bishop Cranston, assisted by Drs. Watt and Avery, and Brothers J. H. and T. F. Beauchamp. The debt is provided for and \$2,900 of it has been paid.

A fine work has also been wrought on the Bishopville charge. The church at Bishopville has been entirely remodelled at an outlay of \$300. St. Martin's has been extended and a recess pulpit added, costing \$200. At Ocean City a lot has been purchased and a temporary church built, expenditure, \$400. This is to care for our summer worshippers there. At Friendship a summer tabernacle has been reared and minor additions made to the church. This represents very aggressive work and the outlay of nearly \$1,000, which has all been met except \$90.

Twelve hundred dollars has been subscribed towards the building of a new church at Ocean View, Roxana Circuit, and the structure will soon be commenced. The Bethesda church on Whitesville charge has been remodelled and refurnished and the expenses (\$300) paid. The new church as Tyaskin has completed the payment of its debt, balance being \$112 and has been duly dedicated.

On Stockton Circuit a difficult problem has, it is thought, been solved in the purchase of a lot lying between the villages of Greenback and Franklin City, and the removal thereto of the church from the latter place. It is now contiguous to both populations. The entire cost of \$500 has been paid. Repairs to the extent of \$150 have been made at Remsen's and at Stockton \$250 have been expended in similar improvements, \$900 in all and no debt. A School House at Chesconossex, a new point on the Onancock charge, has been purchased for Sunday School purposes, also improvements aggregating \$180. The following church properties have also been refurnished and beautified: Girdle Tree, \$300; Deal's Island, \$300; Frankford and Houstons, \$300; Delmar, \$300; the Crisfield Lecture Room, \$200; Parsonsburg, \$115; Quantico, \$100, and Fruitland, \$42, and all the bills settled.

We regret to report the loss by fire on November 29 of our church at Kingston, Md. There was no insurance. New organs have been supplied to three churches on Pocomoke

Circuit, one on Marion charge at St. Peter's, costing \$165, and one at Friendship, Bishopville Circuit.

Important improvements have been made on several of our parsonages. A new back building has been added to the Pocomoke Circuit Parsonage, costing \$250, paid. At Berlin \$245 has been wisely expended; at Bethel, \$225; at Princess Anne, \$50; at Selbyville, \$100; at Newark, \$114; at Crisfield, \$75; at Asbury, \$100; at Roxana, \$50, and at Whitesville, \$45.

In the line of liquidating old indebtedness Laurel leads the column with \$1,400 paid on church and parsonage. A Jubilee service was held on March 13 in honor of the victory. Other debts have been paid as follows; Smith's Island, \$520; Marion, \$420; Princess Anne, \$400; Fruitland, \$380; Cape Charles, \$250; Mount Pleasant, \$247; Ocean View, \$240; Mount Vernon, \$217; St. Peter's, \$196; Whitesville, \$163; Girdle Tree, \$150; Millsboro, \$150; Shosptowan, \$114; Berlin, \$100; Pocomoke Circuit, \$40, and Snow Hill, \$200; Nanticoke, \$100; Westover, \$40. We have raised and paid this year as a total for building and improving property and in liquidation of indebtedness the sum of \$17,000.

A careful analysis of the subject of pastors' salaries must not ignore the fact that there are conditions of monetary stringency in some sections of the District which have not been equalled in twenty years. Generous laymen grieve over this and yet cannot control it. This must necessarily affect all salary aggregates. And yet, nine charges have this year advanced their estimates, in sums ranging from \$50 to \$100; namely, Bethel, Chincoteague, Mt. Pleasant, Newark Pocomoke City, Quantico, Smith's Island, Snow Hill and Westover. Twenty-nine charges remain the same. The average salary for the District is at present \$837. There is one regretful fact in connection with the support of our pastors; and that is the want of right financial methods and the postponement of energetic action until the end of the year; so that undue anxiety burdens the souls of God's servants and deficiencies remain to mar our records. Generous estimates must be followed by conscientious payments.

I have sought to lay special stress upon the Epworth League work. Because its success will mean a new era of spiritual activity and Christian intelligence for our young people. I have a profound faith also in the mission of the Junior Leagues. These organizations are increasing upon the District, both as to numbers and also a larger use of the various departments. Many pastors already consider them as indispensable to their work. Approximate statistics are as follows: Increase of Senior League, 11; making a total of 37; increase of membership 550, making a total of 2,000. There are 18 Junior Leagues with a membership of 100 and probably 200 Epworth Heralds are taken. A spirited canvass was made for the paper, the District President, Brother Swain offering a reward for the largest number of subscribers, which was secured by the Quantico chapter. The convention held at Crisfield was a season of marked interest.

By far too little attention is paid to the careful keeping of certain of the Church Records. The Pastoral and Quarterly Conference books I find as a rule regularly cared for, but the class and trustee Records are sadly neglected in most places. In some there are no books at all and important business transactions are forgotten or left to the uncertain memory of some official member. Meanwhile serious complications in regard to church property are likely at any time to grow out of this irregularity.

I have sought to urge the wider circulation of our grand old *Advocate* never as it seems to me more able and instructive than now. And while we all welcome our local paper, the *Pennisula Methodist*, and other similar periodicals, we are sure that a general reading of the *Christian Advocate* would stimulate every financial, benevolent and spiritual undertaking of the Church to a degree never before known.

Great interest has gathered about the benevolences for the year, and properly so, in view of the urgent appeals and pathetic recitals of need coming from our General Officers, and from the work at large.

The same discouraging financial conditions that have confronted our Official Boards, have confronted the pastors also; and some noble givers have been called home to Heaven. Nevertheless, with admirable persistence, our brethren have gone to the people, and pressed home these august claims.

The reports will show that, under all the circumstances, the District has done nobly. In the matter of Missions, 15 charges have increased their contributions; the largest advance being from Tangier; thirteen have made the same offering, while the others have reported a decrease. I have feared that there might be some considerable shrinkage from the large total of last year. In view of the unusual debt paying, and the total failure of the oyster industry at many points, but I judge that the aggregate will just about equal the fine report made at our last session.

The collections for the Conference Academy will be nearly 200 per cent., in advance of last year. Tangier has also contributed \$70 to the India Famine Fund and Asbury \$42.

We hail with pleasure the proposed Student Volunteer movement for Missions which contemplates a summer campaign among the Epworth Leagues for purposes of education and inspiration. When our people get a larger knowledge of Missions we shall have greater devotion to them and more systematic and generous support in their work.

The pastors' supreme business, the salvation of souls, has been prosecuted with earnestness by the brethren of the District. The old fashioned altar work still continues, and the shouts of happy converts still gladden the toilers of Zion, while revival efforts have not been so generally crowned with large accessions as during last year, there have yet been some remarkable displays of Divine power. At Asbury there have been 130 converts, at Mt. Vernon 123, at Millsboro 116, at Gumboro 111, at Powellsville 109, Onancock, Roxana, Frankford, Millsboro and Parsonsburg over 60, at Snow Hill 50, while many other charges have gathered in smaller numbers, and none have been without some trophies of grace. We count up 1450 souls added to the church and we trust that they may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In conclusion I thank the Heavenly Father for the gracious help which He has been pleased to vouchsafe to us, and our holy work. I thank the the brethren, lay and ministerial for the cordiality with which they have greeted me and responded to my requests. And I invoke upon them all, the blessing of that peace "which passeth all understanding."

THOS. H. MARTINDALE.

Wilmington District.

We come to this annual gathering with unbroken ranks, unabated zeal, and deep gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the splendid record of the past year. The health of the preachers has been generally good, and the work uninterrupted, to any great extent, by personal affliction. Death entered the family of W. H. Benford, at Bethel, and removed his son Willie, 4 years of age, who, after being severely burned and suffering greatly for several months, died in the Methodist Hospital, Philadelphia, August 7.

Among the prominent laymen who have died during the year we mention with regret the name of Hon. Thomas B. Smith, of Wilmington, an earnest, faithful official, member of Grace Church. His heart, will and purse generously responded to the many calls for help.

He will be greatly missed by our city Methodism. He died January 20. In February Bro. Samuel Thompson, of Pivot Bridge, Md., passed into the heavens, in the 93d year of his age. He was a member of the M. E. Church for over 60 years. In his will he remembered his local church and the Missionary Society.

Hon. Jacob Tome, of Port Deposit, Md., died on the 15th inst. Mr. Tome was a trustee of the American University at Washington, D. C., Dickinson College and one of our churches in Port Deposit. He used a large part of his great wealth in the cause of religion and education. Our splendid granite church at Port Deposit, was built and presented by Mr. Tome to the trustees; the handsome Scientific Building was presented by him to Dickinson College. The Tome Institute at Port Deposit, in which are being educated over 500 pupils, free of all charge, and with over \$1,000,000 endowment is the crowning act of his generosity. He was a strong and true friend of Methodism. His funeral was one of the largest ever held in that section of the State; the Governor of Maryland, members of the Legislature and other distinguished citizens from various parts of the country were present. Rev. Dr. Eveland, President of the Institute, conducted the services, assisted by Bishop Hurst, Dr. G. E. Reed, President of Dickinson College, W. P. Compton, the pastor, Dr. Martindale, Rev. Mr. McKnight, of the Lutheran Church, Rev. H. W. Ewing and the writer. In his will, Mr. Tome remembered his home church with a handsome endowment.

Transfers.—Early in April Dr. Henry Baker was transferred from the Newark to the Wilmington Conference and stationed at Grace Church, Wilmington. In September M. L. Hutton was transferred to the Northern Minnesota Conference and F. P. Harris was transferred from the Northern Minnesota to the Wilmington Conference and stationed at Scott Church, Wilmington.

Revivals.—Recruiting for the Army of the Lord has been actively prosecuted during the year. The Gospel has been faithfully preached, and revival services held in every charge. Charlestown and Principo, L. E. Poole, pastor, reports a list of 55 probationers, and churches greatly strengthened along all lines. Chesapeake City, H. A. G. Westerfield, pastor, reports a remarkable work of grace, 126 converted, and the whole town greatly moved by the power of the Gospel, Bro. Conoway, Evangelist, assisted the pastor. Chester-Bethel, Wilmer Taggard, pastor, rejoices in 43 conversions. Elkton, notwithstanding the pernicious influence exerted upon the community by the race-track gamblers, the pastor, A. S. Mowbray, comes to conference with the swing of triumph. The Gospel is still the power of God unto salvation, and to the pulling down of the strongholds of the wicked. Salary increased \$100, pastor and people harmonious and happy. John D. Kemp comes from Hopewell and Asbury, bringing the sheaves of victory. Revivals at both churches, 31 conversions, and membership increased in two years over 100 per cent. F. C. McSorley, pastor of Newark and Wesley, would take no denial, but labored, prayed and held on to God until the power fell upon the church and community, and 33 souls saved. Wm. A. Wise, at North East, never permits the revival fire to go out upon the altar. He reports 20 conversions. A work of considerable extent has been accomplished at Port Deposit, W. P. Compton, the pastor, was assisted by W. K. Galloway, who is known in this Conference as an earnest and successful Evangelist. One hundred souls converted, and the spiritual life of the church greatly quickened. Mt. Pleasant, Md., W. E. Greenfield, pastor, has experienced a tidal wave of salvation. Over 60 souls saved. Zion Circuit, A. P. Prettyman, pastor, has witnessed one of the greatest revivals in its history. Each of the four churches has been aflame with Gospel power, sinners flocked to the altar, and found the pearl of great price, 160 converted. The pastor was assisted by Evangelist Conoway. Ebenezer, Del., Wm. T. Hammond, pastor, reports a list

of 38 probationers, and a high tide of spirituality. Bethel and Summit, Cherry Hill, Christiana, Claymont, Delaware City, Elk Neck, Mt. Lebanon, Mt. Pleasant, Union, Hockessin, Marshallton and Stanton, New Castle, Newport, Perryville, Red Lion and Glasgow, Rising Sun and Sylmar, St. Georg's St. John's have also held revival services with more or less success.

In Wilmington, where the difficulties and hindrances are greater than elsewhere within our territory, rum, worldliness and indifference being leagued together to defeat the Church of God, yet the power of the Lord has been manifest to save. Old Asbury, the mother church, has had a return of former days. Her altars have been filled with seekers after salvation, and her members have rejoiced in the Lord. Dr. Tinker, the Pastor, has well and faithfully led his devoted band, assisted by Mrs. Van Cott and Mr. Crittenden, of New York. Over 200 souls were saved and reclaimed. Mt. Salem, under the leadership of H. W. Ewing, pastor, has maintained its reputation as a revival church. The revival this year was one of remarkable extent and power. About 110 were converted. Epworth, though burdened with a heavy debt, reports a great revival and substantial increase in membership. F. B. Short, pastor, has faithfully led this heroic band into greater faith and brighter hope; 70 conversions. E. S. Mace, pastor, closes his first year at Kingswood, and Edgemoor in a blaze of revival splendor 52 conversions. J. D. C. Hanna, pastor of Union, has preached a complete Saviour and a full salvation. He reports 60 conversions. Dr. Murray, of St. Paul's, falls into line with 33 probationers. R. T. Coursey reports a gracious work at Harrison street in the quickening of the spiritual life and sinners saved. W. W. Sharp, at Wesley, by earnest and continuous effort, secured a harvest of 32 souls. During the three years of Bro. Sharp's pastorate the membership has been doubled. Evangelical preaching and thorough pastoral work will always tell. Brandywine lives in a revival spirit, and Asbury Burke, the pastor, is not satisfied unless souls are saved at every service. Total conversions for the year, about 100. Scott, under the leadership of F. P. Harris, has marched to victory amid the shouts of the redeemed. V. P. Northrup, at Madeley, has had a good time all through the year, in paying old debts and getting sinners saved; 22 probationers. Grace, Cookman, East Lake, Silverbrook, Swedish Mission have held revival services, resulting in a spiritual uplift and sinners converted. Our Methodism on this peninsula is still a great revival force. We believe and insist on a thorough conviction for sin, the mourner's bench for penitents and the baptism of the Holy Ghost and of fire for believers.

Epworth League.—League work on the District is progressive and aggressive. This youngest child of our Methodism is growing in wisdom and stature, and gives promise of great usefulness and efficiency. When properly directed it develops our young people into thinking, active christians, it intensifies, reforms and strengthens the intellectual life and insists on the abundant spiritual life. There has been a revival of good literature among our young people during the year, more copies of that splendid paper, "The Epworth Herald," are taken than ever before and some are pursuing systematic courses of reading and study. The Annual Convention held in Elkton last May, was well attended, instructive and enthusiastic. Bro. Westerfield, our District President, has been active and energetic in furthering the interests of League work throughout the District. In the consecrated Epworth League of to-day, lies, to a considerable extent, the hope of the Methodist Church of to-morrow; and may we not say of the country, for we cannot have good citizenship until we have good men and women, too, with clean, honest ballots in their hands. Much attention has also been given by our pastors to the formation of Junior Leagues, thus marshalling the children for the drill, discipline and work of the coming years. We have on the District, 37 Chapters, with

a membership of about 2200 and 12 Junior Leagues, with a membership of 450. There are also five Christian Endeavor Societies, with a membership of 383 and two Junior Societies, with a membership of about 60. In nearly every church there is an organization of young people. These organizations have been of great help to the pastors in revival and pastoral work.

Sunday Schools.—We have 73 Sunday Schools, with 12,500 scholars of all ages. This array is marshalled by 1583 officers and teachers. The literature used in these schools comes, with few exceptions, from our own publishing house. In a very few cases these superior publications have been supplanted by an inferior and cheaper article from elsewhere. I am glad to report that our Sunday Schools on the Wilmington District have at last reached the conclusion not to be deterred by the frost from pursuing their work during the winter. There are now very few schools which close their doors because of cold weather. Indeed, the greatest hindrance to our Sunday School work is during the summer months. In the city Sunday excursions, public parks and vacations close some of our schools and greatly decimate others, while in the country the proximity of a camp-meeting closes the school and scatters officers, teachers and scholars, reminding us of Byron's destroying angel:

"Like the leaves of the forest when summer is green,
That host with their banners at sunset were seen;
Like the leaves of the forest when summer hath blown,
That host on the morrow lay withered and strown.

But notwithstanding these hindrances the work goes on and our children are receiving instructions in God's word. The teachers avail themselves of all modern helps and appliances and inspired by Sunday School institutes, and conventions are bringing our Sunday School up to a high standard of usefulness and efficiency. The county Sunday School convention, held at Delaware City, in October, was helpful, instructive and inspiring. Our schools are organized into Missionary Societies, and materially help in the great benevolences.

Anniversaries.—Mt. Salem, Wilmington, celebrated its 50th anniversary, and Brandywine its 40th anniversary in October. The services in each church lasting one week were full of interest. The pastors, Brothers Ewing and Burke, prepared good and interesting programs, many of the former pastors participating.

Camp Meetings.—There were three camp meetings held during the summer. The Local Preachers held their annual camp, near North East, Md., Bro. William T. Hammond, pastor of Ebenezer, in charge. Brandywine Summit, in charge of Dr. Murray, of St. Paul's, and Woodlawn, Bro. J. D. Kemp, pastor of Hopewell and Asbury, in charge. These meetings were well attended, and no doubt some good accomplished.

Benevolent Collections.—Early in the Conference year I sent a Circular Letter to each pastor containing apportionments for the various benevolences and urging prompt, continuous and earnest attention. Wilmington District, depending largely upon manufacturing industries, has suffered more than any other portion of our Conference territory from the depressed financial conditions which have prevailed in our country during the past five years. Yet, through it all, the District has maintained a creditable record. Out of their diminished earnings the people have contributed to the various benevolent enterprises of the Church. Some of the pastors have not yet reported to me the amount of their collections, yet from the returns in hand I am safe in saying that the grand total will exceed last year's figures. The following charges have exceeded apportionment for Missions: Marshallton and Stanton, Newark and Wesley, Elkton, Rowlandville and Mt. Pleasant, Delaware City, Harrison Street nearly double apportionment, Swedish Missions and Union. Mt. Salem leaves apportion-

ment out of sight, and reports the largest collection in its history. Mt. Pleasant and Union goes beyond last year's splendid record, with an increase in all the collections.

The following charges meet apportionment; Ebenezer, Elk Neck, Hopewell and Asbury, Charlestown, Newark and Wesley, Silverbrook, Chesapeake City, Madeley, Zion, Elk Neck, Rising Sun and Sylmar, Bethel and Summit, Hockessin, Perryville, with an advance of 60 per cent. in the other collections. Port Deposit, Christiana, Chester Bethel, with an increase in the other collections. St. Paul's surpasses last year's figures, meets apportionment on all collections besides contributing \$90 to Kingswood, and \$25 to Epworth. Grace goes beyond last year's figures with every department of the church in splendid condition, under the skillful leadership of Dr. Baker. Wesley will increase 50 per cent. on Missions. At the request of the Missionary Secretaries I also apportioned the amount of the debt assigned to this District among the various charges and requested a collection. This met with a general and generous response, and the report will show that quite a handsome sum has been raised. Bro. Beadenkoph, of Cookman, Wilmington, pledges \$100 for this debt.

Building and Improvements.—At Ebenezer, Del., W. T. Hammond, pastor, there has been erected a beautiful Parsonage, at a cost of \$1200. \$600 has been paid in cash and the remainder will be provided for in a short time. Ebenezer was set off as a station last Spring and the people, headed by their enthusiastic pastor, determined to accomplish big things. They have built a new house, paid their pastor and report all collections up to apportionment.

St. John's, T. S. Holt, pastor, finding that every young man sent them as pastor would get married before the year expired, determined to make a virtue of necessity and provide a home for the preacher. A well arranged and comfortable house has been purchased at a cost of \$1050, which, after some improvements are added, the pastor and his bride will occupy.

This charge, formerly connected with Zion Circuit and which was set off as a station four years ago, has steadily grown and is destined to become a very desirable appointment in a few years.

At West Amwell, connected with Elkton, a neat chapel is in course of erection. An acre of ground was donated by Bro. Amos McNeal upon which the chapel is being built, at a cost of \$600, and will be dedicated in the near future, free from debt. This makes four chapels connected with Elkton, at each of which a thrifty Sunday School is in operation thus enabling us to hold this territory for our Methodism.

St. Paul's has refitted and greatly improved the infant school room, adding a new carpet and new organ, at a cost of \$300. Appropriate reopening services were held September 12th.

A steam heating apparatus has been put in the parsonage at Mt. Salem, costing \$200. The parsonage at Port Deposit has been materially improved at a cost of \$200.

Harrison street is maturing plans for enlarging the capacity of the infant school room. So rapid has been the growth of this school that the present room is entirely inadequate to meet the demand. An additional story will perhaps be added, thus giving this branch of the school room to grow.

On last Sunday, March 20, Mr. Wm. M. Field, trustee of the estate of the late James Riddle, who was a Local Preacher in our church, transferred the Chapel property, erected through the generosity of Mr. Riddle, to Trustees, for the use of the Methodist Episcopal Church. This property has a frontage of 85 feet and a depth of 125 feet, and includes the Chapel, which was built over 25 years ago. Mr. Field also transferred to the Trustees an insurance policy on the structure, paid up for five years. This Chapel, with its prosperous Sunday School, will remain, for the present, connected with Mt. Salem. The presentation

exercises were made impressive and notable by the presence of Bishop Newman, who made an interesting address upon the occasion.

The following charges report improvements to church and parsonage property: Claymont, \$42; Red Lion, \$52; Charlestown, \$37; Crouch's and West End Chapels, Elkton, \$82; Madeley, Wilmington, \$94; Marshallton and Stanton, \$120; Rising Sun and Sylmar, \$120; Delaware City, \$210; East Lake, \$48; Christiana, \$15.

Debts Paid.—Elkton has paid \$1,000 on parsonage debt; it will not be long before this commodious and beautiful parsonage will be entirely free from debt. \$500 has been paid on the handsome Grace Church Parsonage. The ladies having this matter in charge are determined that this beautiful home of the preacher shall be entirely relieved of all incumbrance at no very distant day. Kingswood has made a heroic struggle, and succeeded in paying \$728 towards liquidating church debt; Silverbrook, \$532; Mt. Salem, \$300; Madeley, \$240; Swedish Mission, \$100 on mortgage debt, and expects in the near future to cancel the mortgage which has burdened it for years; Zion Circuit, \$224; Claymont, \$25; Newark, \$168; Cherry Hill, \$100; Marshallton and Stanton, \$70; Elk Neck, \$35; Union, Wilmington, \$400; Delaware City, \$150; Hopewell, \$50; Wesley, Wilmington, \$100; East Lake, \$50.

The situation at Epworth, Wilmington, has materially improved, the hill tops are reddening with the beams of the rising sun of success and prosperity, congregations fill the building, basket collections pay the running expenses, membership encouraged and hopeful, \$756 paid on indebtedness and interest on debt provided for through the skillful management of Bro. Short, the pastor. He is maturing plans for a considerable reduction of the debt during the coming year. This important, burdened charge has our sympathy, but it should receive our material aid. If this Conference will second the efforts of the pastor a decided advance will be made the coming Conference year. Epworth should, must and will be saved. We should do all in our power to place it in a position where its name can be changed to "The Hulburd Memorial," in memory of the loved and now ascended Hulburd, who took its interests upon his great heart and made them his own. At the proper time, with the consent of our Presiding Bishop, Bro. Short desires to make a statement to the Conference. The fourth Quarterly Conference, by a unanimous vote, decided to invite the Annual Conference to hold the sessions of 1900 at Epworth. I hope that all the churches on the peninsula will take note of this fact, and leave a clear field for Epworth in 1900.

Temperance.—Temperance work has not been neglected during the year. The Women's Christian Temperance Union has carried on an educational campaign against the traffic in intoxicating liquors. Anti-Saloon Leagues have been organized in Grace and Union Churches, Wilmington and are doing a good work in arousing the slumbering sentiment of the church against the great evil. There should be such an organization in every church, thus keeping this great question to the front. In Cecil County, Md., which is under prohibitory law, the people are to vote again on this question the coming fall. An effort will be made to carry the county for license, but our people are awake and with faithful, godly, fearless men in our pulpits and earnest, consistent voters in the pew, an active campaign will be waged and we believe victory will again be on the the side of the right.

In this connection I am glad to report that the race track nuisance in Cecil County is about to be abolished. The Legislature of Maryland has passed a bill forbidding racing and pool selling in the county after April 4th. This bill has received the approval of the Governor and is now a law. Too much credit cannot be given to our pastors in that county, who waged a continuous warfare against this iniquity, until aroused public sentiment demanded at the polls that these thieves and gamblers should be driven from their midst. Fortunately,

the new Constitution of Delaware forbids the carrying on this disreputable business within the limits of this state.

Woman's Work.—I cannot too highly commend the work of the elect ladies. They have been instant in season, out of season, going about, like their Divine Master, doing good. The Women's Christian Temperance Union has been earnest and active. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, under vigorous leadership of Mrs. R. H. Matlack, and the Woman's Home Missionary Society, under Mrs. Brown's superintendency, have been abundant in labors. The uttermost parts of the earth have felt their influence and the needy under paid preachers on the frontier have invoked the divine blessing upon them when receiving needed supplies. New societies have been organized, moribund societies resuscitated and a general awakening along all lines. Indeed we find consecrated womanhood leading in nearly all reforms, and taking upon her heart the great interests of the church.

Closing Remarks.—And now, as the robes of office fall from my shoulders I wish to record my devout thanksgiving to the Great Head of the Church for His guiding and protecting care. My general health has been good, having missed but one Sabbath from sickness in the six years. I have been kept and sustained by the power of Divine Grace and rejoice in the success achieved. During my term as Presiding Elder, seven churches have been built and dedicated, at a cost in round numbers of over \$100,000; two parsonages at a cost of over \$4,000; improvements made in church property, costing over \$60,000; benevolent collections, over \$92,000, or a grand total of \$256,000 given to church improvements and benevolences. If the sum paid for pastors' support were added to this, about \$258,000, there would be the handsome sum of \$514,000 laid upon God's altar upon God's conversion of this world, exclusive of interest money, and the usual Trustees' expenses of the church. When it is considered that this large sum was contributed freely and voluntarily, in the midst of a wide-spread and severe money famine, in a manufacturing district, it is indisputable evidence that the great heart of Methodism beats responsive to the demands of God and his Church. It is due to the generous and noble people of the Wilmington District that these figures should be known, not in the spirit of boasting, God forbid, but in acknowledgement of our gratitude to God that He has put it into the hearts of the people to bring these tithes into the store-house, and as an inspiration for future work.

I have endeavored to be faithful to the trust committed to me by the church. As far as I was able to judge I have been fair and impartial, keeping before me, first of all, the interests of the Church.

I wish to thank my brethren of the ministry and laity for their courtesy, forbearance and kindness. It has been a pleasure to march by your side on the battle-field and join with you in the shouts of victory. I have sympathized with you in your struggle, and rendered what help I was able. Together we come rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us, and laying them at the Master's feet, we "Crown Him Lord of all."

LOUIS E. BARRETT.

I.—Auditor's Report.

Your Auditing Committee presents the following report:

L. E. Barrett, P. E., Wilmington District, received from the Missionary Society \$500, which was paid as follows: To Swedish Mission, \$500. Received from the Domestic Mission Fund, \$238, which was disbursed as follows: Mt. Lebanon, \$25; Christiana, \$25; East Lake, \$40; Elk Neck, \$25; Claymont, \$25; Marshallton and Stanton, \$25; Rowlandville and Mt. Pleasant, \$25; Hockessin, \$25; St. George's, \$23. Total, \$238.

T. E. Martindale, P. E., of Salisbury District, received from the Missionary Society \$390, which was paid out as follows: Cape Charles, \$175; Parksley, \$165; New Church and Exmore, \$50. Total, \$390.

Received from the Domestic Mission Fund, \$230, which was distributed as follows: New Church and Exmore, \$35; Mardella Springs, \$68.50; Parksley, \$20; Pocomoke Circuit, \$20; Newark, \$35; Hallwood, \$10; Powellville, \$12; Selbyville, \$25; W. F. Corkran, \$4.50. Total, \$230.

R. H. Adams, P. E., Dover District, received of the Missionary Society \$210, which was paid out as follows: Salem Circuit, \$100; Lakesville, \$90; Zoar, \$30. Total, \$220. Paid in excess of receipts, \$10.

Received from Domestic Mission Fund, \$185. Distributed as follows: Zoar, \$35; Armory, \$30; Williamsburg, \$24; Airey's, \$27; Church Creek, \$24; Lakesville, \$40; C. W. Clapham, \$5. Total, \$185.

W. F. Corkran, Presiding Elder, of Easton District, received from Domestic Mission Fund \$164, and from W. E. Avery, Presiding Elder, Salisbury District, \$4.50.

Disbursed as follows: Talbot Circuit, \$25; Crumpton, \$25; Trappe, \$43; Royal Oak, \$25; Ingleside, \$50. Total, \$168. Balance in hand, 50 cents.

C. A. Grise, Conference Treasurer, received \$35,465 and paid out by order of Conference, \$35,461. Balance in hand, \$4.

E. H. Nelson, Trustee for Mrs. Annie D. Chatham, received from Wilmington Conference, \$250; from Mrs. Carrow, \$166. Total, \$416.

Paid to Pennsylvania Hospital, \$416.

Geo. W. Burke received from members of the Conference to defray funeral expenses of Newton McQuay, \$41 and paid \$41.

We have received vouchers for the above accounts and find them correct.

II.—Bible.

Perhaps there is no society that has a better right to demand a large share of our help than the American Bible Society, yet the response to appeal has not been what it should.

While it is undenominational, yet its interests are one with our own. Even were this not so, is there a church that should give it more ready help than ours, which has for its mission the salvation of the world, and in that work the Bible must ever play the largest part.

The hope of the world is its spiritual culture, and nothing—neither voice of man nor angel—can take the place of that Book that tells man of his Father's love and efforts to reveal Himself to him.

Not only does the sending of the Bible to those in foreign countries help to save them, but for us it helps to keep back the tide of Romanism, which may be slowly, but never the less surely, creeping over our fair land, for where light comes the hideous things that thrive and crawl in the darkness, cringe and agonize and die.

In this the American Bible Society is doing a noble work.

Because of a special appeal made in November of '96 the amount received up to the last of February, '98, was larger by several thousands than for some time previously, yet only in last June many appeals for help had to be denied for lack of funds.

How is it with our own Conference? In the year ending March, '97, fourteen (14) of our charges gave nothing to this society. Can we not do much better than this in the coming time?

Brothers, all our poor work will not be remembered long after we hope the gates of the heavenly city have opened to receive us, but the Word of God will remain.

Let us, then, and our people, do all we can to help a society that has for its object the sending of the Bible to the millions for whom Jesus died, that it may prove to them, because of the light it brings upon their pathway here, and the precious promises that sustain them in their dying hour that it is the Book which endureth forever.

We recommend that Mrs. Deborah Waddell be elected a life director of the Maryland Bible Society.

III.—Education.

Higher education beyond the advantages furnished in public schools, requires a generous support and patronage for the various educational agencies and institutions of our church.

In accordance with the request of our Board of Education, we recommend a more systematic and hearty co-operation of our churches with the board in the aid of worthy students, that one and only one individual collection for the Children's Fund be raised in every charge on Children's day, as the General Conference has ordered and that no funds more than necessary be devoted for purposes of decoration, &c. Last year the board received \$976 from this Conference and applied in it \$1,185, an excess of \$209 over the receipts.

The Wilmington Conference Academy in our midst deserves our best efforts for its regular support and the liquidation of its indebtedness. Its past success and the character of its graduates encourage the further persistent efforts in its behalf.

We are pleased to know that "Old Dickinson," peculiarly our own, of honorable history, holds by personal contact of its faculty with every student a superior moral as well as intellectual position among the colleges of our land, God forbid that in this or in any of the institutions enjoying Methodist patronage, matriculation may be followed by spiritual degeneration. May no licensed inn adorn the classic environments of Carlisle.

Boston and Drew, Schools of the Prophets, complete the list of institutions in our northern territory in which we, as a Conference, are specially interested. And the Woman's College, in Baltimore, offers the best of our advantages to lady students of this peninsula. The same are furnished by Morgan College and Princess Anne Academy to young American citizens of African descent. All these institutions secondary and higher, classical and theological keep pace with the times and improved facilities, curricula and plans of instruction.

IV.—Endowment Fund.

The necessity of a largely increased fund paying annual dividends for the better support of our claimants, is more and more apparent each year.

With greatly decreased receipts this year from the Annual Collection in the church and Book Room dividends, the necessity has become urgent. Your committee, after a careful consideration of the subject, would recommend the securing of as many insurances as suggested by Rev. Jay Benson Hamilton, as possible by interesting not only our preachers, but also our laymen, thus looking to a largely increased Endowment Fund in the future. We already have two policies in force.

We would also recommend that an earnest effort be put forth to secure donations, gifts and bequests to this fund. These donations may be secured by obtaining pledges from our liberal minded people, the same to be paid in five annual installments.

In order to interest our people in this matter there is need of our preachers using their

best efforts to secure such gifts. Also that an agent for the Endowment Fund should be appointed at this Conference whose duty it shall be to give to the work the attention it demands.

V.—Epworth League.

We rejoice in the continued success of this institution for the spiritual and intellectual uplifting of the young people of Methodism. Notwithstanding the rapid growth of previous years, the record of the past year shows a still greater number of chapters and increased utility and efficiency on the part of this splendid organization within our Conference bounds. This encourages us to believe that the time is not far distant when every pastoral appointment on our territory will have a chapter of the Epworth League.

We believe the League is inspiring our young people with the spirit of the "Fathers" in disseminating wholesome religious literature, and we most heartily commend the League Reading Course, together with the Scientific English Bible course, and when both are not possible, by all means the latter. The Epworth *Herald*, also, costs so little, and contains so much that is helpful in this connection as to render it, in our judgment, an available and invaluable accessory to the literary aids of every Epworth worker. The Junior League occupies an important place in our economy and will, if properly conducted, prove the solution to a hitherto perplexing condition on many charges, and enable every pastor to answer affirmatively the question, "Have the rules respecting the instruction of children been carried out." No pastor can afford to underestimate this important department of our work.

We desire to express our most hearty commendation of the latest phases of young people's society development, known as the Students Volunteer Movement in the interest of missions.

On behalf of a special committee appointed for the purpose, we desire to recommend that a Conference Epworth League convention be arranged for during the coming summer.

Our sincere thanks are tendered to Rev. S. F. Upham, D. D., of Drew Theological Seminary for his eloquent and scholarly address at the League Anniversary, also to the Lewes Chapter for decorations, music, and other things which contributed so largely to the occasion.

We desire also to express our appreciation of the efficient services of Revs. R. K. Stephenson and H. W. Ewing, the retiring president and secretary of the Conference League, who have served in their respective capacities since its organization.

VI.—Historical Society.

The Wilmington Conference Historical Society met at the seat of the Conference, March 26, 1898, R. W. Todd presiding, and C. F. Sheppard, Secretary.

The President proposed a change in the constitution whereby the oldest effective preacher in the pastorate shall be ex-officio President, which was laid on the table for future consideration.

Wm. H. Foulk was appointed to supervise the transfer of the archives of the Society to the Wilmington Conference Academy; and A. Smith, W. Saulsbury and the Principal of the Academy were appointed a committee to procure a suitable case in which to display the articles belonging thereunto.

The anniversary of the Society was held on Wednesday afternoon March 23. B. F. Price read a paper pertaining to some of the many interesting incidents and episodes of his

long and honorable pastoral career, and H. S. Thompson presented a valuable historical sketch of Methodism in Lewes. Both papers, as well as several rare pictures were promised to the Society immediately upon the removal of the archives for all of which a vote of thanks was tendered.

Bro. I. S. Lawson, of Crisfield, presented to the Society the gavel used by Bishop Newman at the present Conference session. This gavel is made of timber from the house where Joshua Thomas, "Parson of the Islands," lived at the time the British forces took possession of the Islands of the Chesapeake in the war of 1812-14. Mr. Thomas signalled the event by extemporizing a great religious service at which he presided and preached. He faithfully exhorted officers and men to flee the wrath to come, predicted that they would fail ingloriously in the attempt to chastize the United States government and people, and especially warned them against their contemplated attempt on the little city of Baltimore, his address throughout bristling with prophecies of disaster and death.

Laughing their derision at the quaint old parson, with bands playing and gay banners flying, they sailed away. Landing their soldiers at North Point to proceed by land to the city, the warships prepared for the bombardment and capture of Fort McHenry. The immortal Key, a prisoner on one of these ships, was a deeply interested spectator, and while artillery thundered, wrote:

The rocket's red glare, bombs bursting in air,
Gave sign through the night that our flag was still there.

The British land forces, after a somewhat noisy parley with some young men from the beleagured city, agreed to defer their proposed celebration of its capture, and instead thereof hastily celebrated a number of first-class and other funerals, re-embarked and sailed away to reflect at their leisure upon the words of the faithful old preacher, and to leave

The star-spangled banner, in triumph to wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

This gavel commemorates this never-to-be forgotten historic event, and emphasizes the value and glory of a double loyalty to God and country. Votes of thanks to Bro. Lawson were tendered by both the Conference and the Historical Society.

VII.—Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society.

Of the entire population of our country probably one-third dwell in those States formerly slave-holding. Among these there are in the neighborhood of 5,000,000 above ten years of age who can neither read nor write. If people make better and safer citizens who receive an education at least equal to that obtainable in our best common schools, how important does the good work seem of the schools, academies, colleges and theological seminaries of the South, established and maintained by our own church.

Our church has done a grand work during most of the years since the civil war in uplifting the illiterate, both whites and blacks, in the South from a condition of degradation scarcely realized by the church at large. And among those so uplifted are many who have proved very useful workers in the cause of religion and education.

Our church is in possession of the appliances of education in many parts of the South in the shape of buildings suitable for schools of all grades. But these schools, almost without exception, are seriously embarrassed by the want of more generous support. Those whose circumstances and relation to the work in the South are such as to enable them to know the needs of the work, come to us and ask our Conference for certain amounts and an examina-

tion of our financial exhibits from year to year, reveals the fact that the sum of our contribution is only about one-third of the amount asked for. Should this be so? Should there be such disparity between the amounts asked for and the amounts given? While we are interested in the Chinese and the Japanese and all the others of the heathen world, yet should not love for Jesus and feelings of patriotism prompt us to do more for these our own countrymen. Let us call to mind the fact that no matter how munificent towards lands far away if we fail to provide for our own household we have denied the faith and are worse than an infidel.

Resolved, That we express our high appreciation of the able and instructive address of Dr. Wagner and heartily commend his work to the sympathy and generous support of our people.

VIII.—Methodist Hospital.

The committee, at a special meeting, expressed great satisfaction with the administration of the institution and rejoice in its prosperous financial condition.

We desire to commend especially the generous work done within the bounds of our own Conference territory. The hospital has received and treated several of our ministers and members of their families with many of the laity.

The large amount of gratuitous service rendered to all classes should give this hospital a special claim to our benefactions and considerations.

Therefore, we recommend that a special collection be taken in each charge for this cause, doing our best to raise not less than an aggregate of \$300 from the entire Conference territory. Furthermore we request the Presiding Elders to put this course on the list of collections, without making any special apportionment.

IX.—Periodicals.

In order to inform the mind, influence the will for good, and to build up a better type of moral and spiritual condition among the people called Christians, and also others who need, or desire to be, our grand, active Methodism has ever striven to keep before her people wholesome literature, and a plenty of it. We believe that unless the reason and mind in us are actuated in the right direction, no amount of heart emotions will effect permanent good. That we may have loyal Methodists we hold that our people must read our own literature. We deplore the sad condition of affairs, prevailing in some localities, when we see our own Sunday School supplies ignored, or replaced by those of other houses of a far inferior grade, because of a little difference in the price. We must strive to correct this error or miss the aim we have in view of building up loyal Methodism in the Sunday School. We recognize the great need of having each and all of our officials, in the church especially, to take one or more of the church papers, and until this idea shall press itself well upon the Church, and largely or totally carry, we cannot hope to receive hearty co-operation and effective work from officials. Every trustee, steward, class leader, &c., ought, as we see it, read the Church paper. Where from one to three or more daily papers, and one or more weekly secular papers find their way into these homes and no religious paper, especially one setting forth clear views of Methodist work and polity, pure and undefiled faith in God, loyalty to the Church must be waiting. This is the law. We must recognize in our New York *Christian Advocate* a means of great help to our people. More than three times the number of copies should be placed in our Methodist homes. We are glad to find so many of our Epworth Leaguers subscribing for and reading

the Epworth Herald. World-wide Missions will greatly aid us in doing work for the Missionary cause. May great success attend these organs of the church. And what can we say more. Time and space would fail us to speak of the merits of a score of other noble religious weeklies and monthlies, but we must not forget to mention our own organ, published especially for the betterment of the Wilmington Conference workers, namely, the *Peninsula Methodist*. That our people may have a better understanding of their obligations to God, to the Church, and to each other, that they may know and love each other better the *Methodist* comes to us weekly. Unto this end was it born. Where it has found reception in one home we trust in the future it may be a welcome weekly visitor in three. Indeed we hold that every Methodist family should take this paper.

X.—Sabbath Observance.

The moral, physical and intellectual welfare of the nation, as well as the individual, hinges upon the right observance of the Fourth Commandment. As goes the Sabbath, so goes the nation. The invasion of this sacred institution by the Government mailing system, our railroads, steamboats, camp meetings, livery stables, ice, meat and milk venders and such like, cannot but be fraught with gravest peril, and a speedy reform is imperative. We would therefore urge a return to the Old Testament standard of Sabbath keeping, which is equally binding under the New Testament dispensation, for Jesus himself said, "I am not come to destroy the law, but to fulfill." In this Old Testament standard we find:

1. That all secular labor must be suspended on the Holy Sabbath by the parent, the child, the servant and the beast, save works of necessity, mercy and religion.
2. That all Sunday cooking is prohibited, for in Ex., xvi: 32-33, we read: "Bake that which ye will bake to-day, and seethe that which ye will seethe."
3. That in Lev., xv: 32-36, we find the preparation of fuel on the Lord's Day—a custom too prevalent among even professing Christians—is clearly forbidden. The saw and the axe must be silent on this sacred day.
4. That in Nehemiah, x: 31, all trafficking on the Sabbath positively prohibited, and this applies to-day to the Sunday excursion, the Sunday mail delivery, the delivery of meats, milk or ice, or the use of the bicycle for pleasure or the Sunday trafficking at camp meetings. We heartily recommend the distribution of a tract "On Sunday Bicycling," written by the late Dr. William Nast Broadbeck, and published by our own publishing house in New York.

XI.—Sunday School.

Among the forces in the world that work for righteousness the Sunday School is one of the greatest. Yet the Sunday School work is not developed as it ought to be. The Word of God is not studied systematically. Better books are needed in our libraries. We advise a careful examination and weeding of the Sunday School libraries, and the removal of the many books not suited for Sunday reading. We deplore the use of the cheap quality of literature that is popular because it's cheap. Out with the chaff!

There is need also of improvement in the singing books of the schools. Our Methodist supplies are superior to any for the making of the strongest and noblest Christian character and life. The need of trained teachers is very great. Men and women who love God and His Word are needed. The Normal Class ought to be in every church.

We wish emphatically to protest against the appointing of dancing or wine-drinking or card playing or theatre going officers and teachers. Better none than such training as these would give.

The Home Department of the Sunday School is becoming a greater success each year. There is a great "field already white to harvest," let the Sunday School enter and gather sheaves for the Master.

Our Sunday School Union is doing a splendid work each year in the organization and aiding of new schools. Last year it helped 3,600 schools of our church.

Most the churches in our Conference have taken a collection or passed a dollar over to this worthy cause. We would urge a large collection for the coming year.

XII.—Temperance.

Regarding the liquor traffic as one of the greatest evils that the church has to confront, as being a business at once injurious to the morals of our people and antagonistic to every interest of the Church of God, we believe it to be the duty of our people not only to wholly abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, but also to maintain relentless hostility against the saloon.

We condemn the license system in every form by which money is accepted for the legal protection of the immoral traffic. In accepting money for such purpose, the State, County or Municipality becomes a partner in the destruction of the morals and lives of her citizens and places a barrier in the way of the progress of righteousness. The supreme need of the hour is an enlightened judgment and quickened conscience, which means destruction to the saloon. In the war against the liquor traffic the temperance forces are weak, because not earnestly united, the liquor men are strong, because, however much they may be divided on all other questions, they are always united when their business is in danger. We will never succeed in banishing the saloon until our forces are united against it. Experience has clearly demonstrated the fact that this liquor demon cannot be exorcised from our civilization until our faith is supplemented by our works.

We hail our sisters of the Women's Christian Temperance Union as co-laborers with us in advancing the cause of temperance and creating public sentiment against the saloon and bid them God-speed in their work of faith and labor of love. We lament the early death of their leader and pray that her mantle may fall upon her successor.

We recommend the organization of Anti-Saloon Leagues in all our churches that our people be urged to seek the nomination (at the primaries) of such men only, who regardless of party allegiance, will oppose the licensing of saloons. Also that we use our influence with pastors of other denominations to organize similar leagues in their respective churches.

We further recommend that so far as practicable, we make special effort to have our congregations, Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues observe the Fourth of July as a day consecrated to the promotion of temperance reform; that we seek to interest our young people in this movement, that with songs, music, speeches and various services in our churches, public halls or groves, we strive to promote a proper and christian celebration of the birthday of the Nation in the cultivation of a sound temperance revival. And finally that we invite the co-operation of all religious bodies, temperance organizations, young people's societies of whatever name and all churches, Sunday Schools, pastors, patriots and philanthropists, in this effort to save our Nation from the curse of strong drink.

XIII.—Tracts.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, from the beginning of its history to the present time, has been active in the employment of all agencies at its command for the extension of Christ's Kingdom on the earth.

The tract because of its inexpensiveness, its adaptation to almost every variety of need, its convenience and ease in circulation, its brevity causing it be read when a book would be neglected, all contribute to its usefulness as an evangelizing instrumentality.

We wish to call attention to the fact that our Tract Society gives to the cause of Missions from \$6,000 to \$7,000 each, year or nearly one-third of its collections in aid of our Mission presses and circulation of books and periodicals in foreign languages. We would remind the members of the Conference that the Tract Society of our Church commands a vast assortment of tract literature which is at the service of our pastors, that the Tract Catalogue is sent free to any address, that any charge is at liberty to send for tracts to the amount of one-half its last collection, and that special grants of tracts will be given whenever circumstances require. The tract collection in this Conference for the year is \$402. We have 16 charges who have made no report.

The society needs all the money asked for in order to do efficiently the great and good work intrusted to it by the Church, and it is desirable that we all aid to the extent of our ability.

XIV.—Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has continued its work through another year with great success. Its hand of help has gone out into this world's darkness carrying gospel light and joy to heathen women. We commend the work of this noble society to the sympathy and support of pastors and people within the bounds of our Conference. Several new auxiliaries have been formed during the year and we believe every charge would quicken its spiritual vitality by entering heartily upon this work.

XV.—Woman's Home Missionary Society.

The work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society within the bounds of our Conference and elsewhere is worthy of serious thought and consideration on account of its importance and comprehensiveness. It is doing a great and noble work for God and humanity. Eternity alone will reveal the many, very many homes it has gladdened and cheered, of those who are doing the work of the Master on poor pay and short rations, by sending to them needed supplies. Miss Weldin's address at the anniversary of the society this year was a revelation to those who heard it of the far-reaching character of the work of this society, organized about seventeen years ago.

It is doing a work among the poor of our large cities, and especially among the foreign element who crowd into our cities, that is truly marvelous in its scope and character. In its training and industrial schools, and deaconess work, it is doing a great work for the uplift of the poor and neglected. We are glad to note an increase in the number of organizations, and a very encouraging advance in the collections for this society. The resolution offered by the committee of last year, proffering generous support to the work of the society, and extending a welcome to our Conference President, Mrs. C. C. Brown, was complied with to the extent of one invitation by one of our pastors. This society is deserving of generous support and

encouragement on the part of the Church, for it is doing a work that no other agency in our Church economy can do.

XVI.—Thanks.

Whereas, God himself has said :

“ In everything give thanks.”

We, the members of this Wilmington Conference, recognizing the goodness of God and the good will of men, contributing so largely to our well being and happiness, while in attendance upon this session, desire to mention appreciatively and to extend our sincere thanks to the railroads, which have reduced their fares and adjusted their trains for our accommodation.

To the sexton and ushers of this church for their care and polite attention, and unremitting efforts to promote our comfort and convenience.

To the trustees of this church for the use of this beautiful edifice which has proved well adapted to the work of the Conference. To our Presbyterian brethren for the use of their beautiful church; to the Odd Fellows for the use of their hall and office rooms, and to some of the citizens for the use of their parlors for important committee business, and to the pastor of this church for the difficult and faithful work of preparation for the session of Conference and for courteous attention.

To the choir, including full chorus singers, soloists, choristers, organists and all, for the music with which they have favored us whenever needed.

To the citizens of Lewes of our own Church and of other churches, for the cordial welcome extended to us, and a magnificent hospitality never surpassed in all the history of the Conference upon this peninsula.

To our secretaries, obliging, courteous, to whom Conference is by no means a period of relaxation and rest. To our statisticians, examiners and Board of Stewards, who deny themselves many Conference delights, and cheerfully serve tables, thus doing a momentous work of momentous importance.

To our beloved bishop, Rev. John P. Newman, D. D., LL. D., for his kind and brotherly spirit among us, which has put us all at ease, for his inimitable morning lectures to young ministers, but intensely interesting and instructive to all, for his admirable sermon upon the Sabbath, an inspiration to every earnest soul and for the beautiful object lessons of graceful and effective administration with which he has constantly favored us as our presiding officers.

And last and always to Almighty God, who has lengthened our lives and brought us together and made all the former blessings possible.

Local Preachers' Directory.

LOCAL ELDERS.

Conway, W. N. . . . Hoopers Is., Md.
 Dill, J. R. Wilmington, Del.
 Donoho, S. M. Cambridge, Md.
 Hodson, Jabez Wilmington, Del.
 Harris, John W. . . . Wilmington, Del.
 Hazzard, R. B. Hurlock, Md.
 Kenny, Joseph L. Hynson, Md.
 Roberts, John B. Townsend, Del.
 Simms, J. H. Wilmington, Del.
 Simmons, Charles Wilmington, Del.
 Strickland, W. G. Cokesbury, Md.
 Willis, J. S. Milford, Del.

LOCAL DEACONS.

Deveraux, Jas Snowhill, Md.
 Galloway, W. K. Wilmington, Del.
 Green, Daniel, Newport, Del.
 Hamiltom, Wm. Wilmington, Del.
 Harris, Wm. Bridgeville, Del.
 McLain, L. T. Burrsville, Md.
 Morris, C. K. Wye Mills, Md.
 Northrup, C. L. Hurlock, Md.
 Numbers, Thomas, Millington, Md.
 Rodgers, Robert L. . . . Wilmington, Del.
 Tindal, Wm. Sycamore, Del.
 Welsh, Eben, Salem, Md.
 Wheatley, Baynard, Newark, Md.
 Wiley, John H. Delmar, Del.

LICENTIATES.

Atkinson, Wm. L. Westover, Md.
 Atwell, Alexander, Wilmington, Del.
 Ayres, J. Frank, Leemont, Va.

Barrett, T. S. Mardella Springs, Md.
 Beauchamp, J. H., Sr., U. Fairmonnt, Md.
 Betts, Henry, Millsboro, Del.
 Bozman, J. S. Hallwood, Va.
 Boyd, Wm. Cheswold, Del.
 Brooks, Alfred G. Christiana, Del.
 Brown, Amos R. Sylmar, Md.
 Bullock, Moses B. Wilmington, Del.
 Burdette, John P. Georgetown, Del.
 Bryan, Joshua H. Chestertown, Md.
 Cathers, A. W. Blue Ball, Md.
 Clapham, C. W. Wyoming, Del.
 Clark, David S. Kenton, Del.
 Clark, John F. Delmar, Del.
 Comly, Robert, Locust Grove, Md.
 Connaway, Jas. B. Bethel, Md.
 Conway, R. H. Harrison, Md.
 Connaway, Wm. C. Wilmington, Del.
 Cookman, Chas. H. Wilmington, Del.
 Covey, F. P. Little Creek, Del.
 Daniel, Jas. T. Wenona, Md.
 Davis, Alonzo W. Wilmington, Del.
 Dawson, G. W. Madison, N. J.
 Derrickson, J. L. Roxana, Md.
 Dougherty, Geo. M. Wilmington, Del.
 Dunbracco, Jas. Wilmington, Del.
 Dickey, T. Morrison, Westminster, Md.
 Downey, Jas. Rock Hall, Md.
 Ellegood, J. A. Ellendale, Del.
 Faries, Wm. Smyrna, Del.
 Fisher, G. M., M. D. Denton, Md.
 Ford, Walter, Golts, Md.
 Fryer, Thomas, Cherry Hill, Md.

Gray, Henry F. Marshallton, Del.
 Gardner, James, Dover, Del.
 Greenfield, W. E. Rowlandville, Md.
 Hammond, W. T. Pleasant Hill, Del.
 Harris, Wilmer V. Wilmington, Del.
 Hill, M. M. Delemar, Del.
 Harper, Jos. W. Still Pond, Md.
 Hancock, T. B. Franklin, Va.
 Ironfield, Alfred, Wilmington, Del.
 Johnson, W. W. Ford's Store, Md.
 Jones, A. C. Houston, Del.
 Jones, C. N. Houston, Del.
 Jones, E. Preston, Elliott's, Md.
 Jones, Geo. W. Galestown, Md.
 Jones, John, Wyoming, Del.
 Kelso, Hugh B. Madison, N. J.
 Kane, J. Fletcher, Summit Bridge, Del.
 Lewis, Edw. Dover, Del.
 Matthews, W. E. Fruitland, Md.
 Mackay, J. B. Wilmington, Del.
 Miller, Wm. T. Mechanic's Valley, Md.
 Millman, Jesse, Ellendale, Del.
 Mitchell, J. Harry, Dover, Del.
 McLaughlin, J. F. Wilmington, Del.
 McNatt, Wm. J. Georgetown, Del.
 Minner, Samuel, Masten, Del.
 Mitchell, G. W. Lewes, Del.
 Nelson, Alonzo, Lawsonia, Md.
 Nicholson, J. E. Berlin, Md.
 Nicholson, W. G. Powellville, Md.
 Parks, John, Cambridge, Md.

Purks, Wm. T. Henry Clay P. O., Del.
 Purnell, Jas. Millington, Md.
 Pusey, Saml. B. Seaford, Del.
 Scholl, Chas. Wilmington, Del.
 Scott, Jas. S. Mt. Vernon, Md.
 Sharpless, Chas. D. Wilmington, Del.
 Simonson, Jas. N. Crisfield, Md.
 Spaid, A. R. Highlands, Del.
 Steadman, William E. New Market, Md.
 Stimmel, William E. Wilmington, Del.
 Stephens, R. S. Dover, Del.
 Talley, Nelson L. Wilmington, Del.
 Todd, Lewis E. Wilmington, Del.
 Todd, Noah Toddville, Md.
 Tomer, Hugh Wilmington, Del.
 Truitt, H. E. Hooper's Island, Md.
 Terry, G. R. New Church, Va.
 Watts, William M. Still Pond, Md.
 Webster, C. Oscar Deal's Island, Md.
 Weldon, George W. Wilmington, Del.
 White, John, Sr. Wilmington, Del.
 White, Prettyman Dame's Quarter, Md.
 Whitely, Seth F. Wilmington, Del.
 Wilkinson, J. W. Kimbleville, Pa.
 Williams, George C. Dover, Del.
 Wilson, Daniel Oxford, Md.
 Wilson, George W. Georgetown, Del.
 Wilson, William D. Lewes, Del.
 Winder, E. J. Onancock, Va.
 Wise, J. M. Newcastle, Del.
 Wood, Andrew B. Dover, Del.

In Memoriam.

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.,	1825	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.	50	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. Bain,	1870	May 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
Arthur 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, 1892,	Trappe, Md.	82	32
Alfred T. Melvin,	1865	Oct. 17th, 1892,	Bel Air Md.	52	24
Alfred A. Fisher,	1859	Dec. 12th, 1893,	Bridgeville, Del.	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,	1895	March 19th, 1893,	Church Hill, Md.	84	11
James A. Brindle,	1843	April 6, 1894,	Greensboro, Md.	73	48
Nicholas M. Browne,	1860	Feb. 4, 1895,	Middletown, Del.	58	35
James Hubbard,	1850	April 4, 1895,	Philadelphia, Pa.	76	4
James E. Bryan,	1857	Oct. 17, 1895,	Baltimore, Md.	64	39
John D. Lecates,	1892	Nov. 11, 1895,	Wilmington, Del.	41	5
Thomas E. Bell,	1859	Mar. 21, 1895,	Easton, Md.	58	28
James Conner,	1868	Sep. 10, 1896,	Seobyville, Del.	59	24
Merritt Hulburd, S. T. D.	1862	Oct. 10, 1896,	Wilmington, Del.	54	31
Newton McQuay,	1873	May, 1887,	St. Michaels, Md.	57	21
William G. Chance,	1896	Sep. 13, 1897,	Quantico, Md.	33	2

Memoirs.

REV. NEWTON M'QUAY.

On a beautiful morning, last May, our brother and fellow laborer, Rev. Newton McQuay, fell asleep as gently as the morning glides into day, his triumphant spirit passed into the eternal city. Not a struggle, only a step and he was with God.

Rev. Newton McQuay was born in Broad Creek Neck, Talbot county, October, 22, 1840, and died at his home in St. Michaels, Md. In boyhood he was honest, industrious and pre-cautious. He was ambitious to make of himself a man of true worth. In early life he gave his heart to God and joined the Church. He was educated in the public schools and West River Academy. As evidence of his worth and scholarship he was appointed a teacher in the Academy. He afterward taught in the public schools of Chestertown, Templeville and Still Pond. While at the latter place he was brought under the spiritual and helpful ministry of Rev. J. A. Brindell, of precious memory, and was led into the pastorate of the M. E. Church. His first appointment was Aireys, Dochseter county.

He filled efficiently and with prayerful devotion, the following appointments:

1873, Sudlersville; 1874, Kent; 1875-6, King's Creek; 1877, Hillsborough; 1878-9, Elk Neck; 1880-1, Ellendale; 1882-4, Marydel; 1885, Kent Island; 1886-9, Rock Hall; 1890, Ingleside; 1891-2, Stockton; 1893-4, Sharptown.

At the latter place the dread disease, consumption, fastened upon him. He was obliged to retire from the pastorate. His acquiescence to the divine will was cheerful. His interest in the salvation of souls continued to the close of life. He gave himself with a burning zeal, beyond his physical strength, in church and camp.

In presentation of the word he was clear and strong. His studious habits had given him a trained and well stored mind and in the light of an experience, the consciousness of salvation from all sin, he preached the gospel effectively.

Early in his Christian life he was brought under deep conviction for heart purity by reading the experience and writings of Phebe Palmer.

Later in life through the reading of Mrs. Hannah Whitehall Smith's "Christian Secret of a Happy Life," his conviction of holiness deepened until he became a definite and earnest seeker of the experience. He searched the Bible prayerfully. On May 8, 1890, he wrote, "I give myself wholly to God; I trust Him fully as my present Saviour; He saves me. Here by His grace I will stand."

Two years later, with his wife, he wrote "We heartily pledge ourselves never to doubt, God being our helper."

A little later, having definitely and consciously given himself to God a "living sacrifice," he, by faith in Christ, received the conscious witness of the spirit that the blood of Jesus Christ, the son of God, cleansed him from all sin. The joys of this wonderful salvation were his. The fulness of the spirit caused "the rivers of living water" to flow, and from

that hour he was the loving slave of Jesus. With the apostle he could say, the "love of Christ constraineth me."

His power in the pulpit was greatly increased, and with unwavering testimony and life he kept the faith to the end. It could be said truly he was a man full of faith and the Holy Ghost.

One who knew well his life and ministry said, "Our beloved Bro. McQuay was a very perfect type of a Christian gentleman, and an earnest and devoted pastor and preacher of the gospel. He was pleasant in social relations."

Another brother minister said: "I loved him, and thought him a rare Christian."

Let us hear the testimony of his bosom companion whose love and devotion is not surpassed. "My husband certainly had complete victory, even in his severest pains he rejoiced that he was counted worthy to suffer. He was a man of prayer and up to within a week took his turn at the family altar. One Sunday night at prayers when I thought even then he would not live through the night, his only child, Stanley, and myself kneeling by him, he placed his hand upon my head and prayed thus; "Oh, Father, thou knowest how weak I am and how I am in thy hands, just to do as thou seest best and if it should please thee to take thy child to-night comfort these dear ones." Then such a prayer, such confidence in God that He would be to us just all we should need. He seemed to see God doing just what he asked.

He spoke of death as though it were the most natural thing in life. He said, "It's not hard to die, just closing our eyes in this life and opening them in glory. A favorite stanza was:

"The promise don't save, though the promise is true,
'Tis the blood we get under that cleanseth us through.
It cleanseth me now, hallelujah to God;
I rest on the promise; I'm under the blood."

As this verse was sung over and over, he frequently said, "Yes, me, Newton McQuay Glory to God."

He lived in the spirit of prayer—when he could not sleep or when in pain he would say, let's get hold of our promise, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father in Heaven." And he would fall off asleep just as natural as a little child in its mother's arms. Night after night, again and again, it was a habit of his either in pain or restlessness to ask his heavenly Father to give relief or rest and he always received the needed blessing. God never failed him. His trust in God was complete.

In answer to prayer his temporal need was met and as the articles of food came he was accustomed to say, "My heavenly Father sent this." He confided in God saying, He knows my need and it will be met. He had made it his life work to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you, and he claimed the fulfillment of that promise at all times.

A year or so previous to his death he assisted the writer in a grove meeting. He was very feeble: in the midst of a gracious outpouring of the spirit he was obliged to retire to the church and lie down. He knelt to ask God not to let him miss anything by not being in the meeting and asked for a promise. He opened his Bible to the 21st Psalm and read the second and third verses. "Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and has not withholden the request of his lips. For thou presentest him with the blessings of goodness; thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head." The Lord graciously gave him the promise, and after a

short time returned to the meeting filled with the glory of God and said after calling attention to his prayer, the promise that had been given him. "It is as real to me as though the crown had been placed upon my head. Then followed such an exhortation as we have seldom, if ever, heard equalled. This revelation remained with him, and on Friday night before his death, after his wife and son had joined him in prayer, at his bedside he spoke of the incident referred to and said he seemed to have a vision that it was never so real, that he could feel it press his brow; it was pure gold, not mixed with dross. Yes I have a crown and you, mamma, addressing his wife, will have a crown, it shall not be taken from you.

He then advised his son to be true to God and go right on where he had dropped out and then bade him farewell.

The praise of the Lord was upon his lips and he exclaimed, "Hallelujah, Glory!"

When the last hour came, when dying, he spoke comforting words to his loved ones, saying; "Do not be alarmed, don't worry, all will be right." He added one thing you may depend upon, "I am saved," these were his last words. He died without a struggle, as quietly as though going into quiet slumber. He had triumphed over the last enemy and was caught up to be forever with the Lord.

The funeral services were held in St. Michael's Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. G. W. Burke, his pastor, officiating.

The interment was in Olivet Cemetery, and loving hands bore the sacred temple to its final resting place. Thus closed a beautiful life. Let our prayers and sympathy be extended to his bereaved loved ones. We bring this humble, loving tribute to the memory of our beloved brother.

T. F. TABLER.

WILLIAM GEORGE CHANCE.

This laborious and successful young minister was born in Queen Anne County, Md., June 16th, 1863 and entered the heavenly rest from the Quantico parsonage, September 13th, 1897, at the age of 33 years and 3 months, in the midst of his second year on trial in the Wilmington Conference. His parents were John and Harriet E. Chance, both of whom preceded him to the better country by several years. William was early the subject of converting grace under the ministry of Rev. C. W. Prettyman, then pastor of Sudlersville Circuit, in a meeting held in that village in the winter of 1876, the lad then being in his thirteenth year.

The genuineness of his conversion was proved by promptness and zeal in his religious duties, and love for the service and ordinances of God. His school days were marked by love of his books and aptness in the acquisition of knowledge, and several years as clerk in the village store prior to his majority won for him highest esteem as a competent and conscientious employe. In subsequent years of business for himself he constantly felt, as did others who were his intimates, that he was destined for a higher and holier work. As a worker in his home church he had eminent talent, especially among the young, and exercised most wholesome influence among all classes as a devout and sturdy Christian.

In November, 1891, he was joined in marriage to Miss Grace Elizabeth Koplin, of Chester, Pa., who, in every way, proved a faithful helpmeet, and who now, in great sorrow, mourns his early death.

In 1895, while Rev. Alfred Smith, D.D., then Presiding Elder of Easton District, was casting about for a supply for Pink Neck charge, his attention was directed to Bro. Chance, who, after prayerful consideration, consented to take charge of that work. He had been licensed as a Local Preacher a short time previously and preached his first sermon in Piney

Neck church on the 32d anniversary of his birth-day. With great zeal he threw himself into his work, sustained and seconded in every way by his devoted wife, and at once the people saw signs of life and prosperity on every hand. The year was greatly successful, and upon recommendation of his Quarterly Conference he was received on trial in the Wilmington Conference at the session of 1896, and was returned as pastor of Piney Neck charge. With great diligence, self-sacrifice and a purpose that swept away all opposition, he led his people upward to better living, and forward in the much-needed work of building a new church, and November 1st of that year witnessed the dedication of a beautiful and commodious house of worship, with its cost provided for. That was an epoch in the history of Piney Neck that must forever stand linked with the name of William G. Chance. His suggestive and always earnest preaching, together with striking evangelistic aptitudes and efforts, closed the year with a good revival and many souls brought into the Church.

He had a clear intellect, was always a student, was a graduate of Chataqua Literary Course, and in his Conference course of study never put aside a book until he was master of its contents. His examiners and classmates attest his fidelity as a student, his honor as a man and his character as a Christian, as the people of his charge knew his force as a preacher and care as a pastor. From the Conference session at Chestertown, one year ago, he went by appointment of Bishop Walden, to Quantico Circuit. At once he grasped the situation, bent to the heavy task, and immediately there was response to his touch by tokens of prosperity in every church. Moving among the people as an alert and deeply interested pastor, by day, and plodding through his books while his people slept, his not vigorous frame soon showed the effects of hard and ceaseless labor. In this depleted physical condition it was laid upon him by a vote of his charge to hold a camp-meeting. This additional tax upon his strength made way for the onset of a consuming fever, which was quenched only by the falling dews of death, after a few days of "tossings to and fro until the morning," when his redeemed spirit shook a free wing and went to God.

His remains were interred at Sudlersville, September 15, with services in the church in charge of the pastor, Rev. J. M. Lindale, assisted by Revs. Alfred Smith, W. F. Corkran, E. C. Macnichol and C. I. Stengle. His ministerial life was brief, but only when the books are opened at the Great Assize shall we see the result of the toilsome consecration of this noble specimen of Christian, student, pastor and preacher.

J. D. RIGG.

As the only remaining two students of the five who comprised the Conference class of '96, and feeling deeply the loss of our beloved class-mate, Wm. G. Chance, we desire to express before the Conference our high estimate of our deceased brother. In his class work, in his church work, in his general life and deportment among us, we esteemed him highly, and believed him devoted to the work of our common Master beyond his physical powers.

We cannot but deplore his early death, as in a sense untimely. It seemed to us that years of service should normally have been before him, nevertheless, in full faith in the God "who worketh all things according to the counsel of His own will," we rest assured that he went, not uncalled, to a happier sphere of service, and we look forward to meeting our brother again when our work below is faithfully accomplished.

CLARENCE E. HASTINGS.

L. E. POOL.

Report of the Board of Stewards.

Your Board of Stewards have carefully and prayerfully considered each claim presented to us and in the fear of God have distributed these funds to the claimants. We are painfully aware that their needs are by no means met and that in some cases hardships will be the result. But what are we to do? We cannot multiply the loaves and fishes. We have been limited to the funds placed in our hands and have done according to our judgment the very best we could. We have received as follows:

Receipts—From churches, \$5,814; interest on Riddle Legacy, \$95; interest on Bates Legacy, \$141; interest on Reynolds Legacy, \$8; interest on Academy Bonds, \$90; interest on Smyrna Sewer Bonds, \$50; from Centenary Fund, \$120; Chartered Fund, \$22; Book-Dividend, \$855; Distributive Share of Bequest of Atillia F. Christian and Caroline Clark, \$25; Collections at Conference, \$210.07; total, \$7,430.07.

We have distributed as follows: To 14 Superannuated, \$2,220; to 10 Superannuated \$1,445; to 34 Widows, \$3,735; to 1 Minor child, Jos. Connor, \$30. \$7,430. Received for collections, \$5,665; Received for this year, \$5,814; Increase over last year, \$149. Received from all sources last year for distribution, \$7,645; Received for this year for distribution, \$7,430.07; Decrease this year, \$214.93. Received from Book-Room dividends last year, \$1,062; Received from Book-Room this year, \$855; Decrease this year, \$237.

We would most earnestly appeal to the Church to devise more liberal things for these men and women who have spent the energies of their lives in the work of the Church, and would urge upon all of our pastors to secure at least the full amount of their apportionment.

We ask for our veterans that which is their due, and to which the church is pledged.

We would also appeal to our more wealthy laymen to contribute, by donations, gifts and bequests to the Endowment Fund of the Conference until that fund shall be increased to \$100,000.

We are furthermore persuaded that a Mutual Relief Association should be organized in our Conference, the annual receipts of which shall form the nucleus of an Annuity Fund, to be distributed annually by the Board of Stewards, to our superannuated preachers, the widows and children of deceased preachers, pro rata according to the requirements of the discipline.

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.	\$ 250 00	\$150 00
1871	15 "	James Esgate	Tamworth, N. H.	325 00	140 00
1875	34 "	Henry Sanderson	Wilmington, Del.	250 00	90 00
1890	8 "	C. J. Hammitt	Kinsey, Ala.	350 00	130 00
1891	33 "	W. W. Redman	Farmington, Del.	300 00	140 00
1892	47 "	John H. Caldwell	Dover, Del.	600 00	300 00
1894	44 "	Wm. B. Walton	Salisbury, Md.	200 00	75 00
1896	60 "	B. F. Price	Elkton, Md.	400 00	200 00
1895	35 "	A. D. Davis	Georgetown, Del.	500 00	200 00
1897	40 "	J. B. Quigg	Wilmington, Del.	400 00	200 00
1897	28 "	Edward Davis	Newark, Worcester Co., Md.	225 00	190 00
1893	48 "	William E. England	2336 N. Eleventh St., Phila.	600 00	220 00
1885	28 "	Wm. F. Talbot	Dover, Del.	300 00	85 00
1898	41 "	T. S. Williams	Northeast, Md.		100 00
SUPERNUMERARY.					
1889	19 y'rs.	J. W. Poole	Farmington, Kent Co., Del.	300 00	85 00
1891	40 "	James W. Hammersley	Baltimore, Md.	500 00	175 00
1892	24 "	J. D. Rigg	Chester, Pa.	400 00	190 00
1893	21 "	George W. Wilcox	Onancock, Va.	400 00	150 00
1893	17 "	Wm. L. P. Bowen	Newark, Worcester Co., Md.	125 00	50 00
1894	50 "	T. H. Haynes	Smyrna, Del.	400 00	200 00
1895	42 "	W. M. Warner	Millington, Md.	450 00	200 00
1895	22 "	W. M. Greene	Camden, Del.	400 00	70 00
1897		W. E. Tomkinson	109 Locust St., Harrisburg, Pa.	300 00	175 00
1898	39 "	E. H. Hynson	Smyrna, Del.		150 00
WIDOWS.					
1846	4 y'rs.	Hester A. Henderson	800 W. 9th St., Wilmington, Del.	250 00	120 00
1865	10 "	Carrie B. Dennison	Wilmington, Del.	150 00	90 00
1873	14 "	Rebecca M. Brandreth	4336 N. 18th St., Phila.	100 00	90 00
1878	15 "	Laura E. Weston			50 00
1879	21 "	Mary S. Thomas	Wilmington, Del.	150 00	50 00
1879	10 "	Annie H. Irwin	406 W. 13th St., Wilm'gton, Del.	350 00	150 00
1879	22 "	Annie D. Chatham		500 00	240 00
1879	22 "	Sarah A. Williams	Smyrna, Del.	250 00	100 00
1881	11 "	Sadie B. Bain	Kepple, Blair Co., Penna.	250 00	90 00
1882	45 "	Eliza Pierson	Wilmington, Del.	200 00	150 00
1882	8 "	Emma A. Prettyman	East Market, Dorchester Co., Md.	250 00	100 00
1884	33 "	Rebecca E. Hough	Smyrna, Del.	250 00	100 00
1884	43 "	Roberta H. Matlack	Wilmington, Del.	150 00	70 00
1884	15 "	Emma L. Shilling	1110 West St., Wilmington, Del.	150 00	65 00
1887	37 "	Mary F. Way	4220 Broom St., Phila., Pa.		90 00
1887	6 "	Mollie P. Johnson	Milford, Del.	200 00	125 00
1887	28 "	Mary A. O'Neil	1012 Hopkins Ave., Balto., Md.	400 00	140 00
1887	48 "	Sarah D. Gray	Gap, Lancaster Co., Penna.	200 00	90 00
1891	35 "	Louisa A. Gardner	Cheswold, Del.	300 00	90 00
1891	18 "	Mary A. Foreman	1011 Pine St., Wilmington, Del.	500 00	100 00
1891	35 "	Henrietta M. Allen	490 Second St., Brooklyn, N. Y.	200 00	125 00
1892	50 "	S. Jennie Creamer	W. 8th St., Wilmington, Del.	250 00	200 00
1893	19 "	G. Annie Gregg	Wyoming, Del.	400 00	115 00
1893	35 "	Susan S. Hill	Wilmington, Del.	250 00	190 00
1893	47 "	M. R. Robinson	Perryman's, Harford Co., Md.	225 00	90 00
1893	26 "	Marian F. Melvin	415 E. Huntington Av. Balt., Md.	300 00	140 00
1893	27 "	Ruth B. Fisher	Bridgeville, Sussex Co., Del.	200 00	120 00
1895	48 "	Ellen Brindle	Greensboro Caroline, Md.	500 00	70 00
1896	4 "	Lizzie M. Lecates	2218 Orleans St., Baltimore, Md	400 00	175 00
1896	39 "	Annie D. Bryan	Odessa, Del.	150 00	90 00
1897		Mary J. Conner	Chincoteague, Va.	200 00	120 00
1898		Jay G. Williams, trustee James	Conner's minor son		30 00
1898		Mary E. McQuay	Crumpton, Md.		100 00
1898		Emma Ewing	Chester, Pa.		50 00
1898		C. C. Browne	Wilmington, Del.		50 00

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General Statistics

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CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

Collections and Apportionments.

DOVER 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
Beckwith	\$ 25 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 25 00	Cecilton	\$ 50 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 50 00
Bridgeville	25 00	30 00	25 00	Centreville	60 00	60 00	60 00
Burrsville	20 00	20 00	20 00	Chestertown	85 00	100 00	85 00
Cambridge	80 00	65 00	80 00	Cheswold & Bethel	35 00	35 00	35 00
Camden	40 00	40 00	40 00	Church Hill	35 00	20 00	35 00
Cannon's	30 00	30 00	30 00	Clayton	25 00	20 00	25 00
Church Creek	10 00	10 00	10 00	Cordova	25 00	20 00	25 00
Crapo	30 00	30 00	30 00	Crumpton	10 00	10 00	10 00
Deaton	35 00	35 00	35 00	Easton	80 00	80 00	80 00
Dover, Wesley	151 00	153 00	150 00	Galena	40 00	35 00	40 00
" Armory	20 00	8 00	20 00	Greensboro	35 00	35 00	35 00
East New Market	20 00	20 00	20 00	Hillsboro	30 00	30 00	30 00
Ellendale	15 00	15 00	15 00	Ingliside	15 00	12 00	15 00
Elliott's Island	5 00	5 00	5 00	Kent Island	30 00	25 00	30 00
Farmington	20 00	20 00	25 00	Kenton	25 00	25 00	25 00
Federalsburg	30 00	30 00	30 00	Marydel	22 00	22 00	22 00
Felton	40 00	40 00	40 00	Middletown	100 00	100 00	100 00
Frederica	65 00	65 00	65 00	Millington	40 00	40 00	40 00
Galestown	20 00	15 00	20 00	Morgan Creek		1 00	5 00
Georgetown	40 00	56 00	50 00	Odessa	45 00	40 00	45 00
Georgetown Circuit	10 00	10 00	10 00	Oxford	20 00	20 00	20 00
Greenwood	30 00	30 00	30 00	Piney Neck	5 00	2 00	10 00
Harrington	35 00	35 00	35 00	Pomona	30 00	30 00	30 00
Hooper's Island	10 00	5 00	10 00	Queenstown	20 00	20 00	20 00
Houston	20 00	13 00	20 00	Rock Hall	25 00	15 00	35 00
Hurlock	25 00	25 00	25 00	Royal Oak	18 00	16 00	18 00
Lakeville		5 00	5 00	St. Michael's	55 00	50 00	55 00
Leipsic	15 00	10 00	15 00	Salem & Union	15 00	10 00	15 00
Lewes	60 00	60 00	60 00	Sassafras & Masseys	10 00	5 00	10 00
Lincoln	25 00	10 00	25 00	Smyrna	150 00	150 00	150 00
Little Creek	10 00	6 00	10 00	Smyrna Circuit	35 00	35 00	35 00
Magnolia	30 00	30 00	30 00	Still Pond	60 00	65 00	60 00
Milford	85 00	85 00	85 00	Sudlersville	50 00	40 00	50 00
Milton	35 00	30 00	35 00	Talbot Ct.	15 00	17 00	15 00
Nassau	25 00	25 00	25 00	Towhman & B'side	25 00	20 00	25 00
Preston	15 00	5 00	15 00	Tilghman	30 00	30 00	30 00
Salem	10 00	5 00	10 00	Trappe	25 00	14 00	25 00
Seaford & Bladesville	40 00	50 00	40 00	Wye and Starr	10 00	10 00	10 00
Vienna	15 00	6 00	15 00				
Williamsburg	10 00	10 00	10 00				
Williston	25 00	25 00	25 00				
Woodside	10 00	3 00	10 00				
Wyoming	25 00	20 00	25 00				
Zoar	10 00	10 00	10 00				

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

Collections and Apportionments.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.				WILMINGTON 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
Asbury	\$ 75 00	\$ 90 00	\$ 75 00	Bethel and Summit	\$ 25 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 25 00
Berlin	25 00	25 00	25 00	Charlestown	18 00	18 00	18 00
Bethel	31 00	21 00	21 00	Cherry Hill	55 00	30 00	40 00
Bishopville	20 00	10 00	20 00	Chesapeake City	20 00	20 00	25 00
Cape Charles City	10 00	14 00	15 00	Chester-Bethel	30 00	32 00	30 00
Chincoteague	10 00	10 00	15 00	Christiana	25 00	16 00	25 00
Crisfield	75 00	75 00	75 00	Claymont	15 00	5 00	15 00
Deal's Island	70 00	70 00	70 00	Delaware City	30 00	30 00	30 00
Delmar	35 00	35 00	35 00	Elk Neck	10 00	3 00	10 00
Exmore	10 00			Ebenezer		15 00	15 00
Fairmount	75 00	75 00	75 00	Elkton	75 00	81 00	75 00
Frankford	35 00	20 00	35 00	Hockessin	25 00	5 00	20 00
Frankland	10 00	10 00	10 00	Hopewell and Asbury	20 00	20 00	20 00
Girdle Tree	20 00	20 00	25 00	Marshallton & Stanton	15 00	15 00	15 00
Gumboro	20 00	20 00	20 00	Mt. Lebanon	20 00	10 00	20 00
Hallwood		1 00	5 00	Mt. Pleasant & Union	35 00	40 00	35 00
Holland's Island	20 00	15 00	20 00	Newark and Wesley	40 00	40 00	40 00
Laurel	70 00	70 00	70 00	New Castle	60 00	36 00	60 00
Mardella		4 00	5 00	Newport	30 00	27 00	35 00
Marion	50 00	26 00	25 00	North East & Boulden	45 00	45 00	4 00
Millsboro	20 00	10 00	20 00	Perryville	10 00	10 00	15 00
Mt. Pleasant	10 00	20 00	10 00	Port Deposit	70 00	70 00	75 00
Mt. Vernon	20 00	20 00	20 00	Port Penn	5 00	2 00	5 00
Nanticoke	30 00	30 00	30 00	Red Lion & Glasgow	20 00	20 00	20 00
Newark	10 00	15 00	10 00	Rising Sun & Sylmar	30 00	30 00	30 00
New Church & Exm	5 00		15 00	Rowlandville & Mt. P.	10 00	8 00	10 00
Onancock	35 00	35 00	35 00	St. Georges	25 00	15 00	20 00
Parksley	10 00	3 00	10 00	St. Johns	15 00	10 00	15 00
Parsonsburg	15 00	15 00	15 00	Wilmington, Asbury	150 00	150 00	150 00
Pocomoke City	30 00	30 00	35 00	Brandywine	45 00	40 00	45 00
Pocomoke Circuit	12 00	12 00	12 00	Cookman	15 00	17 00	15 00
Powellville	5 00	3 00	5 00	East Lake & Elsemere	5 00	4 00	5 00
Princess Ann	20 00	20 00	20 00	Epworth	15 00	15 00	15 00
Quantico	20 00	20 00	20 00	Grace	250 00	582 00	250 00
Roxanna	30 00	25 00	30 00	Harrison Street	25 00	25 00	40 00
St. Peter's	45 00	42 00	45 00	Kingswd & Edgemoor	15 00	8 00	15 00
Salisbury	75 00	75 00	75 00	Madeley	15 00	15 00	20 00
Selbyville	10 00	10 00	10 00	Mt. Salem	50 00	78 00	60 00
Sharptown	20 00	15 00	20 00	St. Paul's	150 00	200 00	150 00
Smith's Island	35 00	35 00	35 00	Scott	55 00	50 00	55 00
Snow Hill	40 00	50 00	40 00	Silverbrook	20 00	20 00	20 00
Somerset	15 00	15 00	15 00	Swedish Mission	5 00	3 00	5 00
Stockton	20 00	20 00	20 00	Union	150 00	150 00	150 00
Tangier	50 00	56 00	50 00	Wesley	15 00	15 00	15 00
Westover	10 00	10 00	10 00	Zion	40 00	45 00	40 00
Whitesville	25 00	25 00	25 00				

STATISTICAL
Dover District, No. 1.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Membership			Baptisms		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.
1 Beckwith	25	225	1	2	26	2	20	190	2	\$ 3500	1	\$ 1200	
2 Bridgeville	100	160	1	2	8	2	1	16	150	1	6000	1	1500
3 Burrsville	11	203	1	2	2	4	38	362	4	3500	1	1000	
4 Cambridge	24	310	1	2	40	2	1	34	250	1	20000	1	3000
5 Camden	30	235	1	2	4	3	3	54	244	3	11000	1	1400
6 Cannon	25	375	1	5	23	3	4	64	395	4	7200	1	1500
7 Church Creek	21	155	1	2	19	2	4	48	180	5	3700	1	1000
8 Crapo	26	421	1	3	30	5	67	390	5	5400	1	1200	
9 Denton	30	210	1	2	20	2	3	51	276	3	8000	1	1500
10 Dover, Wesley	36	480	3	3	8	1	1	40	400	1	25000	1	6000
11 " Armory	30	110	7	1	3	1	1	14	150	1	2500	1	1500
12 East New Market	10	206	1	1	15	3	4	37	300	3	3000	1	1500
13 Ellendale	14	181	2	1	21	3	3	35	215	4	4000	1	900
14 Elliott's Island	2	97	1	1	13	2	2	22	150	2	1500	1	500
15 Farmington	76	197	1	2	4	4	57	370	4	6000	1	1500	
16 Federalsburg	19	239	1	6	21	3	3	45	241	3	3000	1	1000
17 Felton	15	248	1	1	2	8	4	45	275	3	9000	1	2500
18 Frederica	21	442	1	4	10	3	3	54	375	3	10000	1	2000
19 Galestown	27	245	2	2	35	4	63	284	4	4000	1	1000	
20 Georgetown	59	334	3	3	13	4	1	23	337	2	11500	1	1500
21 Georgetown Circuit	23	335	1	3	21	1	4	44	364	4	2800	1	1500
22 Greenwood	57	227	1	3	30	4	4	50	300	4	6000	1	1500
23 Harrington	12	240	1	2	3	1	1	24	200	2	7500	1	1800
24 Hooper's Island	20	125	1	1	9	1	4	51	200	4	4000	1	500
25 Houston	33	151	1	1	1	3	3	49	208	3	5200	1	1200
26 Hurlock	12	149	3	2	6	3	3	39	213	3	4200	1	1400
27 Lakesville	16	102	1	4	5	1	4	20	100	4	3600	1	1000
28 Leipsic	26	135	1	3	3	2	2	21	160	2	4500	1	1000
29 Lewes	25	305	1	10	1	1	25	260	1	11000	1	3500	
30 Lincoln	23	250	1	6	27	8	4	41	262	3	4000	1	1000
31 Little Creek	11	110	1	7	2	2	36	190	1	3000	1	1000	
32 Magnolia	18	234	1	3	12	3	25	249	3	6500	1	2000	
33 Milford	43	424	1	12	34	4	2	54	543	1	20000	1	4000
34 Milton	7	171	1	2	4	1	1	39	187	1	6000	1	2800
35 Nassau	12	351	1	2	14	5	58	400	5	8500	1	1000	
36 Preston	12	200	1	1	10	3	3	20	210	3	4000	1	1200
37 Salem	61	76	1	3	27	2	3	38	204	5	3800	1	600
38 Seaford & Bladesville	85	452	1	2	18	2	2	46	365	3	12300	1	2000
39 Vienna	10	90	1	1	37	1	3	26	175	3	2600	1	900
40 Williamsburg	8	156	1	3	3	3	3	40	175	3	4000	1	1000
41 Woodside	45	300	1	12	4	4	62	300	4	5500	1	1000	
42 Woodside	48	212	1	14	3	3	48	246	3	4500	1	1000	
43 Wyoming	40	247	2	5	11	4	56	420	4	6500	1	1800	
44 Zoar	(25)	(172)	(1)	(5)	(6)	(4)	(34)	(312)	(4)	(3200)	1	1000	
Total	1273	10287	41	134	622	68	129	1773	11777	131	\$291000	37	\$60600

TABLES.
Dover District, No. 2.

CHURCH PROPERTY	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.															
	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Grades.	Average Attendance.	No. of members in the Home Department.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Scholars, whether Attendants or members in Home Dept who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Members of Sunday School Converted during the year.	Current Expenses—Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	No. Ep. League.	No. Ep. L. Mem.		
1	\$ 145	\$ 48	.....	2	20	190	135	.....	20	55	7	28	.....	2	150
2	50	725	.....	1	16	150	110	.....	16	60	30	60	.....	1	45
3	168	\$ 11	.....	1	34	362	189	.....	37	10	8	48	.....	1	45
4	.....	.....	.....	1	34	250	175	.....	30	.....	5	130	.....	2	70
5	71	56	.....	3	54	244	150	.....	35	57	22	139	.....	2	70
6	250	40	535	4	64	395	226	.....	64	203	22	97	.....	2	140
7	9	.....	612	4	48	180	125	.....	40	75	12	10	.....	1	40
8	102	159	.....	5	67	390	198	.....	58	133	7	65	.....	1	27
9	60	.....	.....	3	51	276	180	.....	48	85	12	120	.....	1	27
10	5000	3000	.....	1	40	400	305	.....	40	.....	29	94	.....	1	125
11	3	225	900	1	14	150	76	.....	14	40	18	35	.....	1	38
12	.....	190	4	37	300	200	35	.....	125	20	50	.....	1	38	
13	.....	.....	.....	3	35	215	199	.....	31	60	9	25	.....	1	38
14	30	.....	.....	2	22	150	110	.....	18	.....	1	42	.....	1	38
15	205	541	4	57	370	275	52	30	70	5	175	1	89
16	22	.....	.....	3	45	241	160	.....	39	.....	6	54	.....	1	89
17	200	.....	.....	4	45	275	200	.....	40	60	10	75	.....	1	150
18	365	75	3	54	375	225	.....	54	224	5	75	.....	1	90	
19	160	.....	.....	4	63	284	188	.....	55	.....	16	44	.....	1	89
20	428	4202	2000	1	23	337	167	.....	23	190	40	64	.....	1	89
21	.....	.....	.....	4	44	364	216	.....	44	99	12	49	.....	1	18
22	200	20	.....	4	50	300	200	.....	30	.....	30	75	.....	1	35
23	250	100	1100	1	24	200	125	.....	23	.....	8	85	.....	2	80
24	98	89	531	4	51	200	125	.....	51	.....	24	10	.....	1	30
25	246	10	.....	3	49	208	178	.....	124	.....	37	47	.....	1	30
26	1050	.....	25	3	39	213	154	.....	34	.....	6	70	.....	1	30
27	35	100	326	4	20	100	60	.....	19	51	11	15	.....	1	30
28	150	1450	.....	2	21	160	90	.....	21	40	8	35	.....	1	30
29	1400	900	1	25	260	175	25	85	1	85	1	85
30	35	.....	20	4	41	262	123	.....	39	130	25	60	.....	1	66
31	.....	876	.....	2	36	190	120	.....	28	80	11	52	.....	1	35
32	50	.....	.....	3	25	249	149	.....	24	.....	5	50	.....	1	40
33	58	60	1000	2	54	543	343	.....	51	325	30	246	.....	2	335
34	125	.....	.....	1	39	187	140	.....	39	119	4	90	.....	1	40
35	700	.....	75	5	58	400	275	.....	58	100	4	50	.....	2	80
36	.....	300	175	3	20	210	150	.....	20	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....
37	50	25	325	3	38	204	105	.....	38	62	51	68	.....	.....	.....
38	9260	350	.....	2	46	365	235	.....	45	16	80	2	225	.....	.....
39	50	.....	.....	3	26	175	150	.....	26	50	6	25	.....	.....	.....
40	75	175	325	3	40	175	150	.....	30	100	1	48	.....	1	26
41	300	.....	.....	4	62	300	200	.....	65	60	75	6	200	.....	.....
42	60	.....	.....	3	48	246	180	.....	42	116	18	61	.....	.....	.....
43	300	300	4	56	420	301	54	130	45	125	3	120
44	4	34	312	190	30	51	11	15
Total	\$21605	\$ 6484	\$15642	129	1773	11777	7709	5	1709	2830	732	2866	45	2554

STATISTICAL

Easton District, No. 1.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Membership			Baptisms		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.
1 Cecilton.....	22	175	...	1	16	2	35	270	2	\$ 12000	1	\$ 2000	
2 Centreville.....	2	324	...	2	18	2	42	283	1	18000	1	3500	
3 Cheswold and Bethel.....	23	180	1	2	22	2	40	206	2	7000	2	4000	
4 Chestertown.....	53	287	...	4	47	2	215	2	3	16200	1	1500	
5 Church Hill.....	21	155	...	1	1	2	53	270	3	5300	1	3700	
6 Clayton.....	7	176	...	2	4	2	21	219	1	3700	1	1200	
7 Cordova.....	14	165	...	2	2	2	35	232	3	2800	1	4000	
8 Crumpton.....	1	85	...	1	1	2	27	142	2	4000	1	15000	
9 Easton.....	7	200	...	4	10	2	31	205	2	8000	1	4500	
10 Galena.....	15	146	1	1	1	1	30	222	1	2500	1	2000	
11 Greensboro.....	25	195	...	6	20	1	31	205	2	10000	1	1200	
12 Hillsboro.....	28	293	1	15	15	2	45	200	2	4500	1	1000	
13 Ingleside.....	5	161	...	2	41	4	30	250	2	5000	1	2000	
14 Kent Island.....	50	215	...	2	16	1	16	120	2	4000	1	1500	
15 Kenton.....	8	168	2	4	19	1	32	284	1	10000	1	1000	
16 Marydel.....	60	290	...	5	16	1	56	310	4	7000	1	3000	
17 Middletown.....	30	325	...	1	1	1	32	284	1	10000	1	1800	
18 Millington.....	11	172	1	3	26	5	27	150	2	8500	1	500	
19 Morgan's Creek.....	1	18	...	1	1	1	9	30	1	6000	1	2000	
20 Odessa.....	20	146	...	4	3	1	17	160	1	6000	1	250	
21 Oxford.....	13	131	1	1	7	1	27	250	1	3000	1	1200	
22 Piney Neck.....	5	48	...	6	2	1	21	125	1	1200	1	4500	
23 Pomona.....	6	79	...	2	2	2	25	90	2	4500	1	6000	
24 Queenstown.....	8	185	1	2	3	3	35	210	3	6000	1	2000	
25 Rock Hall.....	20	100	1	2	23	1	1	35	250	1	2800		
26 Royal Oak.....	35	80	...	5	5	2	20	110	2	4800	1	15000	
27 St. Michael's.....	95	355	...	2	17	2	40	440	1	15000	1	4000	
28 Salem and Union.....	(10)	(267)	(1)	(5)	(10)	(2)	(24)	(104)	(2)	(3000)	...	...
29 Sassafras and Massey's.....	20	95	2	6	25	2	16	75	4	4000	...	...
30 Smyrna.....	12	454	1	11	12	2	1	45	280	1	25000	1	3000
31 Smyrna Circuit.....	40	216	...	2	15	4	64	400	4	6400	1	1500	
32 Still Pond.....	22	165	2	1	23	2	29	245	2	7500	1	1500	
33 Sudlersville.....	12	150	...	2	8	3	38	185	3	7000	1	2500	
34 Talbot Ct.....	57	110	...	1	6	2	48	186	2	2500	1	1000	
35 Tighman.....	45	202	...	2	8	4	37	205	4	6000	1	2000	
36 Townsend.....	66	251	1	1	4	2	29	245	2	4400	1	1200	
37 Trappe.....	11	155	...	2	16	3	33	165	3	6000	1	1100	
38 Wye and Starr.....	50	130	1	4	32	1	31	140	3	4000	1	1100	
Total.....	930	7109	17	108	515	32	81	1232	7863	84	\$257300	31	\$7350

TABLES.

Easton District, No. 2.

	CHURCH PROPERTY.			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.										
	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Grades.	Average Attendance.	No. of Members in the Home Department.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Scholars, whether Attendants or Members in Home Dept who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of members of Sunday School Converted during the year.	Current Expenses—Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	No. Epworth Leagues.	No. Ep. L. Members.
1	\$ 15	\$ 100	\$ 119	2	35	270	170	30	82	20	138	1	65	
2	270	...	...	2	42	283	173	42	143	127	2	150	
3	300	...	...	2	40	206	155	40	18	75	2	100	
4	42	...	...	2	47	215	185	47	150	25	170	2	130
5	800	155	480	1	21	219	100	19	50	15	70	1	59	
6	225	50	600	4	35	232	125	35	75	4	100	1	100	
7	80	5	50	2	27	142	115	27	45	5	85	1	59	
8	...	...	...	1	27	250	130	26	71	1	69	2	72
9	105	...	575	2	12	130	75	12	6	24	2	100		
10	100	...	2000	2	31	205	125	27	61	11	75	1	112	
11	91	...	...	1	30	232	130	27	22	30	1	50	
12	100	...	...	2	31	205	125	...	...	...	50	2	100
13	250	175	...	4	45	200	180	50	40	5	50	1	60	
14	...	...	650	2	30	250	150	25	125	2	50	1	75
15	...	...	800	3	16	120	70	16	40	2	50	1	60
16	160	230	...	3	56	310	185	54	160	25	75	1	75	
17	...	...	140	1	32	284	146	32	160	26	61	2	185
18	34	25	150	2	27	150	99	27	39	5	61	1	40	
19	...	...	...	1	9	30	20	8	100	16	90	1	60
20	...	160	350	1	17	160	106	22	75	5	60	1	60	
21	...	30	60	1	27	250	100	26	...	...	30	...	...
22	960	250	...	1	21	125	90	...	...	5	25	...	...
23	38	...	...	2	25	90	50	23	45	2	35	1	53
24	...	...	50	3	35	210	140	35	(60)	...	75	1	75
25	100	...	...	1	35	250	225	30	15	15	45	1	100
26	...	50	140	2	20	110	90	20	50	...	63	2	327	
27	106	1038	1800	2	40	440	360	40	84	...	(45)	...	...
28	...	...	...	(2)	(24)	(104)	(76)	(24)	...	...	23	1	30
29	...	...	...	2	16	75	50	16	45	10	110	...	...
30	300	300	300	1	45	280	160	45	280	15	58	120	25	55
31	75	600	4	64	400	250	15	58	120	25	55	...	...
32	337	122	2	29	245	135	28	37	16	126	2	110		
33	100	500	3	38	185	101	...	34	46	5	41	1	70	
34	65	98	2	48	186	130	...	31	...	34	28	...	...
35	375	35	...	4	37	205	178	37	65	28	78	1	72	
36	395	...	...	2	29	245	149	25	140	30	75	1	68
37	70	25	...	3	33	165	90	33	90	5	57	...	...
38	400	700	...	3	34	140	110	34	84	24	25	1	30	
Total.....	\$ 4572	\$ 2593	\$10529	81	1232	7863	5043	95	1101	2108	504	2436	40	2337

STATISTICAL
Salisbury District, No. 1.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Church Membership (Probationers, Full Members, Local Preachers, Deaths, Childr'n baptized, Adults baptized, Schools, Officers and Teachers, Scholars), CHURCH PROPERTY (Churches, Probable Value, Parsonages, Probable Value).

TABLES.
Salisbury District, No. 2.

Table with columns: CHURCH PROPERTY (Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages, Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property, Present Indebtedness on Church Property), SUNDAY SCHOOLS (No. of Schools, Teachers, Scholars of all Grades, Average Attendance, Members in the Home Department, Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers, Attendants or Members in Home Dept who are Church Members or Probationers, Members of Sunday School Converted during the year, Current Expenses—Lesson Leaves, Books, etc., Ep. Leagues, Ep. Lg. Mem.).

STATISTICAL

Wilmington District, No. 1.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Membership			Baptisms		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 Schools.	No. of Officers and teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.
1 Bethel and Summit.....	4	92	1	5	3	2	22	98	2	\$ 5000	1	\$ 2500	
2 Charlestown.....	45	102	2	2	1	2	25	100	2	5500	1	1200	
3 Cherry Hill.....	10	186	1	1	13	3	26	185	3	7000	1	2500	
4 Chesapeake City.....	117	166	2	22	5	3	37	261	2	10800	1	1500	
5 Chester.....	23	169	3	5	3	1	18	175	1	12000	1	1200	
6 Christiana.....	26	129	1	1	21	3	24	139	2	3000	1	1200	
7 Claymont.....	2	39	1	1	4	1	9	88	1	5000	1	1600	
8 Delaware City.....	6	122	1	1	13	1	21	120	1	11000	1	2000	
9 Ebenezer.....	17	111	1	1	12	4	2	33	186	1	2000	1	1200
10 Elk Neck.....	8	50	1	5	5	2	15	100	2	3000	1	1000	
11 Elkton.....	25	340	6	35	5	6	88	690	2	10000	1	5000	
12 Hockessin.....	7	30	1	8	1	1	13	60	1	2000	1	1000	
13 Hopewell and Asbury.....	27	171	3	7	9	2	35	217	2	4500	1	1500	
14 Marshallton and Stanton.....	14	180	1	1	21	10	2	49	300	2	5250	1	1000
15 Mt. Lebanon.....	6	76	1	8	5	1	12	107	1	4000	1	1000	
16 Mt. Pleasant and Union.....	3	107	2	1	11	1	2	28	187	2	4000	1	3000
17 Newark and Wesley.....	28	181	3	6	2	2	33	295	2	10000	1	2500	
18 New Castle.....	12	250	1	4	20	4	1	40	300	1	16000	1	3000
19 Newport.....	10	132	1	6	3	1	1	26	229	1	4500	1	2500
20 North East and Bouden.....	11	205	3	35	2	1	33	225	3	9000	1	2000	
21 Perryville.....	18	98	2	17	1	1	14	141	1	7200	1	2000	
22 Port Deposit.....	79	233	1	16	1	1	42	420	1	28000	1	2000	
23 Port Penn.....	8	20	1	1	1	1	8	35	1	2000	1	1000	
24 Red Lion and Glasgow.....	5	104	1	16	2	2	35	154	2	9500	1	1200	
25 Rising Sun and Sylmar.....	5	194	1	18	3	2	20	250	2	10000	1	2000	
26 Rowlandville and Mt. Pleasant.....	66	103	1	12	28	1	15	85	2	4500	1	2000	
27 St. Georges.....	4	100	1	2	1	1	18	100	1	5000	1	2000	
28 St. Johns.....	4	170	2	4	1	7	1	14	140	1	4000	1	1200
29 Wilmington-Asbury.....	120	725	1	10	25	20	1	45	600	1	50000	1	5000
30 Brandywine.....	60	375	1	12	30	6	2	55	605	1	23000	1	2500
31 Cookman.....	8	95	1	2	1	1	20	160	1	9570	1	1000	
32 East Lake and Elsmere.....	13	34	2	1	7	1	2	23	152	2	3200	1	1000
33 Epworth.....	55	180	1	5	5	4	1	36	368	1	25000	1	3000
34 Grace.....	7	587	2	3	5	4	1	75	544	1	20000	1	15000
35 Harrison St.....	15	306	3	5	6	1	54	450	2	24000	1	1000	
36 Kingswood and Edgemoor.....	53	117	2	2	32	1	2	46	400	2	18350	1	1000
37 Madeley.....	21	206	3	2	21	2	1	38	360	2	4900	1	1000
38 Mt. Salem.....	83	278	3	1	4	2	55	548	2	35000	1	2000	
39 St. Paul's.....	30	485	1	6	22	5	1	76	450	1	60000	1	4000
40 Scott.....	90	330	1	4	30	4	1	35	500	1	20000	1	2600
41 Silverbrook.....	9	107	1	14	5	1	35	183	1	24000	1	1000	
42 Swedish Mission.....	5	40	2	5	1	8	50	1	35 0	1	35 0	1	1000
43 Union.....	51	605	10	55	2	2	100	800	1	35000	2	11000	
44 Wesley.....	32	229	3	35	1	1	33	275	1	12000	1	2000	
45 Zion Circuit.....	120	316	1	2	11	3	4	83	494	4	12.00	1	1600
Total.....	1362	8967	88	118	652	148	72	1574	12326	67	\$762370	33	92300
Conference Total.....	5074	37342	122	497	2575	993	395	6135	44887	394	1563370	142	208400

TABLES.

Wilmington District, No. 2.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	CHURCH PROPERTY.			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.										
	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present indebtedness on Church Property.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Grades.	Average Attendance.	No. of Members in the Home Department.	No. of Officers and Teachers, who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Scholars, whether Attendants or Members in Home Dept., who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Members of Sunday School Converted during the year.	Current Expenses--Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	No. Epworth Leagues.	No. Ep. Lg. Members.
1	\$ 25	.....	.....	2	22	98	60	.....	18	29	.....	45	2	35
2	50	.....	400	2	25	100	70	.....	20	.....	30	50	2	60
3	\$ 125	.....	25	2	26	185	90	.....	26	50	5	60	.....	.....
4	23	1200	3	37	261	180	32	55	40	65	1	87	.....	.....
5	161	1450	1	18	175	58	22	58	22	44	1	92	.....	.....
6	15	490	2	28	189	33	27	.....	3	44	2	58	.....	.....
7	42	100	1	9	88	61	.....	9	20	57	1	20	.....	.....
8	210	150	1050	1	21	120	90	18	27	2	73	2	60	.....
9	592	400	2	33	186	115	.....	33	38	16	95	.....	.....	.....
10	35	.....	2	15	100	65	.....	12	.....	4	15	.....	.....	.....
11	400	1200	1500	6	88	690	364	.....	65	190	23	380	3	170
12	.....	300	1	13	60	35	.....	8	.....	6	25	.....	.....	.....
13	.....	80	400	2	35	217	113	.....	35	61	10	70	1	83
14	120	70	2	49	300	185	.....	37	125	14	120	.....	.....	.....
15	.....	100	.....	1	12	107	58	.....	11	.....	4	25	2	55
16	50	.....	2	28	187	95	.....	27	49	2	112	1	64	.....
17	79	170	2	33	295	165	.....	28	73	16	105	.....	.....	.....
18	.....	80	1	40	300	190	.....	40	115	8	150	1	40	.....
19	.....	.....	1	26	229	108	.....	22	23	4	41	1	70	.....
20	.....	.....	1	33	225	140	.....	32	75	6	65	1	40	.....
21	.....	.....	1	14	141	58	.....	14	26	9	76	1	35	.....
22	325	1650	1	42	520	203	.....	42	265	45	350	1	120	.....
23	290	3198	1	8	35	25	.....	6	10	5	15	1	35	.....
24	55	1150	2	35	154	75	.....	.....	.....	3	65	.....	.....	.....
25	29	21	2	20	250	125	.....	20	25	4	80	1	91	.....
26	.....	.....	1	15	85	50	.....	15	41	25	9	2	75	.....
27	.....	.....	1	18	100	68	.....	16	.....	2	56	1	30	.....
28	.....	800	1	14	140	60	.....	14	.....	1	45	2	125	.....
29	200	.....	1	45	600	375	.....	45	125	50	360	.....	.....	.....
30	256	.....	2	55	605	375	.....	55	.....	25	250	1	50	.....
31	50	5900	1	20	160	125	.....	20	20	4	75	1	50	.....
32	35	50	2	23	152	110	.....	27	15	10	60	.....	.....	.....
33	410	750	1	36	368	275	.....	36	75	40	130	1	50	.....
34	.....	500	1	75	544	390	52	70	.....	.....	300	(1)	115	.....
35	1200	8000	1	54	450	360	.....	54	150	15	250	1	75	.....
36	.....	800	2	46	400	240	.....	36	58	8	130	1	65	.....
37	40	224	1	38	360	206	.....	38	53	22	100	2	110	.....
38	200	448	1700	2	55	548	287	.....	53	200	50	384	.....	.....
39	300	.....	1	76	450	380	.....	75	220	28	325	.....	.....	.....
40	.....	100	1	35	500	360	.....	35	.....	.....	331	2	140	.....
41	.....	450	675	1	35	183	90	.....	35	.....	5	142	1	58
42	.....	100	650	1	8	50	45	.....	8	.....	30	.....	.....	.....
43	.....	700	8000	2	100	800	600	.....	90	275	50	150	2	250
44	.....	100	5400	1	33	275	175	.....	29	.....	11	84	2	75
45	75	100	300	4	83	494	274	.....	77	116	53	103	2	100
Total.....	\$ 5267	\$ 6397	\$81883	72	1574	12326	7606	52	1437	2704	680	5585	46	2583
Conference Total.....	45579	15852	120878	395	6135	44887	28571	338	5746	11471	3016	13867	173	9089

STATISTICAL.

Wilmington District, No. 3.

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

TABLES.

Wilmington District, No. 4.

Table with columns: CONFER. CLAIM'NS., O'R'N'T EXP'N'S, BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS (MISSIONS, EDUCATIONAL, etc.), and Total Support: Pastors, Pre-siding Elders, and Bishops. Rows include various church and society collections, ending with a Total row.

Summary of Statistical Report for 1898.

	THIS YEAR.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
1 Church Membership.			
Number of Probationers	5,074	.. .	495
Number of Full Members	37,342	249	.. .
Number of Local Preachers	122	4	.. .
Number of Deaths	497	45	.. .
1 Baptisms.			
Number of Children	2,575	138	.. .
Number of Adults	393	54	.. .
3 Sunday Schools.			
Number of Schools	395	4	.. .
Number of Officers and Teachers	6,135	.. .	5
Number of Scholars	44,887	341	.. .
4 Church Property.			
Number of Churches	394	4	.. .
Probable Value	\$1,563,370	.. .	\$15,430
Number of Parsonages	142	4	.. .
Probable Value	\$268,400	.. .	\$10,300
Paid for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages	\$45,579	\$6,695	.. .
Paid on Old Indebtedness Church Property	\$15,852	\$1,166	.. .
Present Indebtedness Church Property . .	\$120,878	\$10,001	.. .
5 Ministerial Support.			
Paid Pastors and House Rent	\$133,669	\$2,386	.. .
Deficiency	2,944	.. .	1,137
Paid Presiding Elders	7,033	10	.. .
Paid Bishops	1,395	.. .	16
Paid Conference Claimants	5,822	157	.. .
6 Benevolent Collections.			
Missions	24,421	1,284	.. .
Church Extension	1,953	.. .	52
Sunday School Union	426	8	.. .
Tract Society	412	5	.. .
Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society	1,321	46	.. .
Conference Academy	2,125	909	.. .
Children's Fund	962	.. .	77
American Bible Society	939	48	.. .
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society . . .	1,639	52	.. .
Woman's Home Missionary Society . . .	1,968	.. .	375
Conference Education Society	348	2	.. .
Philadelphia Hospital	158	68	.. .
Domestic Missions	925	54	.. .

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IN ACCOUNT WITH ALFRED G. COX, TREASURER.

LEWES, DEL., March 23d, 1898.

Dover District.

Beckwith	S. P. Shipman	\$ 60
Bridgeville, Del.	W. G. Koons	110
Burrsville, Md.	D. H. Kenney	52
Cambridge, Md.	W. J. DuHadway	225
Camden, Del.	C. F. Sheppard	103
Cannon	G. E. Wood	135
Church Creek	M. R. Hackman	60
Crapo	J. W. Gray	175
Denton	Z. H. Webster	160
Dover, Wesley	Alfred Smith	504
Dover, Armory	H. D. Smith	26
East New Market	G. W. Bowman	60
Ellendale	G. P. Smith	50
Elliot's Island	F. E. McKinsey	32
Farmington	I. G. Fosnocht	98
Federalburg	W. L. White	140
Felton	D. F. Waddell	90

Frederica	T. A. H. O'Brien	200
Galestown	D. H. Willis	72
Georgetown	V. S. Collins	225
Georgetown, Ct.	J. T. Van Burkalow	75
Greenwood	E. H. Miller	140
Harrington	T. E. Terry	140
Hooper's Island	H. E. Truitt	45
Houston	A. C. Jones	74
Hurlock	T. F. Tabler	103
Lakesville	J. A. Buckson	36
Leipsic	C. I. Stengle	30
Lewes	D. H. Corkran	250
Lincoln	J. A. Brewington	75
Little Creek	Harry Taylor	36
Magnolia	E. H. Derrickson	100
Millford	G. W. King	475
Milton	W. T. Valiant	140
Nassua	J. D. Reese	100
Preston	W. E. West	30
Salem, Md.	Eben Welsh	30
Seaford and Bladesville	R. K. Stephenson	175
Vienna	L. T. McLain	50
Williamsburg	J. H. Wilson	75
Williston	F. J. Cochran	125
Woodside	J. L. Johnson	62
Wyoming	J. E. Graham	75
Zoar	O. E. Jones	35

Easton District.

Cecilton	J. A. Arters	\$200
Centreville	J. W. Easley	276
Cheswold and Bethel	J. W. Fogle	133
Chestertown	C. A. Grise	300
Church Hill	J. H. Geoghegan	80
Clayton	H. M. Thurlow	50
Cordova	J. M. Mitchell	80
Crumpton	Jas. Carroll	32
Easton	C. A. Hill	250
Greensboro	Aloycius Green	130
Galena and Locust Grove	Frank Fletcher	125
Hillsboro	F. F. Carpenter	150
Ingleside	J. M. Collins	50
Kent Island	E. H. Hynson	85
Kenton	Robert Roe	60
Marydell	M. D. Nutter	117
Middletown	I. L. Wood	460
Millington	T. C. Smoot	100

Morgan Creek	J. M. White	3
Odessa	W. O. Hurst	145
Oxford	T. R. Van Dyke	105
Piney Neck	Zed Wright	12
Pomona	T. B. Cooper	66
Queenstown	W. O. Bennett	75
Rock Hall	J. P. Outten	62
Royal Oak	Edwin Gardner	35
St. Michael's	G. W. Burke	252
Salem and Union	J. B. Merritt	65
Sassafras and Masseys	W. N. Conway	30
Smyrna	Adam Stengle	565
Smyrna Circuit	L. W. Layfield	112
Still Pond	E. H. Nelson	175
Sudlersville	J. M. Lindale	90
Talbot Circuit	J. F. Anderson	60
Tilgman's Island and Bay Side	W. W. Chairs	91
Townsend	Albert Chandler	125
Wye and Starr	C. K. Morris	60
Trappe	J. T. Prouse	75
Rock Hall	J. P. Outten, Missionary Debt	13

Salisbury District.

Asbury	C. T. Wyatt	\$435
Berlin	E. C. Atkins	95
Bethel	E. P. Roberts	85
Bishopville	F. E. Bloxton	56
Cape Charles	Warren Burr	80
Chincoteague	G. F. Hopkins	79
Crisfield	J. P. Otis	265
Deal's Island	G. W. Bounds	300
Delmar	G. W. Townsend	220
Fairmount	C. S. Baker	500
Frankford	J. S. Wickline	130
Fruitland	W. E. Matthews	59
Girdle Tree	H. C. Turner	175
Gumboro	G. R. Neese	85
Holland's Island	G. W. Hastings	125
Hallwood	J. S. Bozman	8
Laurel	Robert Watt	262
Marion	R. I. Watkins	125
Millsboro	T. G. Eiswald	20
Mount Pleasant	W. S. H. Williams	85
Mount Vernon	T. F. Beauchamp	100
Mardella	T. S. Barrett	17
Nanticoke	W. R. Mowbray	170
Newark	T. N. Given	62

New Church and Exmore,	L. B. Kirby	6
Onancock,	H. S. Dulaney	150
Parksley,	D. J. Givan	30
Parsonsborg,	C. W. Strickland	75
Powellsville,	B. Wheatly	35
Pocomoke City,	E. C. Macnichol	110
Pocomoke Circuit,	W. G. Strickland	55
Princess Anne,	G. T. Alderson	90
Quantico,	W. R. Gwinn	85
Roxana,	D. F. McFaul	125
St. Peter's,	G. L. Hardesty	270
Salisbury,	C. W. Prettyman	495
Selbyville,	O. W. De Venish	35
Sharptown,	W. R. McFarlane	60
Smith's Island,	S. R. Maxwell	285
Snow Hill,	S. M. Morgan	220
Somerset,	W. B. Guthrie	125
Stockton,	J. W. Jones	125
Tangier,	C. P. Swain	508
Westover,	T. B. Hunter	30
Whitesville,	W. F. Dawson	150

Wilmington District.

Bethel and Summit,	W. H. Benford	\$ 60
Charlestown	L. E. Poole	65
Cherry Hill	G. P. Jones	130
Chesapeake City	H. A. G. Westerfield	65
Chester	Wilmer Jaggard	135
Christiana	W. P. Taylor	45
Claymont	F. M. Dougherty	25
Delaware City	H. S. Thompson	130
Ebenezer	W. T. Hammond	50
Elk Neck	W. H. S. Loller	40
Elkton	A. S. Mowbray	335
Hockessin	O. S. Walton	35
Hopewell and Asbury	J. D. Kemp	85
Marshallton and Stanton	E. H. Collins	80
Mt. Lebanon	G. S. Conaway	50
Mt. Pleasant and Union	C. H. Williams	134
Newark and Wesley	F. C. McSorley	140
New Castle	L. P. Corkran	125
Newport	Julius Dodd	140
North East and Boulden	W. A. Wise	115
Perryville	H. G. Budd	55
Port Deposit	W. P. Compton	200
Port Penn	S. O. Gibbons	10
Red Lion and Glasgow	T. S. Williams	40

Rising Sun and Sylmar	S. J. Morris	140
Rowlandville and Mt. Pleasant	W. E. Greenfield	25
St. Georges'	T. H. Harding	40
St. John's	T. S. Holt	65
Wilmington:—		
Asbury	Ezra Tinker	750
Brandywine	Asbury Burke	150
Cookman	John France	30
East Lake and Elsmere	J. O. Sypherd	12
Epworth	F. B. Short	25
Grace	Henry Baker	1696
Harrison Street	R. T. Coursey	160
Kingswood	E. S. Mace	65
Madeley	V. P. Northrup	74
Mt. Salem	H. W. Ewing	485
St. Paul's	W. L. S. Murray	700
Scott	F. P. Harris	225
Silverbrook	E. E. White	40
Swedish Mission	Fridolph Soderman	31
Union	J. D. C. Hanna	620
Wesley	W. W. Sharp	75
Zion	A. P. Prettyman	175

Recapitulation.

DOVER DISTRICT.

Raised last year	\$ 4689
Raised this year	5053
Increase	\$ 364

EASTON DISTRICT.

Raised last year	\$ 4422
Raised this year	4894
Increase	\$ 472

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Raised last year	\$ 6601
Raised this year	6602
Increase	\$ 1

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Raised last year	\$ 7425
Raised this year	7872
Increase	\$ 447

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Raised last year on all the districts, and collection	\$23137
Raised this year on all the districts	24421
Increase	\$ 1284

MISSIONARY STATISTICS.

DOVER DISTRICT.

Armory—Howard D. Smith, Pastor.

Church and School	\$ 26
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Bridgeville—W. G. Koons, Pastor.

Church	\$ 70
Sunday School	40
Total	\$110

Beckwith—S. P. Shipman, Pastor.

Speddens Sunday School	\$ 10
Beckwith Sunday School	10
Speddens Church	20
Beckwith Church	20
Total	\$ 60

Burrsville—W. H. Kenney, Pastor.

Church	\$ 27
Sunday Schools	25
Total	\$ 52

Church Creek—M. R. Hackman, Pastor.

Church	\$ 45
Epworth League	15
Total	\$ 60

Cambridge—W. J. DuHadway.

Church	\$ 92
Sunday School	138
Total	\$230

Camden—Chas. F. Sheppard, Pastor.

Camden Church, Sunday School	\$ 62
Lebanon Church, Sunday School	20
St. Jones Church, Sunday School	21
Total	\$103

Cannon—Geo. Emmett Wood, Pastor.

Bethel Church	\$ 13
Bethel Sunday School	42
Wesley Church	23
Wesley Sunday School	13
Concord Church	10
Concord Sunday School	8
Browne's Sunday School	26
Total	\$135

Crapo—J. W. Gray, Pastor.

Ebenezer Church	\$ 25
Ebenezer Sunday School	20
St. Thomas Church	40
St. Thomas Sunday School	10
Bethany Church	15
Bethany Sunday School	15
Zion Church	10
Zion Sunday School	15
Wesley Church	20
Wesley Sunday School	5
Total	\$175

Dover—Alfred Smith, Pastor.

Church	\$ 88
Sunday School	416
Total	\$504

Denton—Zack H. Webster, Pastor.

Denton Church	\$ 87
Denton Sunday School	48
Central Church	8
Central Sunday School	12
Harris Church	5
Total	\$160

East New Market—G. W. Bowman, Pastor.

East New Market, Church	\$ 24
East New Market, Sunday School	15
Secretary—Church	4
Secretary—Sunday School	9
Cabin Creek, Church	1
Cabin Creek, Sunday School	5
Hawkeye, Sunday School	2
Total	\$ 60

Ellendale—G. P. Smith, Pastor.

Ellendale	\$ 25
Union	20
New Market	5
Total	\$ 50

Elliott's Island—Frederick E. McKinsey, Pastor.

Elliott's Island School	\$ 24
Hurley's Neck School	2
Epworth League	6
Total	\$ 32

Farmington—I. G. Fosnocht, Pastor.

Farmington Church	\$ 30
Farmington Sunday School	18
Staytonsville Church	8
Staytonsville Sunday School	5
Todd's Church	14
Todd's Sunday School	8
Prospect Church	10
Prospect Sunday School	5
Total	\$ 98

Federalburg—William L. White, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School	\$140
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Felton—D. F. Waddell, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 59
Willis	15
Church	16
Total	\$ 90

Frederica—T. A. H. O'Brien, Pastor.

Frederica Church	\$ 56
Frederica Sunday School	94
Milford Neck Church	6
Milford Neck Sunday School	20
Millwood Church	3
Millwood Sunday School	21
Total	\$200

Galestown—D. H. Willis, Pastor.

Wesley Church	\$ 20
Sunday School	5
Galeston Church	12

Sunday School	10
Cokesbury Church	13
Sunday School	4
Woodland Church	6
Sunday School	2
Total	\$ 72

Georgetown—Vaughan S. Collins, Pastor.

Church	\$9
Epworth League	10
Sunday School	206
Total	\$225

Georgetown Circuit—J. T. Van Burkalow, Pastor.

By two Sunday Schools	\$ 2
By the four churches and the pastor	63
Missionary Debt	10
Total	\$ 75

Greenwood—E. H. Miller, Pastor.

Greenwood Church	\$ 35
Greenwood Sunday School	10
Trinity Church	52
Trinity Sunday School	10
St. Johnstown Church and Sunday School	13
Chaplains Church and Sunday School	20
Total	\$140

Harrington—Thomas E. Terry, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$140
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Hooper's Island—H. E. Truitt, Pastor.

Church	\$ 38
Sunday School	7
Total	\$ 45

Houston—A. C. Jones, Pastor.

Churches and Sunday Schools	\$74
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Hurlock—T. F. Taber, Pastor.

Hurlock Sunday School	\$36
McKendree	5
St. Paul	10
Churches	52
Total	\$103

Leipsic—Charles I. Stengle, Pastor.

Church	\$20
Sunday School	10
Total	\$30

Little Creek—Harry Taylor, Pastor.

Church	\$ 21
Little Creek Sunday School	10
Cowgill's Sunday School	5
Total	\$ 36

Lakesville—Joseph A. Buckson, Pastor.

Street's Church	\$ 13
Bound's Church	10
St. John's Church	10
Asbury Church	3
Total	\$36

Lewes—D. H. Corkran, Pastor.

Church	\$125
Sunday School	125
Total	\$250

Lincoln—J. A. Brewington, Pastor.

Lincoln Sunday School	\$ 6
Cedar Neck Sunday School	1
Slaughter Neck Sunday School	1
Easter Offerings	12
Slaughter Neck Church	25
Lincoln Church	20
Cedar Neck Church	10
Total	\$ 75

Magnolia—E. H. Derrickson, Pastor.

Magnolia Sunday School	\$ 76
Barratt's Church	21
Saxton Church	3
Total	\$100

Milford—George W. King, Pastor.

Church	\$120
Avenue Sunday School	321
Chapel Sunday School	34
Church on Debt	20
Total	\$495

Milton—W. T. Valiant, Pastor.

Church	\$ 64
Sunday School	76
Total	\$140

Nassau—J. D. Reese, Pastor.

Church	\$25
Sunday School	75
Total	\$100

Preston—W. E. West.

Church and Schools	\$ 30
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Salem—E. Welsh, Pastor.

Salem Sunday School	\$ 10
Linkwood Sunday School	10
Thompson's Sunday School	10
Total	\$ 30

Seaford—R. K. Stephenson, Pastor.

Seaford Church	\$ 65
Seaford Sunday School	94
Blades Sunday School	16
Total	\$175

Vienna, Md.—L. T. McLain, Pastor.

Manship	\$ 20
Wainwrights	10
Vienna	20
Total	\$ 50

Williamsburg—J. H. Wilson, Pastor.

Williamsburg School	\$ 31
Williamsburg Church	4
Kenney's School	5
Kenney's Church	14
Friendship School	13
Friendship Church	8
Total	\$ 75

Williston—F. J. Cochran, Pastor.

Williston Sunday School	\$ 13
Williston Church	12
Concord Sunday School	35
Concord Church	15

Harmony Sunday School	15
Harmony Church	15
Bloomery Sunday School	10
Bloomery Church	10
Total	\$125

Woodside—John L. Johnson, Pastor.

Woodside Church	\$ 4
Woodside Sunday School	6
Canterberry Church	11
Canterberry Sunday School	30
Viola Church	5
Viola Sunday School	6
Total	\$ 62

Wyoming—J. E. Graham, Pastor.

Wyoming	\$ 35
Union	20
Willow Grove	10
Asbury	10
Total	\$ 75

Zoar—Omar E. Jones, Pastor.

Zoar	\$ 12
Pepper's	10
St. Thomas'	6
Asbury	7
Total	\$ 35

Cecilton—J. A. Arters, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 25
Zion Sunday School	105
St. Paul's Sunday School	70
Total	\$ 200

EASTON DISTRICT.

Chestertown—C. A. Grise, Pastor.

Chestertown Sunday School	\$175
Chestertown Church	95
Union Sunday School	22
Union Church	8
Total	\$300

Church Hill—J. H. Geoghegan, Pastor.

Church	\$ 5
Sunday School	75
Total	\$ 80

Clayton—H. M. Thurlow, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 50
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Cordova—J. M. Mitchell, Pastor.

Cordova	\$ 20
King's Creek	30
Chapel	10
Skipton Sunday School	10
Tunis Mills	10
Total	\$ 80

Crumpton—James Carroll, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 14
Sunday Schools	22
Total	\$ 36

Cheswold—J. W. Hogle, Pastor.

Cheswold Church and Sunday School	\$ 75
For the Debt	11
Bethel Church and Sunday School	45
For the Debt	2
Total	\$133

Centreville—J. W. Easley, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 96
Sunday Schools	180
Total	\$276

Easton—Charles A. Hill, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$140
Church	110
Total	\$250

Galena and Locust Grove—Frank Fletcher, Pastor.

Galena Church	\$44
Locust Grove Church	18
Galena Sunday School	38
Locust Grove Sunday School	25
Total	\$125

Greensboro—Aloysius Green, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$125
Church	5
Total	\$130

Hillsboro—F. F. Carpenter, Pastor.

Churches	\$100
Sunday Schools	50
Total	\$150

Ingleside—J. M. Collins, Pastor.

Roseville Church and School	\$ 18
Henderson Church and School	22
Bridgetown Church	5
Busick's Church	2
Ingleside Church	3
Total	50

Kenton—Robert Roe, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 46
Sunday Schools	14
Total	\$ 60

Kent Island—E. H. Hynson.

Stevensville Church	\$ 34
Stevensville Sabbath School	31
Kingsley Church	10
Kingsley Sunday School	4
Trinity Church	6
Total	\$ 85

Marydel—M. D. Nutter, Pastor.

Marydel Church	\$ 21
Marydel Sunday School	2
Templeville Church	42
Templeville Sunday School	8
Hartley Church	10
Hartley Sunday School	20
Thomas Chapel	14
Total	\$117

Millington—T. C. Smoot, Pastor.

Millington Church	\$ 11
Millington Sunday School	72
Holden's Church	5

Holden's Sunday School	12
Total	\$100

Middletown—Isaac L. Wood, Pastor.

Church	\$100
Sunday School	360
Total	\$460

Morgan Creek—J. McD. White, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 3
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Odessa—Wm. O. Hurst, Pastor.

Church	\$ 25
Epworth League	20
Sunday School	100
Total	\$145

Oxford—Thomas R. Van Dyke, Pastor.

Oxford Church	\$ 25
Oxford Sunday School	80
Total	\$105

Piney Neck—Zed Wright, Pastor.

Church and School	\$ 12
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Pomona—T. B. Cooper, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 56
Churches	10
Total,	\$ 66

Queenstown—W. Osborne Bennett, Pastor.

Queenstown Church	\$ 18
Queenstown Sunday School	8
Perry's Corner Church	11
Perry's Corner Sunday School	6
Winchester Church	16
Winchester Sunday School	16
Total	\$ 75

Royal Oak—Edwin Gardner, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 35
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Rock Hall—J. P. Outten.

Church	\$ 17
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Sunday School	45
Total	\$ 62

Salem and Union—J. B. Merritt, Pastor.

Church	\$ 55
Sunday School	10
Total	\$ 65

Smyrna—Adam Stengle, Pastor.

Church	\$285
Sabbath School	255
Christian Endeavor Society	25
Total	\$565

Smyrna Circuit—L. W. Layfield, Pastor.

Friendship Church	\$ 20
Friendship School	32
Severson's	22
Jerman Chapel	25
Private Contributions	13
Total	\$112

St. Michael's—George W. Burke, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$252
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Still Pond—Edwin H. Nelson, Pastor.

Still Pond Church	\$ 29
Still Pond Sunday School	109
Still Pond, Jr., Epworth League	20
Betterton Church	12
Betterton Sunday School	5
Total	\$175

Sudlersville—J. M. Lindale, Pastor.

Barclay Sunday School	\$ 10
Sudlersville Sunday School	50
Dudley's Sunday School	20
From Churches	10
Total	\$ 90

Sassafras and Massey—W. N. Conway, Pastor.

Golt's Church	\$ 10
Golt's Sunday School	5
Delaney's Church	10
Massey Church	5
Total	\$ 30

Tilgman's and Bayside—W. W. Chaires, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 40
Sunday Schools	55
Total	\$ 95

Townsend—Albert Chandler, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 73
Townsend Sunday School	40
Blackbird Sunday School	12
Total	\$125

Trappe—James T. Prouse, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 47
Sunday Schools	16
Junior League	2
Missionary Debt	10
Total	\$ 75

Wye and Starr—Chas. K. Morris, Pastor.

Wye Church	\$ 30
Starr Church	25
Jump's Church	5
Total	\$ 69

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Bethel and Summitt—W. H. Benford, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 35
Sunday Schools	25
Total	\$ 60

Charlestown—L. E. Pool, Pastor.

Charlestown Church	\$ 6
Charlestown Sunday School	28
Principio Church	14
Principio Sunday School	17
Total	\$ 65

Cherry Hill—George P. Jones, Pastor.

Cherry Hill Church	\$ 35
Cherry Hill Sunday School	78
Big Elk Sunday School	12
Missionary Debt	5
Total	\$130

Chester—W. Jaggard, Pastor.

Church	\$100
School	25
By School for Missionary Debt	10
Total	\$135

Chesapeake City—H. A. G. Westerfield, Pastor.

Missionary Debt	\$ 5
Church	25
Sunday School	35
Total	\$ 65

Kingswood—Edgar S. Mace, Pastor.

Church	\$ 3
Kingswood School	50
Edgemoor School	12
Total	\$ 65

Christiana—William T. Taylor, Pastor.

Christiana Church and Sunday School	\$ 23
Salem Church and Sunday School	22
Total	\$ 45

Delaware City—H. S. Thompson, Pastor.

Church	\$ 25
Sunday School	105
Total	\$130

Ebenezer—W. T. Hammond, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 50
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Eastlake and Elsmere—J. Owen Sypherd, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 12
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Elk Neck—W. H. S. Loller, Pastor.

Church	\$ 40
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Elkton—A. S. Mowbray, Pastor.

Church	\$ 30
Elkton Sunday School	243
Child's Sunday School	32
West End Sunday School	10
Crouch's Sunday School	10
Jones' Sunday School	10
Total	\$335

Hockessin—O. S. Walton, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 35
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Hopewell and Asbury—John D. Kemp, Pastor.

Hopewell Sunday School	\$ 55
Asbury Church	15
Amount for the Debt	15
Total	\$ 85

Marshallton and Stanton—Edward H. Collins, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 10
Sunday Schools	50
Paid on Debt	20
Total	\$ 80

Mt. Lebanon—George S. Conaway, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 26
Church	22
Junior Epworth League	2
Total	\$ 50

Mt. Pleasant and Union—C. H. Williams, Pastor.

Mt. Pleasant Church	\$ 18
Mt. Pleasant Sunday School	70
Newark Union Church	13
Newark Union Sunday School	13
Missionary Debt	20
Total	\$134

Mt. Pleasant and Rowlandville—W. E. Greenfield, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 2
Junior Epworth League	13
Senior Epworth League	10
Total	\$ 25

Newark and Wesley—F. C. MacSorley, Pastor.

Newark Sunday Sunday	\$104
Newark Congregation	20
Y. P. S. C. E	6
Wesley Congregation	10
Total	\$140

New Castle—L. P. Corkran, Pastor.

Church	\$ 5
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Sunday School	120
Total	\$125

Newport—Julius Dodd, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$100
Church	40
Total	\$140

North East—W. A. Wise, Pastor.

Church	\$ 15
Sunday School	100
Total	\$115

Perryville—Henry G. Budd, Jr., Pastor.

Church	\$ 18
Sunday School	37
Total	\$ 55

Port Deposit—W. P. Compton, Pastor.

School	\$150
Church	50
Total	\$200

Port Penn—S. O. Gibbon, Pastor.

From Church and School	\$ 10
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Red Lion and Glasgow—T. S. Williams, Pastor.

Red Lion Church	\$ 19
Red Lion Sunday School	21
Total	\$ 40

Rising Sun and Sylmar—S. J. Morris, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 68
In Church	72
Total	\$ 140

St. George's—T. H. Harding, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 40
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St. John's—T. S. Holt, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 10
Church	47
Total	\$ 65

Asbury—Ezra Tinker, Pastor.

Church and School	\$750
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Brandywine—A. Burke, Pastor.

Church and School	\$150
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Cookman—John France, Pastor.

Church	\$ 5
Sunday School	25
Total	\$ 30

Epworth—T. Burgette Short, Pastor.

Church	\$ 10
Sunday School	15
Total	\$ 25

Grace—Henry Baker, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$951
Church	702
Debt	43
Total	\$1696

Harrison Street—R. T. Coursey, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$106
Church	54
Total	\$160

Madeley—V. P. Northrup, Pastor.

Church	\$ 13
Sunday School	57
Missionary Debt	4
Total	\$ 74

Mt. Salem—H. W. Ewing, Pastor.

Church	\$125
Mt. Salem Sunday School	\$200
Riddle Memorial Sunday School	\$160
Total	\$485

St. Paul's—W. L. S. Murray, Pastor.

Church	\$322
Sunday School	378
Total	\$700

Scott—Frank P. Harris, Pastor.

Church and School \$225

Silverbrook—E. E. White, Pastor.

Sunday School \$ 40

Sweedish Mission—F. Soderman, Pastor.

Sunday School \$ 22

Church 9

Total \$ 31

Union—John D. C. Hanna, Pastor.

Church \$ 57

Sunday School 563

Total \$620

Wesley—W. W. Sharp, Pastor.

Church \$ 45

Sunday School 30

Total 75

Zion—A. P. Prettyman, Pastor.

Churches \$ 83

Sunday Schools 82

Total \$165

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Asbury—C. T. Wyatt, Pastor.

Asbury Church \$185

Asbury Sunday School 250

Total \$435

Berlin—E. C. Atkins, Pastor.

Church \$ 36

Sunday School 39

Total \$ 95

Bethel—E. P. Roberts, Pastor.

Churches \$ 70

Sunday Schools 15

Total \$ 85

Bishopville—F. E. Bloxton, Pastor.

Churches \$ 26

Sunday Schools 30

Total \$ 56

Cape Charles—Warren Burr, Pastor.

Church \$ 15

Sunday School 65

Total \$ 80

Chincoteague—G. F. Hopkins, Pastor.

Churches \$ 49

Sunday School 30

Total \$ 79

Crisfield—J. P. Otis, Pastor.

Church \$ 42

Sunday School 223

Total \$265

Deals' Island—George W. Bounds, Pastor.

Churches \$190

Sunday Schools 110

Total \$300

Delmar—George W. Townsend, Pastor.

Delmar Church \$137

Delmar Sunday School 83

Total \$220

Fairmount—C. S. Baker, Pastor.

Churches \$100

Sunday Schools 400

Total \$500

Frankford—J. S. Wickline, Pastor.

Churches \$ 80

Sunday Schools 50

Total \$130

Fruitland—W. E. Matthews, Pastor.

Church \$ 49

Sunday School 10

Total \$ 59

Girdle Tree—H. Clay Turner, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 55
Sunday Schools	120
Total	<u>\$175</u>

Gumboro—G. R. Neese, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 85
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Holland's Island—G. W. Hastings, Pastor.

Church	\$102
Sunday School	23
Total	<u>\$125</u>

Laurel—R. Watt, Pastor.

Church	\$ 11
Sunday School	251
Total	<u>\$262</u>

Marion—R. I. Watkins, Pastor.

Schools	\$ 60
Churches	65
Total	<u>\$125</u>

Millsboro—T. G. Eiswald, Pastor.

Church	\$15
Sunday Schools	5
Total	<u>\$20</u>

Mardella—T. R. Barrett, Pastor.

Church	\$ 10
Sunday School	7
Total	<u>\$ 17</u>

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

Church	\$ 40
Sunday School	45
Total	<u>\$85</u>

Mt. Vernon—T. F. Beauchamp, Pastor.

Wesley Sunday School	\$ 50
Asbury Sunday School	50
Total	<u>\$100</u>

Nanticoke—W. R. Mowbray, Pastor.

Churches	\$145
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Sundy School	25
Total	<u>\$170</u>

Newark—T. N. Given, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 34
Sunday Schools	28
Total	<u>\$ 62</u>

New Church—L. B. Kirby, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 6
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Onancock—Henry S. Dulany, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 90
Sunday Schools	60
Total	<u>\$150</u>

Parksley—D. J. Givan, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 20
Sunday Schools	10
Total	<u>\$ 30</u>

Parsonsborg—C. W. Strickland, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 55
Sunday Schools	20
Total	<u>\$ 75</u>

Pocomoke City—E. C. Macnichol, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School	\$110
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Pocomoke Circuit—W. L. Strickland, Pastor.

Churches and Sunday Schools	\$ 55
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Powellville—B. Wheatly, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 35
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Princess Anne—G. T. Alderson, Pastor.

Church	\$ 25
Sunday School	65
Total	<u>\$ 90</u>

Quantico—W. R. Gwinn, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 35
Sunday Schools	50
Total	<u>\$ 85</u>

Roxana—D. F. McFaul, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 91
Sunday Schools	34
Total	\$125

St. Peter's—G. L. Hardesty, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 95
Sunday Schools	175
Total	\$270

Salisbury—C. W. Prettyman, Pastor.

Church	\$ 95
Sunday School	400
Total	\$495

Selbyville—O. W. DeVenish, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 14
Sunday Schools	21
Total	\$ 35

Sharptown—W. R. McFarland, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 20
Sunday School	40
Total	\$ 60

Smith's Island—S. R. Maxwell, Pastor.

Churches	\$129
Sunday Schools	156
Total	\$285

Snow Hill—S. M. Morgan, Pastor.

Church	\$ 40
Sunday School	180
Total	\$220

Somerset—W. B. Guthrie, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 56
Sunday Schools	69
Total	\$125

Stockton—J. W. Jones, Pastor.

Churches	\$125
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Tangier—C. P. Swain, Pastor.

Church	\$ 31
Sunday Schools	477
Total	\$508

Westover—T. B. Hunter, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 5
Sunday Schools	25
Total	\$ 30

Whitesville—W. F. Dawson, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 80
Sunday Schools	70
Total	\$150

Hallwood—J. S. Bozman, Pastor.

Church	\$ 8
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