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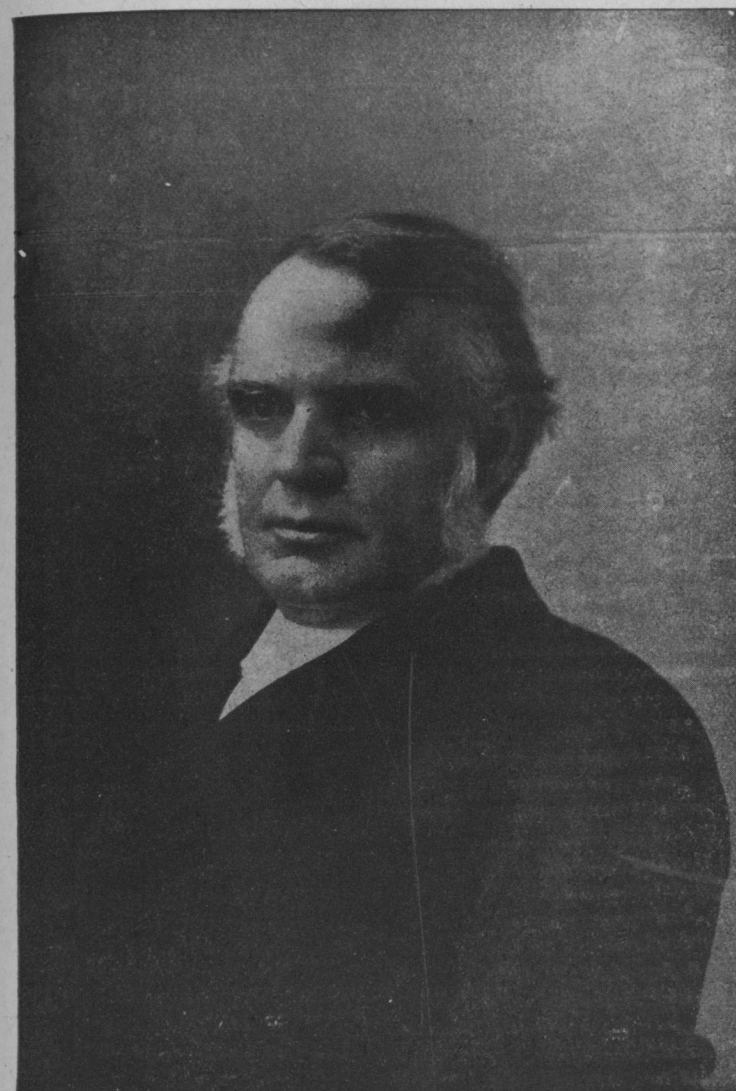
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NOTE—Subsequent to the adjournment of Conference, Bishop McCabe made the following changes: C. W. Prettyman, from New Castle, Del. to Snow Hill, Md.; G. T. Alderson, from Snow Hill, Md. to New Castle, Del.



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Salisbury District.—E. L. Hoffecker, Fairmount, Md.

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Episcopal Fund—E. H. Dashiell, Warren Burr, E. N. Cantwell, A. A. Bichell.

Memoirs—L. E. Barrett, Albert Chandler, O. L. Martin, J. A. Arters.

PLAN OF EXAMINATION.

EXCERPT FROM RULES OF EXAMINATION.

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 examination 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."

RESOLUTION ADOPTED MARCH 27, 1895.

Resolved. "That we deem it unwise hereafter to accept certificates of standing in English branches, but will require all candidates to appear before our own Board of Examiners."

RESOLUTION ADOPTED MARCH 16, 1905.

Resolved 1. "That each student throughout the entire course, shall present to the Registrar, a written statement that he has carefully read all of the books which the Discipline requires to be read for the year."

Resolved 2. "That no candidate shall be examined in studies in advance of those of the class to which he belongs, except as Discipline provides."

Following the instruction of the Conference, certificates will be received in accordance with paragraph 62, section 2, and paragraph 63, section 1 of the Appendix of Discipline, (1904).

All examinations will be held at the time and seat of the annual Conference.

SCHEME OF STUDIES.

(Discipline 1904).

1. Elementary English.....J. W. Jones
Reading, Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar, Spelling: Admission.
2. History.....T. F. Beauchamp
Outlines of History (Swinton), Admission. Students American History (Montgomery), 1st year. Short History of the English People (Green), 2nd year. Outlines of Universal History (Fisher), 3d and 4th years.

3. Belles LettersJ. W. Colona
Principles of Rhetoric (Hill), Admission. Lessons in Logic (Jeavons), 2nd year. Essays for 2nd and 4th years.
4. Mental Science.....E. H. Dashiell
Outlines of Descriptive Psychology (Ladd), 3d year. Essentials of Argumentation (McEwen), Local.
5. Apologetics.....S. N. Pilchard
Grounds of Theistic and Christian Belief (Fisher), 4th year. Analogy of Religion (Butler), 4th year.
6. Methodist Polity.....R. K. Stephenson
Discipline (1904), Admission and Local. Digest of Methodist Law (Merrill), Local. Theological Compend (Binney), Local.
7. Methodist History.....W. L. White
John Wesley the Methodist (A Biography), Admission. One Thousand Questions on Methodism (Wheeler), Local. A History of Methodism (Stevens, —abridged), Local.
8. EthicsG. W. Townsend
Christian Ethics (Smyth), 4th year. A Manual of Christian Evidence (Row), Local.
9. Historical Theology.....V. S. Collins
History of the Christian Church (Hurst), 3d and 4th years. A Short History of the Christian Church (Hurst), Local.
10. Biblical Theology.....H. C. Turner
Introduction to Holy Scriptures (Harman), 1st and 2nd years. The Land of Israel (Stewart), 3d year. Introduction to New Testament (Dods), Local.
11. Exegetical Theology.....M. D. Nutter
Biblical Hermeneutics (Terry), 3d year. A Manual of Bible History (Blaikie), Admission and Local.
12. Systematic Theology.....W. O. Hurst
Systematic Theology (Miley), 1st and 2nd years. Systematic Theology (Raymond), Local.
13. Doctrinal Theology.....C. A. Hill
A Manual of Christian Doctrine (Banks), Admission and Local Elders. Christian Baptism (Merrill), Local. Life and Epistles of St. Paul (Conybeare and Howson), Local Elders.
14. HomileticsV. E. Hills
Lectures on Homiletics (Kern), 1st year and Local Elders. Sermons of 1st and 3d years.
15. Practical Theology.....G. P. Jones
A Plain Account of Christian Perfection (Wesley), Admission and Local. Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience (Merrill), Local. Sermons for Admission and Local Deacons.

Wilmington, Del.

V. P. NORTHRUP,
Registrar.

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 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 document 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 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 two-thirds 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 "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.

CONFERENCE ROLL.

(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 or relation.)

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| 1872 | Adams, R. H. | E | Pocomoke City, Md. | 1 |
| 1888 | Alderson, G. T. | E | Snow Hill, Md. | 3 |
| 1888 | Anderson, J. F. | E | Wyoming, Del. | 1 |
| 1870 | Arters, J. A. | E | Middletown, Del. | 1 |
| 1900 | Arters, J. M. | E | Wilmington, Del. | 2 |
| 1881 | Baker, C. S. | E | Kent Island, Md. | 1 |
| 1876 | Barrett, L. E. | E | Dover, Del. | 5 |
| 1902 | Baynard, O. T. | E | Crumpton, Md. | 2 |
| 1892 | Beauchamp, T. F. | E | Federalsburg, Md. | 2 |
| 1894 | Beauchamp, J. H. | E | Harrington, Del. | 3 |
| 1897 | Bennett, W. O. | E | Sudlersville, Md. | 4 |
| 1900 | Bichell, A. A. | E | Burrsville, Md. | 1 |
| 1898 | Bloxton, F. E. | E | Ewells, Md. | 3 |
| | Bolton, H. W. | | Wilmington, Del. | 1 |
| 1890 | Bounds, G. W. | E | St. Michaels, Md. | 5 |
| 1876 | Bowen, W. L. P. | Sd | Newark, Md. | |
| 1885 | Bowman, G. W. | Sd | Gumboro, Del. | |
| 1890 | Brewington, J. A. | E | St. Georges, Del. | 2 |
| 1902 | Briscoe, J. W. | E | Pocomoke City, Md. | 2 |
| 1904 | Buckson, J. A. | P | Galestown, Md. | 3 |
| 1894 | Budd, H. G. | E | Centreville, Md. | 4 |
| 1865 | Burke, G. W. | E | Hosckessin, Del. | 2 |
| 1886 | Burke, Asbury | E | Perryville, Md. | 1 |
| 1888 | Burr, Warren | E | Rock Hall, Md. | 4 |
| 1880 | Cannon, J. R. | E | Beckwith, Md. | 2 |
| 1899 | Cantwell, E. N. | E | Cordova, Md. | 1 |
| 1888 | Carpenter, F. F. | E | Wilmington, Del. | 3 |
| 1865 | Carroll, James. | Sd | Milford, Del. | |
| 1889 | Chaires, W. W. | Sy | Tilghman, Md. | 5 |
| 1876 | Chandler, Albert. | E | Smyrna, Del. | 4 |
| 1881 | Cohran, F. J. | E | East New Market, Md. | 3 |
| 1876 | Collins, J. M. | Sd | Claymont, Del. | |
| 1883 | Collins, V. S. | E | Port Deposit, Md. | 3 |
| 1895 | Collins, E. H. | E | Marydel, Md. | 3 |
| 1902 | Colona, J. W. | E | Princess Anne, Md. | 4 |
| 1888 | Compton, W. P. | E | Nassau, Del. | 2 |
| 1862 | Conaway, G. S. | Sd | Smyrna, Del. | |
| 1876 | Corkran, W. F. | E | Newark, Del. | 1 |
| 1881 | Corkran, L. P. | E | Wilmington, Del. | 2 |
| 1887 | Coursey, R. T. | E | Milton, Del. | 2 |
| 1899 | Covey, A. H. | Sy | Pomona, Md. | 3 |
| 1896 | Dashiell, E. H. | E | North East, Md. | 2 |
| 1900 | Davis, Howard | D | Marion, Md. | 1 |
| 1884 | Dawson, W. F. | E | Cecilton, Md. | 4 |
| 1899 | Dawson, G. W. | E | Wilmington, Del. | 1 |
| 1884 | Derrickson, E. H. | E | Cheswold, Del. | 1 |
| 1886 | Dulaney, H. S. | E | Crisfield, Md. | 3 |
| 1885 | Easley, J. W. | E | Barbourville, Ky. | 2 |
| 1906 | Easley, J. K. | P | Fairlee, Md. | 1 |

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| 1898 | Ellis, G. R. | E | Hurlock, Md. | 1 |
| 1904 | Epperson, W. S. | D | Annesessex, Md. | 1 |
| 1866 | Esgate, James. | Sd | South Tamworth, N. H. | |
| 1900 | Faulkner, F. N. | E | Parsonsburg, Md. | 2 |
| 1889 | Fogle, J. W. | E | Girdletree, Md. | 1 |
| 1905 | Ford, D. J. | P | Henderson, Md. | 2 |
| 1868 | Fosnocht, I. G. | E | Rockland, Del. | 1 |
| 1891 | Gardner, Edwin | E | Millington, Md. | 3 |
| 1902 | Gardner, J. H. | E | Westover, Md. | 1 |
| 1891 | Goeghegan, J. H. | E | Quantico, Md. | 2 |
| 1895 | Givan, D. J. | E | Hillsboro, Md. | 3 |
| 1884 | Given, T. N. | Sy | Dover, Del. | 1 |
| 1903 | Goodhand, A. W. | D | Stockton, Md. | 1 |
| 1905 | Gray, J. H. | P | Wilmington, Del. | 2 |
| 1888 | Gray, J. W. | E | Powellville, Md. | 1 |
| 1873 | Greene, W. M. | Sd | Camden, Del. | |
| 1900 | Greenfield, W. E. | E | Wilmington, Del. | 1 |
| 1879 | Grise, C. A. | E | 1317 W. North Ave., Baltimore, Md. | 3 |
| 1903 | Gunby, W. E. | D | Odesa, Del. | 2 |
| 1883 | Guthrie, W. B. | E | Roxana, Del. | 1 |
| 1869 | Gwinn, W. R. | E | Tilghman's, Md. | 1 |
| 1903 | Habbard, W. E. | D | Kenton, Del. | 1 |
| 1883 | Hardesty, G. L. | E | Whitesville, Del. | 3 |
| 1871 | Harding, T. H. | Sy | Wilmington, Del. | |
| 1906 | Harris, W. G. | P | Christiana, Del. | 1 |
| 1900 | Hastings, G. W. | E | Frankford, Del. | 2 |
| 1878 | Hill, C. A. | E | Wilmington, Del. | 1 |
| 1889 | Hills, V. E. | E | Mt. Vernon, Md. | 2 |
| 1876 | Hoffecker, E. L. | E | Fairmount, Md. | 2 |
| 1897 | Holt, T. S. | E | Still Pond, Md. | 2 |
| 1905 | Hudson, W. H. | P | At School | |
| 1869 | Hunter, T. B. | E | Cherry Hill, Md. | 3 |
| 1892 | Hurst, W. O. | E | Greensboro, Md. | 1 |
| 1876 | Janney, L. R. | E | Newark, Md. | 2 |
| 1886 | Jester, B. F. | E | Dover, Del. | 1 |
| 1899 | Johnson, J. L. | E | Seaford, Del. | 3 |
| 1900 | Jones, C. N. | E | Chesapeake, Md. | 1 |
| 1905 | Jones, E. W. | P | Queenstown, Md. | 1 |
| 1891 | Jones, G. P. | E | Milford, Del. | 3 |
| 1898 | Jones, J. W. | E | Ridgely, Md. | 1 |
| 1893 | Jones, O. E. | E | Lewisville, Pa. | 2 |
| 1903 | Jones, T. H. | D | Crapo, Md. | 1 |
| 1898 | Kelso, H. B. | E | Magnolia, Del. | 1 |
| 1904 | Kelso, J. M. | D | Madison, N. J. | 2 |
| 1901 | Kenney, W. H. | E | Millsboro, Del. | 1 |
| 1882 | King, W. W. | E | Wilmington, Del. | 7 |
| 1886 | Koons, W. G. | E | Smyrna, Del. | 4 |
| 1871 | Layfield, L. W. | E | Greenwood, Del. | 3 |
| 1874 | Lewis, W. T. | E | Oxford, Md. | 3 |
| 1901 | Lewis, R. H. | D | Selbyville, Del. | 1 |
| 1880 | Lightbourne, A. W. | E | Middletown, Del. | 2 |
| 1879 | Lindale, J. M. | E | Bellevue, Del. | 3 |
| 1876 | Macnichol, E. C. | E | Cambridge, Md. | 9 |
| | Marshall, E. H. | D | Claremont, Va. | |
| 1885 | Martin, O. L. | E | Chance, Md. | 2 |
| 1864 | Martindale, T. E. | E | Salisbury, Md. | 1 |
| 1902 | Matthews, W. E. | E | Bethel, Del. | 2 |

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| 1902 | McCann, Milton..... | E | Bozman, Md..... | 2 |
| 1905 | McCoy, J. C..... | P | Royal Oak, Md..... | 2 |
| 1889 | McDougle, L. I..... | E | Onancock, Va..... | 2 |
| 1906 | McDowell, E. W..... | P | Elliotts Island, Md..... | 1 |
| 1868 | McFarlane, W. R..... | E | Elk Neck, Md..... | 2 |
| 1884 | McFaul, D. F..... | E | Houston, Del..... | 1 |
| 1892 | McKinsey, F. E..... | E | Red Lion, Del..... | 4 |
| | McGilton, A. C..... | E | Denton, Md..... | 1 |
| 1873 | McSorley, F. C..... | E | Townsend, Del..... | 1 |
| 1869 | Miller, E. H..... | E | Marshallton, Del..... | 2 |
| 1885 | Mitchell, J. M..... | E | Zion, Md..... | 3 |
| 1902 | Mitchell, J. H..... | E | Newark, Del..... | 2 |
| 1894 | Moore, C. W..... | E | Vienna, Md..... | 2 |
| 1898 | Moore, F. X..... | E | Port Deposit, Md..... | 3 |
| 1887 | Morgan, S. M..... | E | Dover, Del..... | 3 |
| 1905 | Morgan, L. B..... | P | Williamsburg, Md..... | 1 |
| 1858 | Morris, S. J..... | Sd | Newark, N. J..... | 1 |
| 1883 | Mowbray, A. S..... | E | Wilmington, Del..... | 3 |
| 1886 | Mowbray, W. R..... | E | Bridgeville, Del..... | 6 |
| 1903 | Mumford, F. I..... | D | Bishopville, Md..... | 1 |
| 1872 | Murray, W. L. S..... | E | Wilmington, Del..... | 1 |
| 1879 | Neese, G. R..... | E | Nanticoke, Md..... | 2 |
| 1870 | Nelson, E. H..... | E | Camden, Del..... | 1 |
| 1892 | Northrup, V. P..... | E | Wilmington, Del..... | 1 |
| 1890 | Nutter, M. D..... | E | Tangier, Va..... | 1 |
| 1876 | O'Brien, T. A. H..... | E | Lewes, Del..... | 3 |
| 1872 | Otis, J. P..... | E | Rising Sun, Md..... | 3 |
| 1893 | Outten, J. P..... | E | Crisfield, Md..... | 1 |
| 1881 | Pilchard, S. N..... | E | Wilmington, Del..... | 1 |
| 1870 | Poole, J. W..... | Sd | Farmington, Del..... | 1 |
| 1896 | Poole, L. E..... | E | Elkton, Md..... | 1 |
| 1900 | Poole, W. C..... | E | Church Hill, Md..... | 3 |
| 1882 | Prettyman, A. P..... | E | Galena, Md..... | 9 |
| 1868 | Prettyman, C. W..... | E | New Castle, Del..... | 4 |
| 1897 | Prettyman, J. W..... | E | Lincoln, Del..... | 2 |
| 1886 | Prouse, J. T..... | E | Boothwyn, Pa..... | 3 |
| 1878 | Quigg, H. T..... | E | Georgetown, Del..... | 3 |
| 1869 | Rawlins, P. H..... | E | Seaford, Del..... | 8 |
| 1858 | Redman, W. W..... | Sd | Greenwood, Del..... | 1 |
| 1885 | Reese, J. D..... | E | Colora, Md..... | 1 |
| 1893 | Richardson, J. T..... | E | Frederica, Del..... | 1 |
| 1884 | Roberts, E. P..... | E | Easton, Md..... | 3 |
| 1873 | Roe, Robert..... | E | Betterton, Md..... | 1 |
| 1858 | Scott, A. T..... | E | Wilmington, Del..... | 6 |
| 1886 | Sharp, W. W..... | E | Oriole, Md..... | 1 |
| 1889 | Shipman, S. P..... | E | Concord, Md..... | 1 |
| 1879 | Smith, Alfred..... | E | Dover, Del..... | 3 |
| 1896 | Smith, G. P..... | E | Clayton, Del..... | 1 |
| 1889 | Smoot, T. C..... | E | Galena, Md..... | 3 |
| | Stallings, G. W..... | E | Phoebus, Va..... | 4 |
| 1870 | Stengle, Adam..... | E | Salisbury, Md..... | 4 |
| 1878 | Stephenson, R. K..... | E | Wilmington, Del..... | 2 |
| 1906 | Stone, W. C..... | P | Preston, Md..... | 4 |
| 1892 | Strickland, C. W..... | E | Newport, Del..... | 1 |
| 1885 | Sunfield, E. C..... | E | Felton, Del..... | 2 |
| 1897 | Talley, J. W..... | Sy | Boothwyn, Pa..... | 1 |
| 1894 | Taylor, E. B..... | E | Pomona, Md..... | 2 |

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| 1897 | Taylor, Harry..... | E | Charlestown, Md..... | 1 |
| 1886 | Taylor, W. P..... | E | Pivot, Md..... | 3 |
| 1876 | Terry, T. E..... | E | Laurel, Del..... | 3 |
| 1903 | Thomas, G. S..... | E | Georgetown, Del..... | 1 |
| 1858 | Thompson, H. S..... | Sd | Reisterstown, Md..... | 1 |
| 1871 | Tomkinson, W. E..... | Sd | Everett, Pa..... | 1 |
| 1876 | Townsend, G. W..... | E | Cape Charles, Va..... | 1 |
| 1891 | Turner, H. C..... | E | Wilmington, Del..... | 3 |
| 1905 | Van Blunk, J. M. S..... | E | Wilmington, Del..... | 2 |
| 1859 | Van Burkalow, J. T..... | Sd | Dover, Del..... | 1 |
| 1895 | Van Dyke, T. R..... | E | Deal's Island, Md..... | 1 |
| 1871 | Wallin, F. O. B..... | Sd | Sweden..... | 1 |
| 1879 | Walton, O. S..... | Sd | Red Lion, Del..... | 1 |
| 1853 | Warner, W. M..... | Sd | Millington, Md..... | 1 |
| 1885 | Watt, Robert..... | E | Smyrna, Del..... | 3 |
| 1887 | Webster, Z. H..... | E | Delmar, Del..... | 5 |
| 1893 | Westerfield, H. A. G..... | E | Wilmington, Del..... | 2 |
| 1866 | White, E. E..... | E | Delaware City, Del..... | 2 |
| 1893 | White, W. L..... | E | Chestertown, Md..... | 3 |
| 1875 | White, W. W..... | E | Fruitland, Md..... | 2 |
| 1868 | Wickline, J. S..... | Sd | Falling Springs, W. Va..... | 1 |
| 1882 | Williams, C. H..... | E | Gumboro, Del..... | 2 |
| 1902 | Williams, G. C..... | E | Berlin, Md..... | 3 |
| 1892 | Williams, W. S. H..... | Sy | Burrsville, Md..... | 2 |
| 1885 | Willis, D. H..... | E | Ocean Niew, Del..... | 1 |
| 1906 | Wilson, Daniel..... | P | Wye, Md..... | 1 |
| 1887 | Wilson, J. H..... | E | Sharptown, Md..... | 2 |
| 1884 | Wise, W. A..... | E | Seaford, Del..... | 3 |
| 1886 | Wood, G. E..... | E | Laurel, Del..... | 3 |
| 1886 | Wyatt, C. T..... | E | Wilmington, Del..... | 2 |

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| 1872. | J. B. Quigg, T. J. Thompson, Wesley Kenney, Charles Hill. Reserves—J. D. Curtis, R. W. Todd. |
| 1876. | L. C. Matlack, W. E. England Reserves—J. B. Quigg, J. H. Caldwell. |
| 1880. | L. C. Matlack, A. W. Milby Charles Hill. Reserves—J. H. Caldwell, R. W. Todd. |
| 1884. | J. H. Caldwell, Charles Hill, J. B. Quigg. Reserves—T. E. Martindale, J. A. B. Wilson. |
| 1888. | Jacob Todd, J. A. B. Wilson, N. M. Browne. Reserves—W. S. Robinson, John France. |
| 1892. | W. L. S. Murray, Alfred Smith, R. H. Adams. Reserves—T. E. Martindale, T. E. Terry. |
| 1896. | Merritt Hurlburd, L. E. Barrett, Alfred Smith, W. F. Corkran. Reserves—W. E. Avery, V. S. Collins. |
| 1900. | Robert Watr. T. E. Martindale, W. F. Corkran, C. S. Baker. Reserves—A. S. Mowbray, J. D. C. Hanra. |
| 1904. | A. S. Mowbray, W. F. Corkran, Adam Stengle, C. S. Baker. Reserves—C. T. Wyatt, W. G. Koons. |

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 Strickland, W. G. Klej Grange, Md.
 Stimmil, W. E. Wilmington, Del.

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 Hamilton, Wm. Wilmington, Del.
 Hammond, W. T. Wilmington, Del.
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 Northrup, C. L. Hurlock, Md.
 Rodgers, R. L. Wilmington, Del.
 Scott, J. T. Wilmington, Del.
 Tindale, W. J. Seaford, Del.
 Wilkinson, J. W. Lewisville, Pa.
 Willey, J. H. Harrington, Del.

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 Clark, D. S. Kenton, Del.
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 Ford, Walter. Smyrna, Del.
 Gibbons, S. O. St. Georges, Del.
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 Gore, C. C. Lakesville, Md.
 Gray, Frank. Wilmington, Del.
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 Hancock, I. B. Greenbackville, Va.
 Hardesty, J. W. Salisbury, Md.
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 Hill, M. M. Delmar, Del.
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 Kirk, C. A. Pivot, Md.
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 Milman, Jesse. Ellendale, Del.
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 Tomer, Hugh. Wilmington, Del.
 Walls, A. S. Madison, N. J.
 Weldin, G. W. Edgemore, Del.
 White, John, Sr. Wilmington, Del.
 White, Leonard. Bayside, Md.
 Wilson, George. Georgetown, Del.
 Wilson, W. D. Lewes, Del.
 Wilmot, A. A. Wilmington, Del.
 Winder, E. J. Seaford, Del.
 Wise, J. M. New Castle, Del.
 Wingate, W. H. Marshallton, Del.
 Wright, W. J. Choptank, Md.

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| Middletown, Del. | A. W. Lightbourne | Sudlersville, Md. | W. O. Bennett |
| Millington, Md. | Edwin Gardner | Tilghman's, Md. | W. R. Gwinn |
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| Piney Neck, Md. (Sup.) | W. V. Harris | | |
| Pomona, Md. | E. B. Taylor | | |
| Queenstown, Md. | E. W. Jones | | |
| Ridgely, Md. | J. W. Jones | | |

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| Millsboro, Del. | W. H. Kenney | Westover, Md. | J. H. Gardner |
| Mount Pleasant, Del. | G. E. Wood | Whitesville, Del. | G. L. Hardesty. |
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| Newark, Md. | L. R. Janney | | out appointment to attend one of our |
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| Claymont, Del. (Sup.) | J. M. Collins | Eastlake. | J. H. Gray |
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| Ebenezer, Del. | J. H. Mitchell | Harrison Street. | C. T. Wyatt |
| Elk Neck, Md. | W. R. McFarlane | Kingswood. | J. M. S. Vanblunk |
| Elkton, Md. | L. E. Poole | Madeley. | J. M. Arters |
| Hockessin, Del. | G. W. Burke | Mount Salem. | F. F. Carpenter |
| Hopewell. | F. X. Moore | St. Paul's. | C. A. Hill |
| | P. O. Port Deposit, Md. | Scott. | R. K. Stephenson |
| Kirkwood, Del. | To be supplied | Silverbrook. | W. E. Greenfield |
| Marshallton, Del. | E. H. Miller | Trinity. (Sup.) | John Thornton |
| Mount Lebanon. | I. G. Fosnocht | Union. | S. N. Pilchard |
| | P. O. Rockland, Del. | Washington Heights. | W. L. S. Murray |
| Mount Pleasant, Del. | J. M. Lindale | Wesley. | G. W. Dawson |
| Newark, Del. | W. F. Corkran | | |
| New Castle, Del. | C. W. Prettyman | | |
| Newport, Del. | C. W. Strickland | | |
| North East, Md. | E. H. Dashiel | | |
| Perryville, Md. | Asbury Burke | | |
| Port Deposit, Md. | V. S. Collins | | |
| Port Penn, Del. | J. A. Arters | | |
| Red Lion, Del. | F. E. McKinsey | | |
| Rising Sun, Md. | J. P. Otis | | |
| St. John's. | O. E. Jones | | |
| | P. O. Lewisville, Pa. | | |

J. W. Easley, President of Union College, Ky. member of Harrison Street (Wilmington) Quarterly Conference.

A. T. Scott, Editor of the Christian Companion, member of Grace (Wilmington) Quarterly Conference.

H. W. Bolton, Conference Evangelist, member of Grace (Wilmington) Quarterly Conference.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. **Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conferences?**
Charles W. Moore, New Hampshire Conference; Benjamin F. Jester, Philadelphia Conference; A. C. McGilton, Troy Conference; William S. Epperson, Georgia Conference; George W. Stallings and Edward H. Marshall, Virginia Conference; Horace W. Bolton, Holston Conference.
2. **Who have been Re-admitted?**
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.*
James K. Easley, Daniel Wilson, William G. Harris, Wilmot C. Stone, John L. Sparklin, Emory W. McDowell.
 - (b) *In Studies of Third Year.*
None.
5. **Who have been Continued on Trial?**
 - (a) *In Studies of First Year.*
William H. Hudson.
 - (b) *In Studies of Second Year.*
Joseph A. Buckson, Joseph M. S. VanBlunk, Joseph H. Gray, Lewis B. Morgan, Elwood W. Jones, Daniel J. Ford, Jesse C. McCoy, William S. Epperson.
 - (c) *In Studies of Third Year.*
None.
 - (d) *In Studies of Fourth Year.*
None.
6. **Who have been Discontinued?**
None.
7. **Who have been Admitted in Full Membership?**
 - (a) *Elected and Ordained Deacons this Year.*
None.
 - (b) *Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.*
John M. Kelso.
8. **What Members are in Studies of Third Year?**
 - (a) *Admitted into Full Membership this Year.*
John M. Kelso.
 - (b) *Admitted into Full Membership previously.*
None.
9. **What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**
Edward H. Marshall, Arthur W. Goodhand, Walter E. Gunby, William E. Hubbard, Thomas H. Jones, Fred I. Mumford, Howard Davis, Raymond H. Lewis.

10. **What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?**
 - (a) *Elected and Ordained Elders this Year.*
John H. Mitchell, George C. Williams, Oram T. Baynard, John W. Briscoe, Milton McCann, James H. Gardner.
 - (b) *Elected and Ordained Elders previously.*
William E. Matthews, George S. Thomas.
11. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?**
 - (a) *As Local Preachers.*
William S. Epperson.
 - (b) *Under Missionary Rule.*
None.
 - (c) *Under Seminary Rule.*
None.
12. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?**
 - (a) *As Local Deacons.*
William E. Stimmil.
 - (b) *Under Missionary Rule.*
None.
 - (c) *Under Seminary Rule.*
None.
13. **Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?**
This was done in open Conference.
14. **Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?**
Joseph E. Gallagher, Philadelphia Conference; William R. Hirons, Central Pennsylvania Conference; William Cashmore, Troy Conference; L. P. Karholsen, Philadelphia Conference; Everett C. Wright, Nebraska Conference; Edwin C. Atkins, Central Tennessee Conference.
15. **Who have Died?**
James E. Graham, Robert W. Todd.
16. **Who have been Located at their own Request?**
None.
17. **Who have been Located?**
None.
18. **Who have Withdrawn?**
None.
19. **Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?**
Aloycius Green.
20. **Who have been Expelled?**
None.
21. **What other personal Notation should be made?**
None.
22. **Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?**
A. H. Covey, W. S. H. Williams, T. N. Given.

23. **Who are the Superannuated Preachers?**
J. S. Wickline, O. S. Walton, G. W. Bowman, James Carroll, James Esgate, W. E. Tomkinson, W. M. Warner, W. L. P. Bowen, J. W. Poole, W. W. Redman, J. T. VanBurkalow, W. M. Greene, S. J. Morris, F. O. B. Wallin, G. S. Conaway, H. S. Thompson, T. H. Harding.
24. **Who are the Triers of Appeals?**
T. A. H. O'Brien, H. G. Budd, T. E. Terry, R. K. Stephenson, E. C. Macnichol, Robert Watt, J. M. Mitchell.
25. **What is the Statistical Report for this Year?**
See Tables.
26. **What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?**
\$39,696.00.
27. **What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?**
\$12,600.00.
28. **What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?**
\$8,740.00.
29. **Where are the Preachers Stationed?**
See List.
30. **Where shall the Next Conference be Held?**
Smyrna, Del.

Record of Sessions.

| No. | Date. | Place. | Bishop. | Secretary. |
|-----|---------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | March 17, '69 | Wilm'ton—Asbury. | 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 | L. W. Wiley. | T. E. Martindale. |
| 7 | " 17, '75 | Smyrna | E. S. Janes. | T. E. Martindale. |
| 8 | " 15, '76 | Wilm'ton—Union | 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. | John D. Rigg. |
| 14 | " 8, '82 | Middletown | J. F. Hurst. | John D. Rigg. |
| 15 | " 7, '83 | Cambridge | M. Simpson. | John D. Rigg. |
| 16 | " 5, '84 | Wilm'ton—Asbury | W. L. Harris. | John D. Rigg. |
| 17 | " 12, '85 | Snow Hill | S. M. Merrill. | John D. Rigg. |
| 18 | " 4, '86 | Elkton | W. F. Mallalieu. | John D. Rigg. |
| 19 | " 17, '87 | Crisfield | H. W. Warren. | John D. Rigg. |
| 20 | " 7, '88 | Wilm'ton—Union | C. D. Foss. | John D. Rigg. |
| 21 | " 20, '89 | Easton | R. S. Foster. | John D. Rigg. |
| 22 | " 26, '90 | Milford | Thos. Bowman. | John D. Rigg. |
| 23 | " 19, '91 | Centreville | C. H. Fowler. | John D. Rigg. |
| 24 | " 16, '92 | Wilm'ton—Grace | 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. |
| 30 | " 23, '98 | Lewes | J. P. Newman. | A. S. Mowbray. |
| 31 | " 22, '99 | Cambridge | C. D. Foss. | A. S. Mowbray. |
| 32 | " 21, '00 | Wilm'ton—Epworth | E. G. Andrews. | A. S. Mowbray. |
| 33 | " 20, '01 | Wilmington—Grace | Daniel A. Goodsell. | A. S. Mowbray. |
| 34 | " 19, '02 | Crisfield | L. W. Joyce. | A. S. Mowbray. |
| 35 | " 18, '03 | Easton | Earl Cranston. | A. S. Mowbray. |
| 36 | " 16, '04 | Dover | J. M. FitzGerald. | A. S. Mowbray. |
| 37 | " 15, '05 | Wilmington—Grace | D. A. Goodsell. | W. A. Wise. |
| 38 | " 14, '06 | Pocomoke City | C. C. McCabe. | W. A. Wise. |

JOURNAL.

First Day—March 14, 1906.

Opening.—The thirty-eighth session of the Wilmington Annual Conference convened in Salem Methodist Episcopal Church, Pocomoke City, Md., March 14th, 1906, at 9 A. M., Bishop Charles C. McCabe presiding. After devotional services, the Bishop, assisted by the Presiding Elders and Drs. G. P. Mains and T. L. Poulson, administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Roll Call.—The roll was called by the Secretary of the last Conference, the following members and probationers answering to their names:—

H. S. Thompson, A. T. Scott, J. T. VanBurkalow, G. S. Conaway, T. E. Martindale, G. W. Burke, E. E. White, W. R. Gwinn, C. W. Prettyman, I. G. Fosnacht, W. R. McFarlane, T. B. Hunter, P. H. Rawlins, J. A. Arters, Adam Stengle, E. H. Nelson, L. W. Layfield, W. L. S. Murray, R. H. Adams, J. P. Otis, Robert Roe, F. C. McSorley, W. M. Greene, W. T. Lewis, W. W. White, G. W. Townsend, T. A. H. O'Brien, E. C. Macnichol, W. L. P. Bowen, L. E. Barrett, W. F. Corkran, J. M. Collins, L. R. Janney, T. E. Terry, E. L. Hofecker, Albert Chandler, E. C. Atkins, C. A. Hil, R. K. Stephenson, H. T. Quigg, Alfred Smith, C. A. Grise, J. M. Lindale, G. R. Neese, A. W. Lightbourne, J. R. Cannon, F. J. Corkran, L. P. Corkran, S. N. Pilchard, C. S. Baker, A. P. Prettyman, C. H. Williams, W. W. King, W. B. Guthrie, A. S. Mowbray, V. S. Collins, G. L. Hardesty, W. A. Wise, W. F. Dawson, D. F. McFaul, E. P. Roberts, E. H. Derickson, T. N. Given, J. M. Mitchell, J. D. Reese, J. W. Easley, Robert Watt, D. H. Willis, O. L. Martin, E. C. Sunfield, G. E. Wood, Asbury Burke, W. W. Sharp, W. R. Mowbray, H. S. Dulaney, W. G. Koons, C. T. Wyatt, J. T. Prouse, W. P. Taylor, S. M. Morgan, R. T. Coursey, Z. H. Webster, J. H. Wilson, G. T. Alderson, J. F. Anderson, F. F. Carpenter, W. P. Compton, W. W. Chaires, Warren Burr, J. W. Gray, V. E. Hills, T. C. Smoot, S. P. Shipman, J. W. Fogle, L. I. McDougle, G. W. Bounds, M. D. Nutter, J. A. Brewington, L. P. Karholson, H. C. Turner, Edwin Gardner, J. H. Geoghegan, G. P. Jones, V. P. Northrup, W. S. H. Williams, W. O. Hurst, T. F. Beauchamp, C. W. Strickland, F. E. McKinsey, H. A. G. Westerfield, W. L. White, J. P. Outten, J. F. Richardson, H. G. Budd, C. W. Moore, J. H. Beauchamp, E. H. Collins, T. R. Vandyke, D. J. Givan, William Cashmore, E. H. Dashiell, L. E. Poole, G. P. Smith, J. W. Prettyman, J. W. Tally, T. S. Holt, W. O. Bennett, Harry Taylor, O. E. Jones.

F. E. Bloxton, J. W. Jones, F. X. Moore, H. B. Kelso, G. R. Ellis, J. L. Johnson, E. N. Cantwell, A. H. Covey, G. W. Dawson, A. A. Bichell, Howard Davis, C. N. Jones, J. M. Arters, W. C. Poole, F. N. Faulkner, G. W. Hastings, W. E. Greenfield, R. H. Lewis, W. H. Kenney, Milton McCann, J. H. Mitchell, W. E. Matthews, G. C. Williams, J. H. Gardner, O. T. Baynard, J. W. Briscoe, J. W. Colona, A. W. Goodhand, G. S. Thomas, W. E. Gunby, F. I. Mumford, W. E. Hubbard, T. H. Jones, J. A. Buckson, J. M. Kelso, E. B. Taylor, J. M. S. VanBlunk, J. H. Gray, L. B. Morgan, E. W. Jones, W. H. Hudson, D. J. Ford, J. C. McCoy.

Organization.—On motion of W. L. S. Murray, W. A. Wise was nominated and reelected Secretary, and named as his assistants W. R. Mowbray, L. E. Poole, G. P. Jones. On motion of V. S. Collins, H. A. G. Westerfield was nominated and reelected Statistical Secretary, and named as his assistants J. H. Geoghegan, W. W. Sharp, H. B. Kelso, Milton McCann, J. L. Johnson, W. E. Greenfield, G. R. Ellis, W. E. Gunby, G. S. Thomas, A. W. Goodhand, F. N. Faulkner, F. X. Moore, F. I. Mumford, J. M. Mitchell. On motion of C. W. Prettyman, H. G. Budd was nominated and reelected Treasurer, and named as his assistants J. M. Arters, J. W. Prettyman, W. O. Bennett, G. C. Williams, T. R. Vandyke, V. E. Hills, J. H. Gardner, J. T. Richardson, O. E. Jones, E. W. Jones, E. B. Taylor.

Bar, Hours and Rules.—On motion of W. L. S. Murray, the bar of the Conference was fixed so as to include the fifth line of pews from the front. On motion of C. W. Prettyman, the hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed at 8.30 A. M. and 12 M., the first half hour for devotional services. On motion of V. S. Collins, the Rules of Order for the last session were adopted for the government of this session.

Committees.—W. G. Koons read the nominations for Standing Committees and they were confirmed. The Treasurer and the Statistical Secretary asked for the release of all persons from the Standing Committees who had been previously confirmed as their assistants, and the Presiding Elders were requested to prepare a list of substitutes.

Post Master.—On motion of A. S. Mowbray, J. T. Prouse was appointed Conference Post Master.

Introduction.—Dr. G. P. Mains, agent of the New York Book Concern, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

T. L. Poulson.—On motion of C. W. Prettyman, Dr. T. L. Poulson of the New York East Conference was accorded the privilege of the floor.

Question 13—The Thirteenth Question, "Was the character of each Preacher Examined?" was taken up W. G. Koons, Presiding Elder of Easton District, was called, his character passed and he read a report of his work. The names of the Effective Elders of the District were called, their characters passed and they reported the collections taken.

Stewards.—The Presiding Elders nominated the ministerial members of the Conference Board of Stewards as follows:—Dover District, P. H. Rawlins; Easton District, F. C. McSorley; Salisbury District, T. E. Terry; Wilmington District, C. W. Prettyman, and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot.

Statistics.—The call for statistics was made and the Statistical Secretary and Treasurer, together with their assistants, were permitted to retire.

Methodist Review.—On motion of S. P. Shipman, E. N. Cantwell was appointed to solicit subscriptions for the *Methodist Review*.

Drafts.—Bishop McCabe presented drafts upon the Book Concern for \$1,350.00, and from the Chartered Fund for \$22.00, and they were ordered in favor of the Board of Stewards.

Episcopal Fund.—The Secretary read a communication, relative to the apportionment to this Conference for the Bishops, which was referred to the Committee on Episcopal Fund

Judicial Conference.—Bishop McCabe presented the report from the Judicial Conference in the cases of W. F. Corkran and C. S. Baker which was read by the Secretary, as follows:—The Judicial Conference, which sat in New York City, June 13-16, 1905, to hear the cases of Revs. Wilbur F. Corkran, D. D., and Charles S. Baker, D. D. on appeal from the action of the Wilmington Conference at its last session, reached the following findings:—"The action of the Wilmington Conference in the case of Rev. Wilbur F. Corkran, D. D., was sustained; but, on motion of the Counsel for the Church, the action of the Wilmington Conference in the case of Rev. Charles S. Baker, D. D., was so modified as to make the Offence and Penalty in his case the same as in the case of Dr. Corkran."

Transcript Bill.—W. A. Wise presented a bill of \$60.94 for transcript of records in the above cases, as ordered by the Conference of 1905, and the Conference proceeded to take a collection for the same.

Question 13.—The Thirteenth Question was resumed. Dover District was called, the character of S. M. Morgan, Presiding Elder, was passed and he read his report.

Changes in Relation.—On motion of their Presiding Elders, the Relation of the following brethren was changed at their own request:—G. S. Conaway and H. S. Thompson from Effective to Superannuated; J. W. Talley from Effective to Supernumerary; G. W. Bowman, O. S. Walton, and T. H. Harding from Supernumerary to Superannuated; the cases of G. S. Conaway, G. W. Bowman and J. W. Talley being referred to the Board of Stewards.

Clerical Tickets.—Upon the suggestion of W. G. Koons, Z. H. Webster was appointed to confer with the Pennsylvania R. R. Agent at Delmar relative to the writing of return tickets for the members of the Conference.

Adjournment.—Notices were given, and Conference adjourned with the doxology, Dr. T. L. Poulson pronouncing the benediction.

Second Session—Thursday Morning.

Opening.—Conference convened at 8.30 o'clock, Bishop McCabe in the chair. After Devotional services, conducted by W. L. S. Murray, the Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

General Conference Apportionment.—A communication from the Treasurer of the General Conference Commissions, giving the amount apportioned to this Conference for General Conference expenses and the expenses of Special Commissions ordered by the last General Conference, was read by the Secretary, and referred to the Presiding Elders for apportionment.

Question 13.—The Thirteenth Question was resumed. The Effective Elders of Dover District were called, their characters passed and they reported the collections taken.

Question 19.—"Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints?" was taken up. S. M. Morgan presented a letter of withdrawal from the Membership and Ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, from Aloycius Green, together with his parchments, and on motion the Conference consented to his withdrawal.

Question 13.—The Thirteenth Question was resumed. Salisbury District was called, the character of Adam Stengle, Presiding Elder, was passed and he read his report. The Effective Elders of the District were called, their characters passed and they reported the collections taken.

Question 1.—The First Question.—"Who have been received by transfers and from what Conferences?" was taken up:—Charles W. Moore from the New Hampshire Conference; Benjamin F. Jester from the Philadelphia Conference; A. C. McGilton from the Troy Conference; William S. Epperson from the Georgia Conference; George W. Stallings and Edward H. Marshall from the Virginia Conference.

Question 14.—The Fourteenth Question.—"Who have been transferred, and to what Conferences?" was taken up:—W. R. Hirons to the Central Pennsylvania Conference; J. E. Gallagher and L. P. Karholson to the Philadelphia Conference; William Cashmore to the Troy Conference, E. C. Wright to the Nebraska Conference.

Introduction.—A. E. Householder, president of the Layman's Association of the Virginia Conference, was introduced and addressed the Conference in explanation of the transfer to this Conference of G. W. Stallings and E. H. Marshall. The Secretary was directed to enter W. S. Epperson under Question 5, in Studies of the First Year; and E. H. Marshall under Question 9.

Introduction.—Dr. John Kranz, representative of the New York Book Concern was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Question 13.—The Thirteenth Question was resumed. Wilmington District was called, the character of A. S. Mowbray, Presiding Elder, was passed and he read his report. The Effective Elders of the District were called, their characters passed and they reported the collections taken.

Question 22.—The Twenty Second Question.—"Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" was taken up:—J. S. Wickline, T. H. Harding, O. S. Walton, W. W. Chaires, G. W. Bowman, A. H. Covey, W. S. H. Williams were called, their characters passed, and the relation of A. H. Covey and W. S. H. Williams was continued. On motion of W. G. Koons, the case of W. W. Chaires was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations, and on motion of his Presiding Elder the relation of J. S. Wickline was changed from Supernumerary to Superannuated. Similar action having been previously taken in the cases of T. H. Harding, O. S. Walton and G. W. Bowman.

Question 23.—The Twenty Third Question.—"Who are the Superannuated Preachers?" was taken up:—James Carroll, James Esgate, W. E. Tomkinson, W. M. Warner, W. L. P. Bowen, J. W. Poole, W. W.

Redman, J. T. VanBurkalow, W. M. Green, S. J. Morris, F. O. B. Wallin and J. M. Collins were called, their characters passed, and the relation of these was continued, except J. M. Collins, whose case, on motion of Robert Watt, was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

References.—On motion of C. W. Prettyman, it was ordered that all cases intended for the Committee on Conference Relations, in which all the Presiding Elders agree, should be privately referred.

Higher Criticism.—A. W. Lightbourne presented the following resolution, which was adopted:—

WHEREAS, The present time has developed what seem to us grave departures from our doctrinal standards on the part of some of the professors in our theological schools; and

WHEREAS, These schools have under their influence many young men who are preparing for our ministry; and

WHEREAS, Our Discipline prescribes (Appendix, Ch. VII, Page 63) that all such candidates shall be directly examined by the Conference as to their personal attitudes toward our doctrines and discipline; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, in order to preserve our Church from unscriptural and destructive doctrines, do hereby call the attention of our Committee on Ministerial Qualifications to this provision of the Discipline and instruct them to carefully examine every candidate for admission to our body on the fundamental doctrines of Christianity, as taught by our Church, and to report upon upon the doctrinal attitude of each of said candidates in open Conference prior to the vote upon his admission.

H. S. Thompson.—On motion of W. W. King; T. E. Martindale, C. W. Prettyman and W. L. S. Murray were made a committee to prepare a suitable minute in the case of H. S. Thompson. Alfred Smith, L. E. Barrett and V. S. Collins were constituted a committee to prepare a similar expression in the cases of G. S. Conaway, T. H. Harding, O. S. Walton and G. W. Bowman.

Introduction.—Dr. L. T. Wideman, agent of the Maryland Bible Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference. Dr. George Heber Jones, Secretary of the Station Plan of the Missionary Society, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced and addressed the Conference. Dr. C. M. Boswell, assistant Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference. Robert Watt presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

“We extend to Dr. C. M. Boswell, one of the assistant Corresponding Secretaries of the Board of Church Extension, a hearty Methodist Preacher’s welcome, and wish for him and the great cause he represents, the most abundant success.”

Epworth League.—On motion of J. M. Arters, the Presiding Elders were requested to name a committee on nominations for the Conference Cabinet of the Epworth League, the election of these being made the order of the day for tomorrow at 11 o’clock.

Question 30.—The Thirtieth Question.—“Where shall the next Conference be held?” was taken up. Robert Watt nominated Smyrna, Del., and after suitable representation, it was unanimously selected by rising vote.

Introduction.—Rev. George M. Clayton, of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and C. W. Moore, of our own Conference, were introduced.

Excused from Studies—On motion of their Presiding Elders, E. B. Taylor and A. A. Bichell were excused from the Course of Study.

Adjournment.—Announcements were made, doxology was sung and Conference adjourned, T. E. Martindale pronouncing the benediction.

Third Session—Friday Morning.

Opening.—Conference convened at 8.30 o’clock, Bishop McCabe in the chair. After Devotional services, conducted by A. W. Lightbourne, the Journal of yesterday’s session was read and approved.

Question 10.—The Tenth Question.—“What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?” was taken up. John H. Mitchell, George C. Williams, Oram T. Baynard, John W. Briscoe, Milton McCann, James H. Gardner, Wm. E. Matthews were called, their characters passed. The Registrar reported and they were elected to Elders Orders, except Wm. E. Matthews, he being already an Elder.

Question 9.—The Ninth Question.—“What Members are in Studies of the Fourth Year?” was taken up. Arthur W. Goodhand, Walter E. Gunby, William E. Hubbard, Thomas H. Jones, Fred I. Mumford, Howard Davis, Raymond H. Lewis, Edward H. Marshall were called, their characters passed. The Registrar reported, and they were advanced to Studies of Fourth year.

Question 7.—The Seventh Question.—“Who are Admitted into Full Membership?” was taken up. John M. Kelso was called, his character passed, and he was Admitted into Full Membership, on con-

dition that the Disciplinary Questions be answered, and he was advanced to Studies of Third Year.

Question 5.—The Fifth Question.—“Who have been Continued on Trial?” was taken up. Joseph A. Buckson, Joseph M. S. Van-Blunk, Joseph H. Gray, Lewis B. Morgan, Elwood W. Jones, Daniel J. Ford, Jesse C. McCoy, William S. Epperson, William H. Hudson were called, and made their reports. The Registrar reported, the Presiding Elders represented, and Joseph A. Buckson, Joseph M. S. Van-Blunk, Joseph H. Gray, Lewis B. Morgan, Elwood W. Jones, Daniel J. Ford, Jesse C. McCoy, William S. Epperson were advanced to Studies of Second Year; Joseph A. Buckson being conditioned on one study. William H. Hudson was continued in Studies of First Year.

Question 4.—The Fourth Question.—“Who have been Received on Trial?” was taken up. The recommendations of James K. Easley, Daniel Wilson, William G. Harris, Wilmot C. Stone, John L. Sparklin and Emory W. McDowell were presented, and they were introduced to the Conference. The Committees reported, the Presiding Elders represented and they were Admitted on Trial.

Laid on Table.—A motion of G. L. Hardesty for the appointment of a committee to nominate for vacancies occurring in the Board of Trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy, was laid on the table by a count vote of 46 to 35.

Nominations.—On motion of Robert Watt, the Presiding Elders named a committee to nominate for the above vacancies, as follows: H. T. Quigg, W. L. White, T. E. Terry, R. H. Adams; Bishop McCabe naming C. W. Prettyman, at large.

Question 11.—The Eleventh Question.—“What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?” was taken up. The application of W. S. Epperson was presented. The Registrar reported, the Presiding Elder represented, and he was Elected to Deacons Orders, being conditioned on three studies.

Question 12.—The Twelfth Question.—“What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?” was taken up. The application of W. E. Stimmil was read. The Registrar reported, the Presiding Elder represented and he was elected to Elders Orders.

International Arbitration.—At the request of Bishop McCabe, and on motion of L. E. Barrett, the following Committee on International Arbitration was appointed: L. E. Barrett, E. P. Roberts, C. A. Hill, T. E. Martindale, Robert Watt.

Nominations.—On motion of W. G. Koons the following were made a committee to nominate the Conference Cabinet of the Epworth League: V. S. Collins, E. C. Sunfield, W. E. Gunby, J. W. Colona.

C. A. Grise presented the following resolution as a part of the temperance report, which was adopted.

TO THE HON. MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
AT ANNAPOLIS, MD.:

The Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, now in session at Pocomoke City, Maryland, composed of 180 pastors, and representing the Methodist Episcopal Church of many thousands of members on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, urge your honorable body to pass the Home Rule Temperance Bill now before you.

Resolved, That the Secretary send a copy of this resolution, signed by the President and himself, to the House of Delegates of Maryland.

Introductions.—Dr. J. O. Spencer, President of Morgan College, was introduced and addressed the Conference. Dr. Frank L. Hart, Field Superintendent of the Board of Insurance of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced and addressed the Conference. P. O'Connell and J. H. B. Hubbard of the Delaware Conference were introduced.

Examiners.—Bishop McCabe appointed E. H. Dashiell and J. W. Colona to fill vacancies on the Conference Board of Examiners.

Conference Boards.—W. G. Koons presented the following list of Conference Boards and they were confirmed (see List)

Temperance Evangelist.—Alfred Smith, Conference Temperance Evangelist, read a report of his work and on motion of S. M. Morgan, it was accepted, and the Bishop was requested to reappoint Dr. Smith to that work.

Robert Watt presented the following resolution, which was adopted.

“Believing in the wisdom of the appointment of our brother Alfred Smith, as Conference Temperance Evangelist, and having abundant reason by virtue of good works to be confirmed in our conviction that his appointment was a wise one, and desiring to put ourselves on record in regard to his labors in this field, we cheerfully endorse the patient, faithful, and capable work done by him during these three years and express our opinion that he is a man singularly fitted for the great and important work, which this field calls for. Surely in this case “wisdom is justified by her children.” That Dr. Smith has been diligent and persistent in the prosecution of his work.”

Anti-Saloon League.—C. A. Grise, Superintendent of Maryland Anti-Saloon League, addressed the Conference concerning that interest, and on motion of W. G. Koons the Bishop was requested to reappoint Bro. Grise to that work.

Conference Academy Report.—On motion of T. E. Martindale, the report of the President of the Board of Trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy was made the order of the day for 11 o'clock tomorrow.

Ministerial Qualifications.—V. S. Collins presented the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications be authorized to purchase or have made to order a book suitable for keeping in permanent form the record of the men appearing before that Committee, to be kept among the archives of this Conference.

Sub-Commission.—R. K. Stephenson presented the report of the Sub-Commission on Aggressive Evangelism, which was adopted.

Epworth League Cabinet.—W. E. Gunby presented nominations for the Conference Cabinet of the Epworth League, and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot. On motion of V. S. Collins, the Presiding Elders were made Ex-officio members of the above Cabinet (see List).

Minute.—Alfred Smith presented and read the following minute in the cases of G. S. Conaway, T. H. Harding, O. S. Walton and G. W. Bowman, which was adopted by a rising vote.

WHEREAS, Bro. G. S. Conaway, after forty four years of continuous service in active relation to this Conference, and also Bros. T. H. Harding, G. W. Bowman and O. S. Walton after terms of years in active relation and more recently in the Supernumerary relation—all of these brethren, at their own request, having been placed in the Superannuated relation, therefore;

Resolved, That we express to these brethren our high appreciation of their valuable and heroic services to the Church, and will pray that the remaining years of their lives may be cheered and brightened by the recollection of a life well spent.

Boundary Commission.—V. S. Collins read a report of the Boundary Commission, which was adopted.

Introduction.—Dr. J. H. Moore, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Pocomoke City, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Periodicals.—W. H. Kenney presented the report on Periodicals, which was adopted.

Special Appointments.—On motion of A. S. Mowbray, the Bishop was requested to appoint A. T. Scott editor of the *Christian Companion*. On motion of their Presiding Elders, the Bishop was requested to leave J. M. Kelso and W. H. Hudson without appointment to attend our schools. On motion of their Presiding Elders, the Bishop was requested to appoint P. H. Rawlins, Secretary of the Stewards Endowment Fund, and J. W. Easley, President of Union College, Kentucky.

Reimbursement.—On motion of Robert Watt, the Treasurer was directed to return out of the Conference Claimant Fund \$30 00 which was overdrawn from the Stewards Endowment Fund last year.

Adjournment.—Notices were given, the Doxology was sung, and Conference adjourned, H. S. Thompson pronouncing the benediction.

Fourth Session—Saturday Morning.

Opening.—Conference convened at 8.30 o'clock with Bishop McCabe in the chair. After devotions conducted by Dr. H. K. Carroll, the Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

Reports.—The committees on Church Extension, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Conference Board of Church Extension, Episcopal Fund, and Education presented their reports which were accepted.

Conference Visitors.—J. P. Otis presented the list of visitors to the various institutions of the Church and they were confirmed. (See list)

Sabbath Observance.—J. P. Outten read the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance, which was adopted, and on motion of W. G. Koons, the Secretary was directed to send a copy of the resolution, relative to the running of Sunday trains, to the authorities of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co.

H. S. Thompson.—T. E. Martindale presented the following minute in the case of H. S. Thompson which was adopted and the Secretary was directed to furnish Bro. Thompson with a certified copy of the same.

WHEREAS, Our dear Brother, Rev. H. S. Thompson is, at the present session of the Conference, retiring from his active ministry, after an unbroken service of forty-eight years. Therefore, be it

Resolved, 1st. That we congratulate him upon having so worthily followed in the footsteps of his distinguished father, Dr. Thomas Jefferson Thompson, whose ministry compassed a period of forty-nine years; and also upon having a son in the itinerancy who will perpetuate the family representation upon the walls of Zion, thus making three generations of heralds of the Cross.

Resolved, 2nd, That we desire to record our sincere appreciation of of the high ideals which he has cherished in his work; and of the faithfulness and zeal with which he has sought to fulfill them in his long public career.

Resolved, 3rd, We beg to assure him that our esteem will follow him into his more restful life; and we will pray that his evening time may be tranquil, and crowned with "The peace of God which passeth all understanding."

Anti-bribery League.—T. E. Terry presented the following resolution, pending the adoption of which E. L. Hoffecker presented the following amendment—and the resolution together with the amendment—were adopted by rising vote.

WHEREAS, We know that the corruption of the ballot leads to a lowering of the standard of our manhood, debauches the public conscience and thus poisons the life of the body politic at its very centre and source, calling for the condemnation of every pure minded citizen, and

WHEREAS, The politicians of the State of Delaware have heretofore flooded the State with money for the purpose of corrupting the manhood of the State and debauching the public minds, and

WHEREAS, There has been organized recently within the State an organization having for its object the extermination of this evil and the punishment of the vote buyer and the vote seller in future political campaigns within the State, therefore

Resolved, 1st, That this Conference hereby declares its utter abhorrence and unqualified condemnation of the corrupt political practices of the past, and that we hereby endorse the purpose for which this league is organized and bid the organization God speed on its mission, praying that it may be blessed of God in its most worthy and commendable undertaking.

Resolved, 2nd, That we the members of the Wilmington Conference within the bounds of the State of Delaware, hereby pledge to this League our co-operation by laying the matter on the hearts and consciences of our people, and that we will to the utmost of our ability

assist in the work of purifying the politics of the State so far as we can do so consistently with our office and work as ministers of the Gospel of Christ.

Resolved, 3rd, That on the second Sunday before Registration day all our ministers be requested to bring the subject of bribery before their congregations in a sermon expressly on this theme; and that they be requested further to urge on the people in the several communities where they are stationed throughout the Conference territory omnipartisan mass-meetings of all who are willing to actively oppose bribery and corruption at the polls.

HOFFECKER AMENDMENT:

We have reason to believe that bribery of voters has grown to alarming proportions in some parts of our Conference territory, involving many of our people in its criminality. We hope to effect a change in the condition of things so appalling to all honest patriots. The safety of the nation is found in morality and religion, therefore, *Resolved*;

1st. That we consider the pollution of the ballot box, and the corruption of the electorate a menace to liberty, and a crime against life and property.

2nd. That we declare our purpose to wage relentless war against bribery in all its forms, and denounce it as the basest political crime in repertory of scoundrelism.

3rd. That we recommend, and urge, all our ministers to preach on the purity of the ballot and on the importance of righteousness in public affairs, in the month of October in each year.

4th. That we urge all the voters in all our congregations to consign to political graves the men nominated for office who are known to furnish money or any other consideration to corrupt elections.

5th. That we hereby record solemnly our purpose to assist by our voices and votes the men who are seeking to establish the highest ideals of righteousness in civic life.

6th. That we will use our influence to extirpate this great evil; for we believe that men who furnish money to buy the votes of others cannot be safely trusted in public office, for they will sell their own votes and betray the people when the consideration offered is sufficient to tempt their greed or ambition.

Mr. John P. Holland, of Milford, Del., was introduced and addressed the Conference relative to the anti-bribery movement in the State of Delaware, and upon motion Conference requested the publication of his address.

Roman Catholic School.—V. S. Collins presented the following resolution which was adopted.

WHEREAS, There is before the General Assembly of Maryland, a

bill known as House Bill No. 201, whose sole import is to secure from the Burnt District commission of Baltimore the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of the erection of a building or buildings for the Roman Catholic Church a school known as St. Mary's Industrial School, be it

Resolved, That we, the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, covering the entire Eastern Shore of Maryland, and representing by my many thousands of members the largest Christian communion of this territory, hereby record our solemn protest to this use of public funds for sectarian purposes, who have charges in Maryland.

2. That we hereby pledge ourselves personally, and will also urge the members of our several charges, to write at once to the members of the House of Delegates and to the Senators representing us in the General Assembly to oppose by voice and vote the passage of House Bill No. 201, and all bills of similar nature.

Order of the Day.—The Order of the Day was called and T. E. Martindale presented the report of the President of the Board of Trustees of Wilmington Conference Academy, which was accepted.

Board of Stewards Report.—P. H. Rawlins presented the report of the Board of Stewards, which was adopted. E. H. Nelson was appointed Trustee for funds of Mrs. Annie D. Chatham; and Hon. Jay Williams, Trustee for the fund of the minor children of James Connor, and they were confirmed.

Sunday School Union and Tract.—E. C. Sunfield presented the report of the Committee on Sunday School Union and Tract Society together with the following resolution, pending the adoption of which, Dr. Henry H. Myer and Dr. Charles Roads, General Field Secretary of the Sunday School Union, were introduced and addressed the Conference with reference to the above resolution, and on motion of A. W. Lightbourne the report and the accompanying resolution were adopted.

Resolved, That we, the Wilmington Conference now assembled, hereby express our hearty disapproval and most earnest protest against the publication of any and all higher-critical sentiments respecting the Incarnation and Divine Sonship of Jesus-Christ such as were contained in the Sunday School Journal for January, February and March, 1906, and that this matter be brought to the attention of the Board of Managers of the Sunday School Union, requesting them to investigate the matter and to urge Dr. McFarland, our Corresponding Secretary, to desist from the use of such dangerous materials that our boys and girls be not poisoned but saved.

E. C. SUNFIELD.

Introduction.—Dr. H. K. Carroll First Assistant Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society; C. William Prettyman, representing Dickinson College, and E. L. Cross, Principal of the Wilmington Conference Academy, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

Question I.—On motion of A. S. Mowbray Bishop McCabe was requested to transfer Horace W. Bolton from the Holston Conference to this Conference, and appoint him the Wilmington Conference Evangelist, and the Bishop announced his transfer.

Conference Session.—On motion of T. E. Martindale, a session of the Conference was ordered for this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

Change of Relation.—T. A. H. O'Brien presented a partial report from the Committee on Conference Relations recommending that the relation of W. W. Chaires and J. M. Collins be continued; and that the relation of T. N. Given be changed from Effective to Supernumerary, his case being referred to the Board of Stewards.

General Conference.—T. E. Martindale presented the following resolution which were adopted.

In 1908 it will have been twenty years since the General Conference of our Church met east of the Alleghenies, and thirty-two years since it met in Baltimore City.

In 1808 the General Conference held in Baltimore made the change of its constitution, so that our present delegated General Conference came into existence. The session of 1908 will therefore be the centenary of that far reaching change in our economy; and this constitutes an historic reason why Baltimore should be designated as the place of holding that session.

For this and many other reasons, which might be named, we respectfully request the Book Committee to accept the urgent invitation of the Methodism of Baltimore, to fix the session of 1908 for that city.

Collection.—A collection was ordered for balance due the Secretary, Minutes for the hosts of the Conference, Expenses of Stenographer, Registrar, and for the Sextons of the churches used by the Conference.

Introduction.—W. S. Phillips, Secretary of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and Dr. W. P. Thirkield, Corresponding Secretary of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society were introduced.

Adjournment.—The doxology was sung and Conference adjourned, A. W. Lightbourne pronouncing the benediction.

Fifth Session—Saturday Afternoon.

Opening.—Conference met at 2 30 o'clock, Bishop McCabe in the chair and conducting the devotions.

Statistic Reports.—H. A. G. Westerfield presented the report on Statistics, and H. G. Budd presented the Treasurer's report, and they were accepted.

Managers Missionary Society.—F. C. McSorley presented nominations for the Board of Managers of the Conference Missionary Society, and they were confirmed. (See List).

Substitution.—On motion of Robert Watt; H. C. Turner was substituted for C. W. Prettyman on the Committee to nominate Conference Academy Trustees.

Conference Academy Trustees.—H. C. Turner presented the following nominations for Conference Academy Trustees:—C. W. Prettyman, R. K. Stephenson, S. M. Morgan, C. A. Grise, C. T. Wyatt, V. S. Collins, W. G. Koons, G. L. Hardesty. On motion of Robert Watt, it was agreed that the four receiving the highest number of votes be declared elected. On motion of C. W. Prettyman, it was ordered that any ballot containing more than four names be thrown out. Robert Watt, Edwin Gardner, T. A. H. O'Brien and G. T. Alderson were appointed tellers. The ballot was taken and the tellers retired.

Nominations.—On motion of C. W. Prettyman, a committee consisting of T. E. Martindale, G. W. Dawson and W. L. White was appointed to nominate three members of the Board of Conference Trustees.

Reports.—The Committees on Epworth League, Steward's Endowment Fund, Woman's Home Missionary Society, Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, Auditing and Church Insurance presented their reports and they were accepted.

Thanks.—On motion of G. W. Bounds, a Committee on Thanks was appointed as follows:—L. E. Barrett, E. N. Cantwell, H. C. Turner, G. W. Bounds.

Introduction.—Hon. Homer L. Castle, of Pittsburg, Pa., was introduced to the Conference.

Closing.—On motion of V. S. Collins, Conference adjourned.

Sixth Session—Monday Morning.

Opening.—Conference met at 8.30 o'clock, L. E. Barrett conducting the devotions. At 9 o'clock Bishop McCabe took the chair.

Journal.—The Journal of Saturday's sessions was read and approved.

Election.—The tellers reported the election of C. W. Prettyman, S. M. Morgan, R. K. Stephenson and C. T. Wyatt as trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy.

Transfer.—Bishop McCabe announced the transfer of E. C. Atkins to the Central Tennessee Conference, to be stationed at Spruce Street Church, Nashville. L. E. Barrett presented the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote.

"As the presiding Bishop has announced the transfer of our brother and fellow-laborer, Rev. E. C. Atkins, to the Central Tennessee Conference, we wish to place upon record our appreciation of the abilities and Christian character of our brother, and wish for him and his family a happy and prosperous work in their Southern field of labor.

We wish also to assure him that if, in the future, he should wish to return to his first love, he will find the front door open, and warm hearts and glad hands ready to receive and welcome him back."

Philadelphia Hospital.—G. W. Bounds read the report of the Committee on Philadelphia Hospital—pending the adoption of which, Dr. J. A. Lippincott, representing the M. E. Hospital in the city of Philadelphia, was introduced and addressed the Conference. The report was adopted. G. W. Bounds nominated as Conference visitors to the Hospital—R. K. Stephenson, G. W. Bounds, L. E. Poole, Hon. Richard S. Dodson and Joseph Smithers. On motion of V. S. Collins, a rising vote of thanks was extended to Dr. Lippincott for the nine years of large interest and successful labors which he has given as Corresponding Secretary to the above named institution.

International Arbitration.—L. E. Barrett presented and read a report of the Committee on International Arbitration, which was adopted by rising vote.

Temperance.—Alfred Smith presented a report of the Committee on Temperance, pending the adoption of which, the Hon. Orlando Harrison, member of the Legislature of the State of Maryland, was introduced to the Conference. A. W. Lightbourne moved to amend

the report so as to include the following sentence, "There were, however, honorable exceptions and they will not be forgotten," which was accepted by a count vote of 70 to 54, and the report was accepted as amended.

Conference Trustees.—T. E. Martindale presented the following nominations for Conference Trustees:—W. L. S. Murray, P. H. Rawlins, C. T. Wyatt, and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot.

Thanks.—L. E. Barrett presented the report of the Committee on Thanks, which was adopted by a rising vote.

J. W. Talley.—After a representation of the case by S. M. Morgan, a collection was ordered in behalf of Bro. J. W. Tally, which amounted to \$250.00 in cash and subscription.

Ordination.—Bishop McCabe presented the following certificate of ordination.

This is to Certify

That on the Eighteenth Day of March, A. D. 1906; I ordained, after election by the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the following as:—**Deacon**, William S. Epperson, and assisted by Elders, the following as:—**Elders**, John H. Mitchell, George C. Williams, Oram T. Baynard, John W. Briscoe, Milton McCann, James H. Gardner, William E. Stimmil.

CHARLES C. McCABE, *Bishop*.

POCOMOKE CITY, MD., March 18th, 1906.

Conference Education Society.—V. S. Collins presented a report from the Conference Education Society, which was adopted. T. A. H. O'Brien nominated the board of managers of the Conference Education Society, and they were confirmed (see list.)

Missionary Appropriations.—W. G. Koons announced the following appropriations of Missionary money to this Conference and it was accepted. Whole amount of appropriation to the Wilmington Conference \$500; applied as follows:—Dover District, Salem \$50, Vienna \$50, Lakesville \$40; Easton District, Royal Oak \$48, Oxford \$42, Henderson \$54; Salisbury District, Cape Charles \$100, Salisbury Circuit \$58; Mardela Springs \$58.

Domestic Missions.—V. S. Collins presented the following resolution which was adopted—and the committee called for by the resolution was named as follows: Robert Watt, R. H. Adams, C. T. Wyatt, C. W. Prettyman, V. S. Collins, and they were confirmed.

WHEREAS, We have within the bounds of the Wilmington Conference 4 charges paying less than \$200 per year, 7 paying less than \$300, 19 paying less than \$400, 38 paying less than \$500, 50 paying less than \$600, 75 paying less than \$700, and

WHEREAS, We believe no single man ought to receive less than \$500 per year and no married man less than \$700 per year; and

WHEREAS, \$9,829 would be required to make these deficiencies up to this standard while we raised for Domestic Missions the sum of \$848 for the past year, a sum wholly inadequate to the needs, therefore,

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders are hereby instructed to apportion for Domestic Missions during the ensuing year as follows: to every pastor and Presiding Elder a sum equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ of one per cent of the cash salary paid; and to every charge a sum equal to one per cent of the salary paid.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed at this session to examine the charter and constitution of the Domestic Missionary Society to see what amendments can be made to make it more efficient in doing the work for which it was organized, and report at the next session of the Conference.

Time of Session.—G. T. Alderson presented the following resolution which was adopted.

WHEREAS, The weather on the Peninsula is so variable during the month of March, and for the most part disagreeable, a sample of which we have just had, and

WHEREAS, This detracts from the enjoyment of our annual gatherings, and endangers the health of our preachers, especially those sent to new fields of labor, and

WHEREAS, There is an increasing conviction that the time of the meeting of the Annual Conference should be changed, therefore be it

Resolved, That we respectfully petition the Board of Bishops to fix the time of our annual meeting the first week in April, or as near thereto as possible, if this can be done without serious embarrassment to their work.

Dr. Munhall.—A. W. Lightbourne presented the following resolution, which was accepted by rising vote.

WHEREAS—We have heard with great intellectual pleasure and spiritual profit Dr. Munhall's masterly and eloquent lecture entitled—"The Book of Books," and

WHEREAS, We regard it highly desirable that especially the young people of our land should hear this eminently logical as well as thrillingly interesting presentation of the supernatural origin and Divine authority of the Bible, therefore, be it

Resolved. That we commend this splendid lecture to the numerous Chautauqua Assemblies, to Churches and all religious and moral associations, as a charming literary and oratorical treat combined with a masterful championing of the Divine Character of the "Book of Books."

Journal.—The Journal was read and approved.

Closing.—After devotional services conducted by Dr. L. W. Munhall, and an address by Bishop McCabe, the appointments were read and Conference adjourned without date.

Charles C. McCabe,
President.

W. A. Wise,
Secretary.

REPORTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS.

Dover District.

In presenting this report of the trials, toils and triumphs of a self-sacrificing and heroic band of Christian workers, both pastors and laymen, as are to be found in any similar District organization, the writer regrets the necessity of placing a time limit upon himself that forbids the mention of many persons and details that merit mention.

The death angel has four times invaded the limits of our District ranks during the Conference year. Early in the summer the infant child of Brother and Sister Compton, after a short illness, was taken into the Kingdom in which children and their like, we are told by the Master, constitute its citizenship. The wife of our fellow-laborer, Brother John W. Prettyman, pastor of Lincoln charge, was suddenly taken ill on April 17th, and in a few hours was gone leaving behind, her husband and five motherless children to mourn her untimely end. Sister Elizabeth Davis, relict of Brother A. D. Davis, for many years a useful member of our Conference, after a lingering illness, departed to her heavenly home, May 15th. Before the last session of our Conference Brother James E. Graham underwent an operation in the hospital at Cambridge hoping thus to recover his health and to be privileged to reenter the active ranks. Disappointment in this, however, awaited him and his many friends; and after lingering in much suffering for several months, on July 13th at his home in Seaford, he passed to his eternal reward. Suitable memoirs of these, our deceased co-laborers, will be read at our Memorial service.

Charles F. Richards, Esq., for many years a leading official in our church at Georgetown, died December 23rd. He was a lawyer of superior ability and of unusual prominence in his State. The loss of him is felt not only in the local church of which he was a member and in the community in which he lived but in church and professional circles of much wider range.

It has been the writer's misfortune during the two years of his incumbency of his present office to have much troublesome experience on account of interrupted pastoral tenure. Speaking only of the present year's experience, Brother J. W. Tally, stationed at Farmington, early after Conference adjourned grew sick and had to relinquish his work. It was hoped at the time that a few weeks of rest would bring restored health and a return to his pastoral duties. Later, however, it was manifest that this hope must be abandoned; and Professor J. L. Sparklin, a teacher of fine educational equipment and of some experience in the local ranks, was placed in charge of the work. He has made a good record, accomplishing for the church in six months what would have been fair work for twelve months. He is before us with an application endorsed by his Quarterly Conference for admission into the traveling connection. Canterbury gave up Brother W. H. Hudson in September in order that he might attend Drew Seminary. Brother W. S. H. Williams, who, since last Conference Session has been resting from the weariness of many years of exacting pastoral

service, was secured to supply that work; and most effectively has he done it. Preston has suffered this year by a most unfortunate experience. Aloycius Green was stationed there in the Spring of 1904. Under circumstances making withdrawal or its prescribed alternative imperative he elected the former, withdrawing in the month of October from the ministry and membership of our church. Brother Wilmot C. Stone, a young man reared in our Connection and of promising future, took the work and has since rendered good service to the people. Revivals have crowned his labors and the benevolent collections are reported paid in full. He also is an applicant for admission into the Conference on trial. Burrsville charge, having lost her pastor Brother J. K. Underhill by removal to Florida early in January, has since been supplied by Brother R. S. Stephens, a local preacher in Armory Church, Dover; and no diminution of results appears in the report of that work. Early after the Conference session, Brother C. W. Moore, a member of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, receiving an honorable dismissal from it, took work under assignment of the writer at Vienna. Being well recommended to us, he was shortly thereafter recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Vienna for reception and for recognition of his orders into the New Hampshire Conference under Bishop Goodsell's presidency. Being so received he was then transferred to our Conference and appointed by Bishop Goodsell to Vienna Charge. The result has fully justified that action. Vienna Circuit has not been so much quickened in church life and activity for many years. Advancement in almost every department of church enterprise has been realized.

The question of more liberal support to our pastors received careful and vigorous attention in all the Quarterly Conferences last year; and with the result, as was stated in last year's report, that sixteen charges on the District advanced ministerial support, reaching an aggregate increase of over \$1500. This year similar effort has been made and with similar results. Eleven charges have advanced the present year, reaching a total increase on the District of \$1,000 and making a total increase for the two years of \$2,500. It ought to be said, too, that some of the charges that advanced last year, advanced again this year. This much and more increase in this division of church development ought to be realized on the District every year for some years to come. This for several reasons: other occupations are receiving increasing returns for service rendered. Prosperity unparalleled is flowing into the hands of those engaged in secular employment on every side. The men who give up all these opportunities for thrift that are utilized and enjoyed by the occupants of the pew ought, in simple equity, to receive a fair share of this increase. They have families and love them and desire their comfort and protection, present and future, as others do. More than that, the poorest paid brain workers of all, who are similarly endowed, are Christian ministers. The talent equivalent and as diligently employed in other occupations, receives much larger material remuneration. Or, if value of service from the Gospel herald to society be in the estimate, the material reward for it is the merest pittance. When will

the people of the churches and their respective communities who receive so much that is invaluable to every interest and relation of life, accord to the men and their families who render such service the substantial recognition that is due them? The answer is easy: when the heart and life of the people who profess love for the Gospel are disenthralled by it from a disproportionate love of gain, and when everything is put under gracious tribute to the Gospel claims and enterprises, in glad obedience to the revealed will of God, as in His Word and by His Spirit made known.

The work on improvements upon church property has gone forward at many points on the District. The new church on Elliott's Island, in process of erection at the time of our last report, has been completed. It is substantially constructed, well furnished and, though costing less than \$2500, is easily worth \$3,000. Brothers W. E. McKinsey and J. H. Gardiner, and the writer assisted the pastor, Brother George S. Thomas, on the day of dedication. Of what remained to be raised that day an excess of the amount was secured in cash and in good subscriptions; and the last dollar of that amount has been paid. Great credit is due the pastor and his heroic wife for accomplishing this most difficult task.

The other Island work on Dover District is Hooper's. This consists of a group of four Islands, three of which are joined together by bridges, and with a connecting bridge to the mainland. This work has been the problem of the District to all Presiding Elders. As the work has been, few of the brethren wanted to go as pastors or to remain when sent on that mission. Brother J. S. Bozman, one of that honored body of great and useful men in our church throughout its history, known as Local Preachers, was sent there early after our Conference adjourned. He took up the work with skill, energy and enthusiasm; and wonderful results have followed. Large congregations attend the services of the churches, revivals have crowned his efforts in all of them, and organization and enterprise have superseded disintegration and chaos. One of the churches has been under a mortgage debt since the days of Dr. J. A. B. Wilson on the District and has been threatened during the year with foreclosure. Brother Bozman has paid nearly half the debt and has arranged with the mortgagee for a stay of proceedings until the remainder can be paid. On one of the other Islands the people under his leadership have transferred the old church from a most unsuitable site to the best location on the Island and have rebuilt it into a modern and comfortable church edifice at a cost of \$2650, more than \$2,000 of which has been raised in cash and subscriptions. Another church with the incubus of an harassing mortgage debt, since the time of Dr. Wilson, was Madison on Church Creek charge. Efforts had been made to lift this mortgage but without success until the present pastor, Brother T. Howard Jones, undertook the task. This debt and some needed repairs recently made exceeded \$500. Dr. Mary Dickson Jones, a native of that section but now of New York City, gave \$400 of it in honor of her father who was one of the leaders of Methodism in that region, two generations ago. Brother Howard Jones and his little spartan band raised the balance; and the writer had the joy of in-

cinerating the time worn mortgage note amid the singing of the doxology and th rejoicing of the people.

Regarding the repairs made to our church at Concord, Seaford Circuit, the writer may be permitted to make special mention, not only because of what has been done but because of the relation of that church to him. This was the church home of his ancestors since the days of his great grandfather, who was one of its founders and office-bearers. Like positions of responsibility and service have been filled there by representatives of the family down to the present hour. It was there that the writer's father and mother worshiped and took their family of children with the regularity of the recurring Sabbath Day; there that he first saw the Gospel herald enter the sacred desk and heard him pour out his soul in prayer and in proclamation of the Gospel message; there that he was first led to the Sabbath School with its wholesome study of the Word of God; there that he first heard the glowing testimony of devout men and women to the truth of the living Word lodged and burning in their own hearts and experiences; there that he first knelt at the altar of prayer as a weeping penitent for sin and for forgiveness, and for the assuring voice from Heaven that this work was fully wrought; from there that four young men were sent of the Holy Ghost into the Christian ministry, two of whom are now on this Conference floor; and from that little center of Methodist influence that many of the writer's kins-people have gone out and up into the opening Heavens and into the realizations of the life elysian. The repairs on this little church edifice, built during the writer's boyhood days and embracing a thorough renovation of both the interior and exterior, cost over \$500, to which may be added \$400 expended on improvements at other points on the Circuit. Exceptional gratitude from all concerned is due the pastor, Brother John L. Johnson, for the repairs at Concord, which were so difficult to accomplish.

Felton has had an unusual year of prosperity, under the indefatigable leadership of Brother E. C. Sunfield. Besides revival fires that have burned for a large part of the year under his inspiring guidance, the church and parsonage property has been repaired at a cost of \$1100; Zion Church, Hooper's Island, at a cost of \$2650; Elliott's Island in addition to last year, \$1260; Seaford Circuit, \$900; Williamsburg, \$710; Vienna, \$535; Georgetown Circuit, \$490; Camden, \$481; Ellendale, \$458; Milford, \$430; Galestown, \$375; Beckwith, \$340; Lewes, \$329; Preston, \$328; Dover, \$325; Houston, \$320; Zoar, \$313; Williston, \$290; Little Creek, \$260; Leipsic, \$200; Crapo, \$187; Federalsburg, \$175; Denton, \$150; Seaford, \$152; Greenwood, \$100. The total of smaller sums for improvements aggregates \$619. The aggregate of all the sums reported for improvements is \$14,374. Old debts have been paid at the following points: East New Market, \$2000; Church Creek, \$500; Leipsic, \$450; Cambridge, \$400; Lewes, \$250; Houston, \$188; Georgetown, \$178; Hooper's Island, \$100; Vienna, \$85; Bridgeville, \$50. The aggregate of debts paid is \$4201.

Georgetown, under the leadership of Dr. Quigg, has sold their old parsonage that for a long time has been out of harmony with both their new and beautiful church and their standing otherwise as a charge, and will build one in the coming Conference year that will harmonize in every way with all the other excellencies of this splendid appointment.

A new Society, with a Sunday School organized and in operation, and having preaching every other Sabbath afternoon has been established. It is situated about four miles North West of Bridgeville. A substantial church edifice will be built there early after Conference. Brother W. R. Mowbray, pastor of our church at Bridgeville, is the leader of this new enterprise.

A factor in church finance not definitely brought to the attention of the church officary until the last General Conference authorized it, is now making surprising revelations to the Quarterly Conference bodies. The Ladies' Aid Societies in the various churches are raising large sums of money that are applied not only to furnishing the parsonages and adding to the comfort and happiness of the pastors and their families, but applied also to church and parsonage construction. The total so raised and expended on any District in any year must be far up into the thousands.

There is reason to believe that there is a developing interest among our people in our benevolent causes, especially in missions. The people are more deeply interested and more of them are interested as time advances and they have a better understanding of these causes and their successful operation. The people are always interested to hear a capable account of the progress of the church in these great enterprises and are responsive to requests for contributions to aid them. A faithful presentation of these interests, embracing the matter of their merit and our obligations to support them, followed by a painstaking and diligent effort to reach all the people for their offerings, always issues in a fair aggregate sum and usually in an increasing aggregate sum, from year to year. This has been the writer's experience in his pastoral charges and is his observation in this larger scope of oversight of pastoral charges, now assigned to his care. There is a substantial increase on the District in the total of most of the benevolent collections. Church Extension, Southern Education, Sunday School Union, Tract, Childrens Fund, Conference Claimants, Domestic Missions, Foreign Missions—all come in for a share in this advance. Seaford Circuit leads in that advance on the Missionary collection for the Parent Board, the amount being \$55; Milford, \$49; Greenwood, \$45; Lewes, \$32; Frederica, and Hooper's Island, each \$30; Beckwith, \$25; Milton, Hurlock and Camden, each \$20; Willis, \$16; Harrington and Cambridge, each \$15; Galestown Circuit, \$12; Chestnut Grove, \$11; Farmington, Felton, Ellendale, Georgetown, Nassau, Georgetown Circuit, Williamsburg and Lincoln, each \$10; Magnolia, \$9; Bridgeville, \$8; Vienna, Salem, Church Creek, Denton, Federalsburg, Houston, Lakesville and Little Creek, each \$5. The total advance in the offering of the District this year to Foreign Missions is nearly \$500. The total number of charges advancing exceeds two-thirds of the whole number.

But the best of all, God has been with us and a good wave of revival power has swept over our territory all the way from Hooper's Island to Armory, Dover. The chief business of the Christian minister is soul winning—is such an ordering of his life's missions and effort as to win men to Jesus Christ and to lead believers into a vital and fruitful experience in the divine life. Evangelism is our quivering watchword and the burning, hurrying errand on which

we are all sent. The church is now sounding afresh and everywhere this as the key note of our ministry. This clarion call has reached our Conference territory and is being repeated by ministers and laymen with quickening effect upon us all. The writer has done his best throughout the Conference year in co-operation with the pastors to focalize interest and effort upon this supreme object of Christian endeavor; and this effort has resulted in a greater number of old time revivals and in a larger aggregate of conversions on Dover District this Conference year than in any recent similar period of time. Williston Circuit leads the District in the number of conversions, reporting 181; Harrington, 127; Magnolia, 121; Felton, 102; Preston, 95; Wyoming, 90; Hooper's Island, 100; Lakesville, 86; Armory, 81; Nassau, 80; Seaford Circuit, 78; Hurlock and Lincoln, each 75; Little Creek and Crapo, each 70; Houston, 65; Milton, 60; Zoar, 58; Galestown, 55; Canterbury, 49; Ellendale, 47; Federalsburg and Georgetown Circuit, each 38; Church Creek, 37; Frederica, 36; Vienna, 32; Greenwood and East New Market, each 30; Wesley, Dover, 20; other revivals, each resulting in a less number of conversions, aggregate 143. The total number of conversions reported from the churches on Dover District this Conference year reaches 2048 souls. The altar fires, thank God, are burning anew in response to the eager prayers and fervid zeal of God's quickened church.

It is true also to say that the revivals of largest outcome, almost without exception, have been under the ministry of the brethren who are diligent pastors as well as preachers. Faithful pastoral oversight is promotive of revival interest and result.

Of all the revivals on the District only one has occurred at a camp-meeting. Nine such meetings were held under the auspices of our church on Dover District, and it is difficult to connect any one of them with any revival that occurred afterward in any of the churches. It would be easy to connect them with futile efforts to that end. It is easy to connect all of them with depleted churches, vacant pulpits and pews, suspended Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues, and arrested church life and enterprise for at least two months over the entire camp-meeting belt which sweeps across a large part of the District. To what proper and sufficient end, it may be asked, are so many camp-meetings being held on our Peninsula? If the Conference could only take some sustained and organized action that would at least reduce the number of these encampments of worldlings under church auspices, and that would minimize the evils and enhance the blessings of those that would still remain—then our churches and their subordinate organizations of Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues would be kept in vigorous operation throughout the summer months and the spiritual well-being of the people would certainly thus be conserved.

The Epworth League work of the District under the inspiring leadership of the President, Brother John L. Johnson, has been greatly quickened and advanced. Organization and progress have been the watchwords. Eleven new chapters of the Senior League and five of the Junior have been organized during the year. Over seven hundred young Epworthians have been added to the membership. Mission study classes have been formed and missionary societies, taking monthly offerings, established.

The Sunday School interest is manifestly growing in many ways. A larger number of schools in existence, more of them in rural sections continuing in operation throughout the winter months, a larger number of them graded and operating the several departments with capability and success and a greater number of children and of adults in attendance and giving diligent attention to the study of the Word of God—all this may be seen by the discerning observer. Much of this development of Sunday School life as it relates to our schools in Delaware is due, it ought to be said, to the organizing genius and leadership of a most wonderful little woman at the head of the State and County organizations—our own Margaret S. Wilson.

The Conference Academy at Dover is deservedly receiving increasing favor and support from the interested public. The Faculty of the present year, differing somewhat in personnel from that of last and of previous years, is not a whit inferior, and is doing excellent work for the young people committed to their care. In no previous year, it is believed, has a finer class of young men and young women graced the study halls of this already historic and illustrious institution of learning than is to be found there at the present time. The debt is rapidly vanishing and it is hoped will entirely disappear before another Conference session.

This much of the sacrifices, labors and achievements of God's servants on Dover District are here recounted; and much more, visible and invisible, is worthy to be, did time allow. But how much more of positive and visible results would appear if the arch foe of morality and religion were driven out of all our Conference territory. The legalized liquor traffic is the direst enemy of the church. It opposes what the church does and does what the church opposes. Its mission is actively and aggressively counter to the mission of the church, and yet some of the people who constitute the body of the church and pray and labor for the fullest success of her mission quibble and temporize about giving the body blow to the saloon that would pulverize and destroy it; and thus its ravages and ruin continue with us. The outlawry of the liquor traffic has been decreed by popular voice in all the Maryland portion of Dover District. Dorchester and Caroline have for almost a generation been local option counties. The law, too, for the most part, is well enforced and not only the traffic in intoxicants is thus hindered but the drink demon is exorcised and the drink practice is perceptibly disappearing as a social custom. The members of the younger generation are largely total abstainers and thus exemplify to all observers the blessings of the new freedom that has come to their time and generation. It is painfully regretted, however, that as much cannot be said for the part of the District that is in Delaware; and thereby hangs the tale of Delaware's darkest page and deepest shame. The dominant party there solemnly promised in their platform at the time of their last appeal for popular suffrage that if continued in office and in power they would give the people of the State the opportunity to exercise their constitutional and sovereign right of expression by ballot of their will touching this iniquity. A majority of the candidates for the legislative office likewise personally pledged

their support to this promised legislation. That party and a majority of its candidates for the legislature were elected. A majority, moreover, of the legislators of Kent County so elected signed a petition to the legislature assembled for such a law for that County; and yet the Legislature of Delaware adjourned without redeeming in the least a single promise made. Three counts may be sustained at the bar of human conscience and reason against the above named petitioners for public confidence and support: (1) against the party managers who made definite and solemn party promises only to deceive, betray, insult and defy the best people of the commonwealth; (2) against those legislative candidates who severally gave their personal pledge to support this measure and then unblushingly and shamelessly repudiated their sacred pledge; and (3) against so many of the members of the legislature as after solemnly swearing to uphold the Constitution of the State violated their oath that bound them under its terms after a majority of the legislators of Kent County petitioned for it to support the local option measure for that County. Some of the legislators, it ought to be said, used their best endeavor to secure that enactment but all of the others by the terms of the fundamental law of the State and by the higher law of God must carry upon them to their dying day the infamy of base perjury.

It is time that the moral forces of Delaware, and for that matter the moral forces of Worcester County, were arraying themselves under an agreed and definite policy for united action that will drive the custodians and betrayers of the people's confidence and interests from power, overthrow this legalized iniquity and bring victory for God and Christianity and Methodism on all this historic Peninsula soil. The anti-bribery movement under the leadership of some of the most reputable gentlemen of the State is hailed with glad acclaim, and it ought to receive the heartiest and most vigorous support and co-operation of all lovers of civic and public morality. The movement, if successful, ought to carry with it also the State's disenthralment from the liquor power. Men nominated for office under such control ought to be of such character as to assure the overthrow both of bribery and of the liquor tyranny in both the State and County governments. But without such ascendancy and such overthrow a Citizen's Party movement independent of old party lines and management, with the principles cardinal to its existence and supremacy of an incorruptible suffrage and of a free and fair expression of the will of the people at the ballot box touching the rum traffic, is the demand of the hour. It is not moral and Christian manhood only that is insulted and overborne but it is divinely created and endowed manhood. This manhood, therefore, groans and demands deliverance. We have suffered the wrongs of the rum-ruled and the bribery-debauched and debauching politicians too long already. It has overlapped the limit of endurance to all self-respecting and conscientious citizens and freemen. Ambassadors of God and divinely appointed leaders of the people, let us rise up and together with our heroic Temperance Evangelist, Dr. Alfred Smith, ring out the clarion call from all our pulpits for united action to overthrow these base liquor oligarchists and dire oppressors of the people, until we have accomplished that glorious end.

A personal word of appreciation of the uniform kindness of my brethren, both of the ministry and of the laity, is here gratefully recorded. Every courtesy and assistance needed have been accorded me everywhere with abounding and overflowing cheerfulness. That, and the tremendous impulsion of the divine voice speaking in me and hurrying me on to do my best and approving my way as I go, which is ever present with me, have made the labors of my office easy and its burdens light.

S. M. MORGAN.

Easton District.

Good health which has enabled me to keep every appointment this year, the sympathetic helpfulness of all my brethren of the ministry, the most cordial relations with all the official members of the churches, the evident presence of the Holy Spirit in various parts of the work, and the constant growth of the kingdom of Christ on Easton District, lead me to make the first note of this, my third annual report, one of praise to Almighty God for His abundant mercy and grace.

In the gracious providence of our Heavenly Father, no pastor or member of Conference residing on Easton District has this year been lost by death. But in August last Rev. C. K. Morris, a local preacher, died at his home in Centreville, Md., aged seventy-three years. Brother Morris served our Conference most acceptably as a supply for thirty-eight years. He was more than an ordinary man, bright in intellect, sterling in character, fervent in religious experience, and devoted to the work of the ministry. His carefully kept record showed that he had baptized about 1000 children, married 200 couples, and preached about 5000 sermons. His end was one of great peace.

Our brother H. G. Budd was called to mourn the death of his father, who passed to his Heavenly home last August. He left behind him the fragrance of a Christlike character. Brother O. T. Baynard suffered a like bereavement in the loss of his beloved mother, who in January, after extreme suffering, passed to the land where the inhabitants are never sick. These died in the faith, having witnessed a good confession, and the bereaved are looking toward a joyful reunion in the land where we shall never say good bye.

1000 conversions; 850 received on probation; 2 new churches built and one new parsonage erected; \$13,500 spent on improving church and parsonage property; \$3500 paid on old indebtedness; the benevolences creditably increased, and the offering for missions largely in advance of any previously made by the District,—these are some of the approximate summaries which testify that the pastors and people on Easton District have not been idle or faithless in the work committed to them by the great Head of the Church. We render devout thanks to God, and sincere honor to the noble band of preachers and lay-workers by whose toils and sacrifices these achievements have been wrought.

Our District has heard the call of the church for a forward movement in soul saving. The District Commission on Aggressive Evangelism has found it

impossible to do much toward a union of charges in revival effort, as our District is principally rural. However, the charges have been arranged in groups, and some of the groups have held meetings to plan and pray for this work. While perhaps not more than the usual revival success has come to our work this year, we believe that there is a deepening of the spiritual life among our people that means much for the future. We have come to realize more than ever that we need not only the best methods for revival work and energetic effort, but we must get the church, both ministry and laity, up to that high standard of Christian experience, up to that plane of righteous Christ-like living, where we shall have the respect of men and the favor of Almighty God. May the Lord so direct us brethren that the movement of our great Church for an advance in evangelistic power and success shall not expend itself in a few tremors of enthusiasm, or surface improvements in evangelistic methods, but may it be so pervaded by the Holy Ghost that the whole church shall be lifted to the place of holy living and evangelistic power. Then the conversion of sinners will be a natural result.

While but few sweeping revivals have occurred, scarcely a charge has been without a helpful revival among the members, and almost every charge has had an ingathering of souls. The following numbers of conversions have been reported to me:—Marydel, 102; Kent Island, 75; Crumpton, 66; Sudlersville, 48; Rock Hall, 47; Church Hill, 70; Kenton, 64; Cheswold, 42; Smyrna Circuit, 32; Centreville, 28; Townsend, 26; Smyrna, 25; Queenstown, 51; Millington, 22, and others smaller numbers. The figures indicate that we have won about 1000 souls for Jesus. This is the highest note in our song of praise and rejoicing.

In our report of last year we noted the beginning of the work at Price Station, in Queen Anne Co. Since Conference that which is almost miraculous has happened. Without a place to meet and gather inspiration, this little society, under the wise and heroic leadership of their pastor, Bro. W. C. Poole, went steadily forward in the work of collecting funds for a house of worship. The best lot in the town was secured, a donation of \$50 from the Lot Fund of our Domestic Missionary Society was secured, plans were selected, a donation of \$250 obtained from The Board of Church Extension and the work of building actually began early in the summer. The outcome of the enterprise far exceeds the fondest dreams of those who inaugurated it. Much credit is due to that energetic young layman, Brother W. J. Massey. The whole community has taken a deep interest in the work from the beginning. The result is a commodious and beautiful church, with audience and Sunday School rooms on same floor, steel ceiling beautifully decorated, handsome carpet, curved pews of oak, heated by furnace in the cellar, and in fact artistic and comfortable throughout. The whole cost was \$3400, all of which has been paid in actual cash. So Brother Poole and his good people rejoice that where a little more than one year ago we had no society, no member, and no church, we have today a society of 60 members and this elegant church all paid for.

At Wittman, on Bayside charge, our society decided early in the Confer-

ence year to sell the old church, secure a more central location, and build a new house of worship. They were delayed so long in securing a proper title before they could complete the sale of the old property that the winter was near at hand before they could actually start to build. However, the new church is nearly complete and the day of dedication has been set for April 1st. The building is neat, solid, roomy, and will meet every need of our work in that community. It will cost about \$1900. Under the faithful labors of Rev. J. C. Stevens, a superannuate member of the Genesee Conference, who has supplied Bayside charge this year, the work has been so skillfully carried forward that enough money has been secured in cash and subscription to pay every dollar for the building, leaving only about \$200 to be raised on the day of dedication, to pay for the furnishing.

At Greensboro our loyal people, under the leadership of Brother S. P. Shipman, sold the old parsonage early in the year, and have built a handsome new preacher's home on the spacious lot along side the new church which these noble people dedicated free of debt last year. It is a frame building, large, colonial in style, modern in all of its conveniences, heated with steam, just the kind of house that any Methodist Preacher likes. The whole cost was \$3500, all of which has been paid except \$775, and toward this \$350 are in condition to be applied as soon as the remainder is raised.

Brother Warren Burr and his hosts at Rock Hall have come as near making bricks without straw as any other people on the District. In the midst of the unusual hard times prevailing in the community, because of the depression in their chief industry, the oyster business, they have maintained every interest of the church, sustained the collections, and in addition have expended \$1125 in improving their church property. A thousand pound bell, the covering of the outside walls with a coat of cement, frescoing, painting, a new carpet, and a new reflector chandelier, are the chief items of this transformation of the Lord's house.

Hillsboro, led by Brother D. J. Givan, have worked wonders in the beautifying of their church. Steel ceiling and sides handsomely decorated, new stained glass windows, new circular pews of oak, new carpet, and a steam heating plant make this a truly attractive place of worship. The whole cost was \$2100, all of which has been paid except about \$300.

Bond Church, on Pomona Charge, has undergone thorough repair and decoration, at a cost of \$550, \$350 of which has been paid.

Beside the above improvements, other charges have expended for similar purposes the following amounts: Centreville, \$175; Cheswold, \$340; Clayton, \$450; Easton, \$100; Fairlee, \$350; Galena, \$415; Heuderson, \$256; Marydel, \$100; Smyrna, \$350; Smyrna Circuit, \$184; Still Pond, \$320; Trappe, \$100, and other charges in amounts less than \$100—making a total for improvements about \$13,500.

The benevolent collections and missions have received their usual share of attention from our pastors and people. The urgent need is the general spread of knowledge among our people concerning these great arms of the master's

service. To some of our members these causes still represent an unwelcome annual collection and nothing more. In one of our small charges the pastor found it very difficult to raise the benevolences, and upon inquiry, he found that the rumor was abroad in the community that all the moneys raised for the benevolences are applied to helping the negroes. The community feeling against that race utterly forbade liberality on the part of this people so long as they were under this gross mistake. This is a very extreme case, but it illustrates the truth that lack of knowledge on the part of our people is the tap root of indifference to these causes. When our people come to realize how much is being done for the spread of the kingdom of Jesus Christ, in the most needy places, through the money gathered in our benevolences, they suddenly become interested in these collections and desire to have a share in the good work, and in the glory which shall follow. Our pastors, as a rule, have been wise and diligent in collecting the Lord's monies. From the reports sent to me from the pastors, I am sure the results will be quite gratifying. They indicate that the general benevolences will be creditably increased, and that the Missionary collection is about \$200 in advance of last year, and largest ever given by our District. I am hoping it will reach \$5200. The following charges deserve honorable mention as having increased their offering for Missions: (The figure represents the increase and not the offering). Bayside, \$5; Betterton, \$2; Bozeman, \$38; Centreville, \$10; Cordova, \$5; Crumpton, \$10; Fairlee, \$10; Galena, \$5; Greensboro, \$25; Henderson, \$16; Kent Island, \$15; Marydel, \$5; Millington, \$10; Neavitt, \$5; Piney Neck, \$5; Pomona, \$5; Ridgely, \$10; Royal Oak, \$5; Smyrna Circuit, \$12; St. Michaels, \$5; Sudlersville, \$5; Townsend, \$35; Trappe, \$6; Wye, \$5—total increase of \$205. Such a showing in the collection speaks a volume concerning the self-sacrificing labor of the faithful pastors who have had to battle in some cases against indifference and in others against positive opposition. A few official members of our churches are still living to exert their long continued, and as they suppose wholesome, influence to keep the apportionments from getting too high and shield the people from the crime of giving too much to the Lord's cause. This is as useless as any labor I have seen under the sun. The Lord will not reward it and the devil cannot. But there is much genuine intelligent devotion among our people to these great interests. I desire to publicly thank the ministry and laity who have made possible this advance on missions. The great Head of the Church will see to it that you shall not lose your reward.

Our District takes a few more steps forward in pastoral support. Year before last we rejoiced in advances to the amount of \$1150. Last year we added \$250. This year Middletown did the wise thing in advancing \$200, making her support \$1200. Marydel increases \$50, making her salary \$750. Cheswold and Bethel likewise added \$50, making \$650,—a total advance of \$300. Many more of our charges could do this wise and proper thing. Some have already promised to do so.

The larger part of Easton District lies in the counties of Talbot, Queen Anne, Kent and Caroline—the very heart of the Eastern Shore of Maryland

which is believed by many to be very near the heart of the world. In these counties prohibition of the liquor traffic has prevailed so long that the saloon has very few, if any, advocates. When will such a blessed day dawn for Delaware! In that fair state the voters are even denied the great American privilege of the ballot on this question. The jugglery of the conscienceless politician has thus far succeeded in getting nearly all of the votes of the good temperance people of the state by fair promises and then by some covered trick, deny us our rights. The time has come when the good men in Delaware ought to stand out clear from the two old parties and demand their rights as American citizens. We have been cajoled and fooled and laughed at by the political juggler until every interest of manhood, patriotism and righteousness demand that we shall break party lines and stand together to be counted. The time is ripe in Delaware for a reform movement. I believe that our people will flock to a new party whose rallying cry is "The ballot, a clean ballot, and no saloon." If the Methodist preachers and people in Delaware would stand together on this, we would soon have the right to vote on this question, and then woe to the saloon power in that state. I verily believe that when the votes of such an election are counted, the glad tidings will be floated throughout the length and breadth of our state, from the hills of New Castle to the pines of Sussex, from the Delaware to the Maryland line, that not a saloon has a right to live in the Diamond State.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union; The State Temperance Alliance, led by Dr. R. Watt; the labors of Dr. Chas. A. Grise, Supt. of the Anti-Saloon League, and of Dr. Alfred Smith, our Conference Temperance Evangelist, have done much to help on the cause of temperance by constant agitation and education.

Two Camp-meetings were held on our District. That at Marydel, in charge of Brother E. H. Collins, was an old-fashioned Pentecostal season. There was a shout in the camp, the Lord was wonderfully present with his people, and 30 souls were converted. The other was held at Wye, in charge of our Brother H. G. Budd. This was in many ways a model camp. Good order, large attendance, spiritual meetings, and the whole crowned with the conversion of about 25 souls.

The Epworth League is well maintained among us, and where properly organized and worked, is doing much for our young people. Our Convention at Clayton last Fall was an inspiration. An Epworth League President reported, in a recent Quarterly Conference, that his Chapter was in such condition as he would call "Fair to middling." I fear some others are in like condition. But generally, the league is a tower of strength to the whole church. It ought to be such in every church. Here is a fruitful field of labor. The League is with us. It brings its splendid organization, its lofty ideals. Let us seek wisdom and grace to make it really effective for the great purposes for which it was ordained.

The Sunday Schools—This is the best organized and most efficient of all the agencies of the church. The Sunday Schools of our District have made

perceptible advance as they have applied more intelligent methods of work in the School. A very large proportion of the converts on this District are from the ranks of the Sunday School, perhaps as much as 90 per cent. We hail with delight the more general use of Decision Day in our Schools. Managed Methodistically this day may prove to be the missing link in our church machinery, the stopping of the door through which so many of our young people have drifted out of our Sunday Schools knowing a great deal that is religious but without actual surrender to Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Our Sunday Schools deserve credit for their large contribution to the cause of Missions. About two-thirds of the money raised on the District for this good cause comes from the Sunday Schools with one hand pushing forward the greatest converting agency of the church and with the other making possible our world wide missionary enterprise, the Sunday school deserves our most hearty commendation.

The Sunday Schools on Easton District are generally loyal to the publications of our own church, but the character of certain articles in recent numbers of the Sunday School Journal has put a severe strain on their loyalty. Indeed, one of the leading schools has refused to use it in the preparation and teaching of the lessons.

I have now noted a few of the most apparent and striking things accomplished during the year. Some of the labors of pastors and people which are most precious in the sight of heaven cannot be tabulated in this report. The kingdom of Heaven cometh not with observation. The continued maintainance of the work, the gradual growth in grace, and the slow but sure expansion of the kingdom, through the regular services of the church—these are of vital importance, but cannot be set down in statistics. Lack of time makes it impossible for me to speak in detail on the work accomplished by many of our best charges and most faithful pastors, who have done their usual work in the usual way, and accomplished the usual result. The usual is magnificent. In this honorable class are Smyrna, Middletown, Odessa, Cecilton, Galena, Still Pond, Chestertown, Pomona, Centreville, Kent Island, Kenton, Easton, Church Hill, Clayton, Marydel, Ridgely, Oxford, Greensboro, Crumpton, Cheswold, Townsend and others. Some of my brethren have had hard fields and meagre support. My heart has been touched again and again by the heroic self-sacrifice of some of these men of God, who have toiled on uncomplainingly in the face of great discouragements, with no one to applaud, and few to help. But Brethren, the great Head of the Church has not failed to note your labor of love. Your field has been obscure. But "your name is written down, an heir to a mansion, a robe and a crown."

The year's work is done. To God be all the praise for the success which has come to us, and may His forgiving love cover all our shortcomings and mistakes. And when we stand at last in the presence of the Christ, may we at least have the satisfaction of knowing that we have tried honestly, earnestly, and lovingly to promote the best interests of His kingdom on earth. "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever."

W. G. KOONS.

Salisbury District.

Salisbury District is one of magnificent proportions, extending from the Nanticoke River in the north, to Cape Charles in the south, a distance of 110 miles; and reaching from the Chesapeake Bay in the west, to the Atlantic Ocean in the east, about 75 miles at its widest point. The territory thus outlined has been favored by Divine Providence with extraordinary natural resources. Here are the best waters in the world for the finny tribes of almost every school and shell-fish of nearly every species. Here the soil is varied and adapted to fruits of nearly every kind and vegetables of almost endless variety. This great section, long slandered as a region of chills and fevers and deadly malaria, on the contrary, is most healthful and invigorating, and within a few years scores of families have come hither from distant points in quest of a milder climate and better conditions to recuperate health and acquire wealth; and now rejoice in the attainment of both. Here too abound opportunities for great achievements, and consecrated men will find large open doors where they may enter and serve and enjoy God in an eminent degree and secure for themselves incorruptible wealth and crowns of fadeless glory. This remarkable country is classic ground of Methodism in which it seems to be indigenous; here revivals still abound and the "amen corner" with its ancient fervor and power, is yet maintained; here the people still believe in the presence of a personal, living, loving God and also in the presence of a personal, living, malignant Devil. Our people here are among the most loyal and generous on earth and are characterized by a hearty hospitality bounded only by the capacity of the recipients—Their "latch-string ever hangs on the outside," and their table is always spread.

We were honored with the privilege of laboring together with God in this paradisaical land through another year, and now are here to report the results of our toil and care so far as we can compute and express them in words and figures, fully realizing, however, that the best results of honest effort cannot be tabulated here nor be printed in the statistical columns of our Minutes. Eternity alone can fully disclose the intrinsic value and full measure of the harvest from our seed sowing here.

First of all, we gratefully acknowledge our obligations to Almighty God for the prevailing good health of our preachers during the year. We come with unbroken ranks. Death did not even enter any of our parsonages, and with one or two exceptions, we had no serious illness among our brethren. Among these exceptions was Brother T. E. Terry, who was quite ill last summer, but soon rallied and resumed his labors with characteristic energy and devotion; and Laurel, appreciating his worth, requests his return to that charge for another year.

A few pastoral changes were made necessary during the year, as follows: H. J. Heineman, supply at Bishopville, resigned his charge on May 29th, and on June 28th Bishop L. W. Wilson, with the consent of Bishop Goodsell, trans-

ferred to this Conference Wm. S. Epperson, a probationer of the Georgia Conference, and he was stationed at Bishopville. On Sept. 6th W. R. Hirons, of Onancock, was relieved of his charge to attend Dickinson College, and on Sept. 23rd, L. I. McDougle of Trinity in Wilmington, was appointed to Onancock. And on Oct. 2nd Paul P. Truitt, supply at Mardela Springs, resigned his work to attend Taylor University and J. W. Hardesty, a local Deacon, recently come from West Virginia, was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The work on the District was prosecuted during the year with the usual energy and in most respects, with gratifying results. In a few fields comparative failure has marred the year's record, but in others substantial victories were achieved for our Lord, and the Church was quickened and placed on higher ground, and so is in a stronger position to continue the warfare for God and Humanity. From the incomplete data in hand, I feel justified in reporting progress along all lines. We will report more conversions and larger offerings than were reported last year. Among the many items that may legitimately claim a place in this report are the following:

First, the payment of old debts, which seems to be about the hardest work we have to do, and therefore debts ought to be avoided so far as possible. Sixteen charges report old claims settled, in part or in full, among which are: Pocomoke City, \$2055; Millsboro, \$425; Smith's Island, \$400; Crisfield, \$310; Frankford, \$175; Somerset, \$167; Fruitland, \$150; Princess Anne, \$214, and others in smaller sums.

Next in order are repairs and improvements of church property, which figured largely in the operations of the year, but limited time and space forbid details, yet the general facts should be indicated. Thirty-five charges report money expended for this purpose, among which are: Laurel, \$100; Fruitland, \$105; Chincoteague, \$150; Somerset, \$155; Smith's Island, \$200; Princess Anne, \$280; Fairmount, \$266; Cape Charles, \$250; Mt. Vernon, \$310; Tangier Island, \$335; Stockton, \$360; Mardela Springs, \$501; Quantico, \$630; Parsonsburg, \$725; Asbury, \$900; Snow Hill, for grading and paving, \$1100; Salisbury, for improving church and a new Pipe Organ, \$3500. Berlin erected on the site where the old parsonage was burned last year a beautiful and commodious structure, in striking contrast with the former building, a comfort and delight to the occupants and a credit to our Church, the total cost being only about \$2500. The most extensive work of this kind was at Sharptown, where the old church has been remodeled and greatly improved and beautified at a cost of \$5500. The work is not yet finished but will probably be ready for reopening early in April. This improvement, together with a good parsonage and an advance in salary, will place Sharptown in the ranks of the more desirable appointments. But all things considered, the inertia to be overcome, the fewness of the people and their limited means, as well as the magnitude of the undertaking, perhaps the greatest achievement along this line was on Westover charge, R. H. Lewis, pastor. First the church in Westover was repaired and improved at a cost of about \$900; after which, a new church was erected at Mt. Olive, which is an ornament and a credit to the community, and cost

only about \$2500. This is the second church built by this young brother during his brief ministry. Less extensive improvements are reported by many others. But with all these improvements we can still say there is room for many more.

New churches are in contemplation at several points. Dagsboro, on Millsboro circuit, has just awarded the contract for a new church to cost \$3900, and to be ready for dedication on June 18th. This church would have been built long ago but for an unfortunate division of sentiment respecting the location. Obviously one side had to yield to the other; but in this case surrender is honorable, and the more magnanimous should gracefully capitulate to the desires of the other.

Millsboro, also, must build a church. I am sorry to report the total loss by fire of our beautiful church in that old historic town on Saturday night, Aug. 12th. The building was valued at \$3500, but was only insured for \$1700 which amount is in the hands of the Trustees for the purpose of rebuilding. I regret, also, to report an unnecessary and unfortunate delay in rebuilding. For more than seven months have elapsed since their edifice was reduced to ashes, yet so far as I know, nothing has yet been done toward rebuilding, not even the adoption of a plan. However, we hope the people of Millsboro will unite and build a suitable house of worship immediately after Conference adjourns. Crisfield, for several years, has discussed pro and con the problem of a new church that will accommodate her growing congregation and prove a credit to our Methodism. Discussion however, will not build a church though it may elucidate the question. But while the brethren have been considering the matter, the women and young people quietly and joyously raised for his purpose about \$4000, of which \$878 was collected this year, and the whole amount is immediately available.

A word of recognition and commendation is due to our Tangier Island people and their pastor for the very successful effort to secure for themselves a much needed commodious public school building.

It appears that no appropriation could be obtained to erect such a house; so, led by their pastor, T. R. VanDyke, who was also the chairman of the Building Committee, they appropriated of their own means and erected a substantial three-story building containing six large rooms with modern school furnishings, at a cost of \$4,000. And I am informed that this work was entirely by the Church, the Pastor raising the money in the public congregations and from house to house, just as he would have done if he had been building a church. And notwithstanding this large draft upon the limited resources of this people, the Church finances are all up to the standard, and some are in advance of previous years. Some men always bring things to pass, and such men are always in demand.

As we have within two years lost by fire a parsonage and a church, a word concerning insurance will not be out of place in this report. Much of our church property is very inadequately insured, and some not at all. Boards of Trustees in some cases seem to be indifferent to this matter, despite the fact

that the importance of insurance is frequently urged upon their consideration; and if the faithful pastor does not attend to it much of our property will be without protection. There is no excuse for this dereliction to duty, especially since the incorporation of the "National Mutual Church Insurance Company," ordered by our General Conference, which gives ample protection at very reasonable rates and on easy terms. And many of our churches realize more and more the advantages of insurance in our own company. Yet owing to lack of information, and the prejudice and opposition of old line companies, especially through their local agents often connected with Official Boards, it is not yet patronized by all of our churches as it ought to be. Personal attendance at the annual meeting of the Board of Insurance, as the representative of the Fourth General Conference District, impressed me with four important facts: The magnitude of the business transacted; the reasonable rates and liberal terms; the entire reliability of the company, and the fact that the profits made beyond necessary surplus comes back to the churches insured in the way of dividends. These facts should appeal to our Churches to patronize their own insurance institution.

The Ladies' Aid Societies, though not always known by that name, have done excellent work. The possibilities for good of this institution are so great and the need of it so manifest and pressing, that it is marvellous that any pastor should fail to have such an organization in his church. Yet there are such. Among the societies deserving special notice for activity and efficiency in collecting funds for various church purposes are the following: Crisfield, \$669; Asbury, \$350; Sharptown, \$326; Berlin, \$324; Pocomoke City, \$300; Fairmount, \$266; Somerset, \$155; Cape Charles and Princess Anne, each \$150; Tangier, \$125; Chincoteague, Mt. Pleasant, Laurel, Mt. Vernon, Parsonsburg and Nanticoke, each \$100. Others reported smaller sums.

Pastoral support has also improved, and probably never before in the history of this District was so much money raised in one year for ministerial support as was raised this year. Only one charge lowered its estimate and that was Gumboro, where a reduction of \$100 was made. In very pleasing contrast with this backward step is the advance made by the following charges: Onancock, \$50; Pocomoke City and Bishopville, each \$100; Sharptown, \$150; Delmar and Stockton, each \$200, and others have indicated a purpose to advance next year.

It is manifest that the chief difficulty in the way of a liberal support of the ministry is, not a lack of ability nor of disposition to pay on the part of the people, but to a lack of system. And it is strange that official Boards are so slow to get out of the old deep-worn ruts to adopt up-to-date methods of financing. In some cases where rational methods were introduced, they "set themselves back in the traces" and balked and kicked, and of course defeated the movement, and then exultingly exclaimed, "I told you it would not work." No secular business could prosper if its finances were conducted by such haphazard methods as are in vogue in many of our churches. Many evils result from this lack of system, one is that the pastor is obliged to go in debt

for the necessities of life, and oft his credit is impaired hereby, and the town talk is that he does not pay his debts; but nothing is said about the failure of the Church to pay the debt she owes him. Another evil resulting is the financial paralysis of the Church for months, occasioned by the strenuous efforts at the close of the year to meet its financial obligation. But we are improving, and many of our Churches now "pay as they go," and are happy, and wonder why they did not awake sooner.

Sunday Schools are maintained in all of our churches during the entire year except in a few located in remote and sparsely settled sections. And all are organized into Missionary Societies, at least to some extent, though few measure up to all the Disciplinary requirements. And with two exceptions, all use the peerless Sunday School literature of our Church, which has always been superlatively good, but now is better than ever before. The crying need of our Sunday Schools, as I have heard it over the District, is for more and better teachers and especially for up-to-date, wide-awake and never late Superintendents. For where we have the latter, the former will be sought, found and enlisted.

Epworth League Chapters are maintained in nearly all of our charges, but in many churches they have only a nominal existence. But wherever properly organized and conducted, they have been prolific sources of good, both to the young and to the Church. Observation leads me to conclude that the pastor's personal attitude toward the League will largely determine its character and effectiveness, and where it has proved a failure, it is due almost invariably to a lack of support from the pastor. His presence, co-operation and general oversight are essential to the successful operation of this institution of our Church; and where it is abandoned to the young and inexperienced, its real mission will be misapprehended, its lofty purpose liable to miscarry, and the institution likely to run into hurtful excesses or to wane and die. An interesting District Convention was held in Berlin, Md., Oct. 24-25.

The "Benevolent Collections" received the usual consideration and will exceed the amount raised last year. The District upon the whole did well for these great causes, but it would have done better if their way had not been obstructed. Despite all the light that has been shed upon these benevolent objects, and their legitimate claims upon us for moral and financial support, there still are people with minds so darkened and narrow, and with hearts so selfish and callous that they deliberately stand in the way of these great enterprises of God, and obstruct the way of the Kingdom of Christ, for whose coming they pray eloquently with their lips; some actually resist the apportionments and discourage collections. How can God say to such, "Well done, good and faithful servant." But we are growing in grace and in the knowledge of God, and our support of the Gospel is growing commensurately. About twenty charges report an advance in their collections; fifteen report the same as last year and twelve indicate a decrease.

The cause of Temperance and Prohibition is marching on to victory, and we may confidently expect the legalized saloon banished from this District

within a very few years. Our Temperance Evangelists, Dr. Smith and Dr. Grise, are going up and down and to and fro in our land, seeking the destruction of this monster evil; and their efforts are seconded by the hearty co-operation of our pastors and many of our people. Certainly the temperance cause is moving forward, and just as certainly, the saloon power is falling back. Only recently a notable victory was achieved at Cape Charles, where an election, held Jan. 4th, resulted in the overwhelming defeat of the saloonists. Large credit for this victory is due to the enthusiastic leadership of J. P. Outten, pastor of our church in that city. Three years ago there were, in the two Eastern Shore counties of Virginia forty-two licensed saloons now there are only four, and these are in Cape Charles City, and will be closed after April 4th, as the result of the election referred to. And all the counties of the Eastern Shore of Maryland are free from the legalized traffic, except Worcester, within whose bounds we are assembled. We had hope, in view of anti-election promises by politicians and candidates, that the present Legislature would grant the people the opportunity to vote upon the question but this now seems doubtful. Nevertheless, the cause is moving on and Worcester too will be redeemed soon. The people are awakening to the fact that the saloon is an unmitigated curse and are also realizing the hopelessness of relief through the average politician and moved by the impulse of a quickened conscience, they will break away from corrupt party affiliations and demand the right of way for this supreme question. On the Delaware part of this District there are yet three rum-cursed spots, i. e. Laurel, Millsboro and Dagsboro. Brother T. E. Terry is waging a relentless and uncompromising war against the evil at Laurel, and public sentiment is developing which will ultimately cast out the rum-devil. God is surely leading his forces on—victory may seem slow but it is sure.

The sub-commission on Aggressive Evangelism of this District arranged contiguous charges into groups for co-operative evangelistic work but as the appointments generally are more or less remote from each other, there could not, in many cases, be much co-operation and consequently not as much was accomplished as was hoped for. Nevertheless revival fires were kindled all over the District, and at various points burned with old time lustre and fervor, demonstrating the presence and power of that Spirit which characterized the times of the Fathers.

On every charge evangelistic services were conducted and without exception resulted in the quickening of the Church, and in nearly every case, in the conversion of sinners. Reports of conversions as they have come to me are about as follows: Bethel, 145; Asbury, 135; Frankford, 86; Pocomoke City, 70; Fairmount, 66; Berlin, Circuit, 57; Nanticoke, 52; Pocomoke Circuit, 46; Chincoteague, 45; Berlin, Gumboro and Somerset, each 43; Snow Hill, Girdle-tree and Smith's Island, each 40; Annamessex and Princess Anne, each 36; Powellville, 30; Bishopville and Tangier, each 25; Selbyville, 24, and Whitesville 21, and others report conversions, but in smaller numbers.

In connection with these revivals, I wish to say that the work was done by the pastors and their members without the aid of professional evangelists.

This fact refutes the oft repeated slander that our modern ministry is not evangelistic. Another fact should not pass unnoticed, namely, that some who report few or no conversions, prayed and labored, wept and hoped as much as any, but untoward circumstances which they could not control disappointed their aspirations to gather many sheaves for the Master.

In conclusion, permit me to express my personal gratitude to God for his, abounding grace to me throughout the year both in sunshine and in shadow which kept me quiet within when tempests raged without, and joyful through hope when disappointments came.

I wish also to give utterance to my appreciation of the uniform kindness and co-operation of my brethren, both lay and ministerial, which made my burdens light and my tasks easy. And if I have rendered a good report, it is through no merit of mine, but is due to their fidelity and untiring devotion to duty which brought to pass the things I have chronicled. Hoping and praying for the continued, and even greater prosperity for the District, this report is respectfully submitted.

ADAM STENGLE.

Wilmington District.

The work on Wilmington District has gone forward during the past year with marked freedom from any serious distress or sorrow. A good measure of success has crowned the efforts of the toilers, and we come rejoicing bringing the report of our harvest. Mutual co-operation and faithful devotion to every interest of the Church have been manifest in every part of the field. Strong words of praise might justly be spoken of each Pastor on this District. No more pleasant occupation could be suggested than to tell with individual circumstance the heroic toil of each one whose devotion makes this summary possible. Time will not permit of such a history. The record is on high. The day will declare it, and every one will receive in full from his Lord for all his toil.

However some items need to be mentioned. Possibly not always the most important, for the things that lend themselves to tabulation are not always the most worthy of record. It often happens that more is required to keep a charge just where it is than in others to distance all previous records. Breaking ground and planting are as important as harvesting and fruit-gathering, but not so easy to tabulate. The perfect story of the work on this district for the past year must wait the result of the recording angel.

That part of the work which has caused greatest delight has been the winning of souls. Early in the year, under the leadership of the Sub-commission on Aggressive Evangelism, a series of groups was formed and revival services held at various points. Much good was done in a number of places, but the most marked work of grace was at St. George's, where the conversions numbered 45. In September a very helpful District Convention was held at Union Church, Wilmington, for the purpose of considering two subjects: Missions and Re-

vivals. As a result, in part, of this conference, work was planned which accomplished much good. Many of the Churches have been visited with seasons of refreshing. The conversions number nearly 1200. The largest number is credited to Asbury, where 173 professed faith in Christ. A part of this meeting was conducted under the leadership of Dr. J. C. Chapman as a union service. Asbury has been greatly quickened and thoroughly reorganized.

In some respects the most remarkable work of grace was at Madeley. The meetings, conducted by the Pastor, resulted in 165 conversions. The Sunday School has doubled, finances increased, classes renewed, and all departments of the Church life quickened. If only the Sunday School Union of Grace Church would discharge its obligation to this society and remove its mortgage debt according to agreement, a bright future would be near at hand. A very helpful and powerful awakening came to Silverbrook, resulting in 80 conversions. Excellent meetings have been held at Brandywine, Scott, Ebenezer, Port Deposit, Red Lion, North East, Newark, Stanton, Eastlake, Wesley, Union, Harrison Street, Kingswood, Hockessin, St. John's and other places.

The cause of Missions has received faithful attention. Missionary literature has been distributed, study classes organized, mass meetings held at the prominent points on the district, Pastors have exchanged pulpits on a given Sunday for the purpose of preaching Missionary sermons, besides the special attention that has been given by each Pastor to the regular agencies that contribute to this cause. As a result a wholesome advance has been made. At least twenty charges have announced an increase making a total advance of more than five hundred dollars. Still more elaborate plans are being developed for the future. In all these efforts the support of the District Missionary Secretary and the District President of the Epworth League has been of great value. The greatest aggregate advance is made by Asbury, the greatest proportionate advance by Hockessin.

This extra activity in behalf of Missions has not lessened the efforts for the worthy causes represented in the other benevolent collections. Advance reports indicate an increase in nearly all these gifts.

Sunday School work is undergoing the effects of wholesome revival. More careful study, up-to-date methods, and sanctified business enterprise are showing results. The greatest activity just now is in adult Bible Class work. Mr. I. Elmer Perry, of Asbury, leads in this field with a recently organized class of over 60 members, while Mr. Stanley Baker, of Grace, is a close second.

The new Hymnal has been introduced by at least eighteen charges, as follows, Grace, Madeley, Scott, Silverbrook, Cherry Hill, St. Georges, St. Paul's, North East, Bethel, Chesapeake City, Chester-Bethel, Newport, Perryville, Port Deposit, Rising Sun, Asbury, Mt. Pleasant, New Castle, Washington Heights.

One of the hopeful features of the year's work is the clearing up of Church debts. Newark has completed its splendid Church improvements and paid all bills. Next to the skill and industry of the Pastor, the credit is due to the Ladies' Aid Society—perhaps the banner organization of that kind on the

district. Mt. Salem has entirely cleared away a large debt and is ready to go forward to better things. St. John's rejoices in a mortgage of which nothing is left but ashes. Harrison Street has disposed of \$2500 of its debt and proposes to get rid of the rest another year. The people of Summit, led by the untiring zeal of W. P. Taylor, have paid in full a troublesome and discouraging debt. At Delaware City the faithful few have faced a seemingly hopeless obligation. The Pastor has achieved a notable victory in raising \$600 and making the debt one hundred dollars less than it has been at any time since the dedication twenty-eight years ago. Commendable efforts of a like nature have been made by Brandywine, Scott, Epworth, Welsey, Red Lion, Ebenezer, Salem, North East and others. The amount of debts discharged during the past year exceeds \$12000.

A large majority of the charges have made more or less improvement in Church property. Perryville has built a handsome new parsonage at a cost of \$3200, all provided for. Mt. Lebanon has accomplished the financial wonder of the year. A parsonage property worth at least \$3000, has been bought and paid for. With no money in hand at the beginning of the year, and the suggestion believed to be an idle dream, the Pastor has wrought until they not only possess this property but have added over three hundred dollars in improvements and paid it all in actual cash with a handsome balance left over. An accomplishment of like quality with the foregoing is the building of the beautiful new church at Eastlake at a cost of \$6500 dollars. Of this amount \$3500 has been paid in cash and \$1800 of the rest is in good pledges. The climax of the year, sufficiently great to secure the services of our honored Bishop at the dedication, is the building of the splendid structure to be known in our annals hereafter as Washington Heights. This ornament to Methodism and the city of Wilmington is due to the foresight and heroic devotion of one of the most public spirited men in the city of Wilmington, Mr. Samuel H. Baynard. A new church costing \$24000, most beautifully located in a spot where such a building is speedily to be indispensable, with a membership of 100 and a Sunday School of 120, and a five thousand dollar parsonage, rent-free for five years, is the record in brief. Such a church launched and on its way to a future no prophet can describe, is a monument to be envied by the best. How much the wise counsels of Mr. Baynard's Pastor have had to do with its result, it is not mine to know or record. Certainly his splendid pastorate of ten years at St. Paul's in which he has received into the Church 550 members and collected \$60,000, is ground enough on which to base some suspicions. A long list of smaller improvements have been reported, the most important of which is the complete renovation of the Sunday School room at St. George's, including metal ceiling and sides at a cost of a little less than \$500. A small chapel costing \$600 has been erected for the use of the people of Trinity, Wilmington.

During the year there has been some change in pastoral appointments. G. W. Bowman was excused from supplying Christiana, and J. M. Collins took his place. J. F. Kane was unable, because of sickness in his family, to serve Kirkwood and S. O. Gibbons continued work at that point. A vacancy occur-

ing at Onancock, Va., Bishop Goodsell appointed L. I. McDougle to that charge. J. E. Gallagher, stationed at Chesapeake City, has been transferred to the Philadelphia Conference, and W. T. Hammond has taken his place. Among the anticipated changes at this session of Conference, is the retirement of our beloved brother Henry S. Thompson. It seems impossible to believe him aged. He is closing, with the vigor and enterprise of youth, one of the most successful years of his entire ministry. It is the best of an excellent term of five years as Pastor of Silverbrook, where he has received into Church fellowship 100 of the 185 persons who constitute that society. The record credits Brother Thompson with 48 years of continuous service. We cannot reject the record, nor deny to him the well-earned right to a restful and golden eventide.

Sunday, January 28th, our ranks were impoverished by the translation of Dr. Robert W. Todd, whose cheerful spirit and versatile gifts have helped and gladdened us among many conflicts. Dr. Martindale will present a suitable memoir.

April 23rd, Mrs. John France was called from the shores of time to join her glorified husband. They were not long separated. The memoir will be presented by Dr. Barrett.

The joys and sorrows, the toils and victories of the year are now among the things that are past. We turn our faces to the future, wiser, we hope, for the mistakes, made more resolute by our failures, and encouraged by our successes.

This partial and imperfect summary is presented with expressions of the most grateful appreciation for the kindness of the brethren and the abounding goodness of our Father.

ALPHEUS S. MOWBRAY.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Aggressive Evangelism.

Your committee named at the last session of the Conference to take up the work of systematic and aggressive effort in the department of Evangelism begs leave to submit the following report:

The commission organized by electing T. E. Martindale, Chairman, and R. K. Stephenson, Secretary and Treasurer. It also recommended that the Districts organize, which was done, and meetings of the District sections have been held and efforts to adopt some improved and up-to-date methods in the work of evangelism. These efforts have been productive of various noteworthy results.

Districts were divided into sub groups, and meetings were held to suit localities. More careful planning has been done, as to time of holding meet-

ings, and more systematic effort put forth with less of the fitful and spasmodic observable in the results.

Your committee made a special effort to give a fair trial of the above plan of grouping the work and holding joint meetings. Wilmington City held such services in two Districts—one East and one West of Market street. The outlying towns followed the same plan. The meeting held at St. George's was productive of more visible results than the rest. While the fruits of some of these efforts were not so marked as we could have wished, it is attributable by the committee to the fact that they were not fortunate in the selection of the time for the trial.

The study of the conditions of successful evangelistic work has never more fully occupied the minds of the members of this Conference than during the last year.

The work done shows a measure of results growing out of this increased thought and activity.

The Commission was again called together in Dover, Delaware, Dec. 14, 1905, to consider the best use to be made of the evangelistic opportunities furnished by our Conference session.

After much thought, it was agreed to ask the chairman of this Sub-Commission to take general oversight of these meetings, and with the assistance of the Presiding Elder of Wilmington District, and the Secretary of the Commission to plan a series of services best calculated to stir up evangelistic zeal among the Christian people and to lead the erring to the Saviour.

The Conference program will indicate with what result this work has been done.

We do not believe that too much care and attention can be given to this great subject, and we trust that such plans may be devised as will lead to the more rapid extension of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ within the bounds of this Conference, which has had in the past so blessed a record as a revival field.

R. K. STEPHENSON, *Secretary.*

T. E. MARTINDALE, *Chairman.*

International Arbitration.

When, at the close of the war for the life of the Union, the hand of General Grant was stretched across the chasm dividing the North and South, with the declaration: "Let us have peace," this nation was born again—born to a higher life and destiny—a life of domestic peace and tranquility, and destined to bear the olive branch of peace to all the nations of the earth. As a nation we have thus far lived this life, and are in a fair way to fulfill this destiny. When, at the close of the Boxer rebellion in China, some of the powers were in favor of dismembering that populous Empire, and partitioning its territory among themselves, it was the hand of President McKinley—that magnificent Christian patriot and statesman—which stopped their march and caused them to halt in their selfish operations, and the integrity of China was

preserved. When the demands of humanity and justice forced upon us the conflict with Spain, in which army and navy won signal triumphs upon land and sea, resulting in the Spanish flag, lit with the sunset splendor of world Empire, retiring forever from the Western Hemisphere, we at once proposed peace, and granted liberal terms to the vanquished foe. This war established the fact that the United States is a world power, ready to help in every time of need in the cause of arbitration—the settlement of difficulties without resorting to arms and bloodshed. We firmly believe that diplomacy should take the place of shotted cannon and arbitration silence the clash of resounding arms.

We especially commend and endorse the course of our thoroughly American President in bringing to a close the destructive war between Russia and Japan, and, by his skill and diplomacy stopped the further effusion of blood, and established an honorable peace between the two Nations. Also, in appointing Commissioners to the Morocco Conference, to assist in every honorable and judicious way the settlement of differences which may exist between Germany and France in the management of their respective interests in Morocco, and in bringing together the clashing interests of Labor and Capital in our own land, by settling strikes among the miners. We believe that President Roosevelt is actuated by the highest and best motives in thus striving to avert bloodshed and disorder among the peoples of the world: We pray that his valuable life may be spared to bless his country and the world with his services in the interests of international arbitration and peace.

Wherever our flag may be carried, on land or sea—flying at the masthead of the merchantman, or from our ironclad men of war—whether kissing the breeze from tower or steeple, it will be the symbol of peace, liberty and progress.

We assure the President of the United States of our sympathy, prayers and co-operation in his magnanimous and patriotic efforts to preserve the peace of the world. We wish to go on record that we are heartily in favor of international arbitration for the settlements of all disputes which may arise in the future among the nations of the world, and may God hasten the fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy, when "Nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pinninghooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." That time is rapidly hastening. Already the Eastern skies redden with the glory of the coming day, and soon the full sunburst of universal peace will proclaim that the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our God and His Christ.

L. E. BARRETT, *Secretary.*

C. A. HILL, *Chairman.*

Auditors.

Your committee appointed for this particular line of work desires to make the following report:

Rev. Adam Stengle, Presiding Elder of Salisbury District, received from the Parent Board of the Missionary Society \$216, and was disbursed as follows: Cape Charles \$100, Onancock \$76, Newark \$20, Marion \$25. Total

\$216. Brother Stengle also received from the Domestic Missionary Society \$158, and paid out to the following charges: Westover \$40, Riverside \$40, Berlin Circuit \$35, Mardela Springs \$43. Total \$158. In addition, we find that the proceeds of the sale of Curtis Capel \$144.48 were applied to the repairs of Westover M. E. Church, as ordered by the Wilmington Conference, March 1905.

Rev. S. M. Morgan, Presiding Elder of Dover District, received from the Parent Missionary Society \$140. He paid this out as follows: Lakesville \$40, Salem \$100. Total \$140. Brother Morgan also received from Domestic Missionary Society \$208.05, which he disbursed as follows: Little Creek \$20, Zoar \$25, Lakesville \$60, Armory \$40, Hooper's Island \$55, Vienna \$10. Total \$210, which was \$2.05 more than he received.

Brother W. G. Koons, Presiding Elder of Easton District, received from Parent Missionary Society \$144, and paid out as follows: Royal Oak \$52, Oxford \$46, Piney Neck \$46. Total \$144. He also received from Domestic Missions \$214.70, disbursed as follows: Piney Neck \$40, Clayton \$25, Wye \$15, Queenstown \$15, Henderson \$15, Fairlee \$40, Bozman \$10, Church Hill \$25, Golt \$22, Betterton \$4, Crumpton \$2, Royal Oak \$2. Total \$215. Brother Koon also received from the Lot fund of Domestic Missionary Society \$50, which was applied to the purchase of lot for new church at Price.

Brother A. S. Mowbray, Presiding Elder of Wilmington District, received from Conference Treasurer for Domestic Missions \$213.75, and he paid out overdraft \$23.75, Christiana \$25, Kirkwood \$10, Trinity \$30, Eastlake \$25, Marshallton \$45, Hockessin \$25, Port Penn \$25, Elk Neck 25. Total \$233.75. The report shows that there is an overdraft of \$20.

Brother E. H. Nelson, Conference Trustee for Mrs. A. D. Chatham, received from Board of Stewards \$200, other sources \$216, making a total of \$416, and the same was paid Pennsylvania Hospital for Mrs. Chatham.

Hon. Jay Williams, Trustee for the minor children of the late Rev. James Conner, received of Stewards Endowment Fund \$90, which was applied to benefit of said children.

Your committee has also examined the accounts of the Conference Treasurer, and find them correct. Brother H. G. Budd has received from all sources \$38,426.22, and paid out \$38,379.50. Balance \$46.72, \$31 of which is due to General Conference expense account, and is now in the security Trust & Safe Deposit Bank of Wilmington, \$16.72 being accumulations of interest during preceding years, and is held as expense account.

EDWIN GARDNER, *Secretary.*

J. A. ARTERS, *Chairman.*

Bible.

The Bible is a necessity. Before any of the organizations of the Church can be formed the Bible must be there and have made a place for them. So that, whatever may be said for other agencies, the Bible must precede them.

The American Bible Society was organized and is maintained to meet this

need, and ought to have both our sympathy and aid. Especially is this true when the world seems to realize this need as never before, and like Ethiopia, is stretching out her hands for the same.

At this time this Society is calling for funds to enable it to meet this great demand, and provide an endowment so that it can more fully than ever before meet these pressing calls.

The Bible Society of Maryland is an auxiliary of The American Bible Society, and is loing an excellent work. The destruction of its Bible House, stock and other property by fire in February, 1904, depriving it of \$2000 of usual income from rentals, and left it without a place of business. Owing to various inconveniences, the sales have been smaller than usual, but soon they will be in their new Bible House, Nos. 10-12 Fayette St., where with increaed facilities, they hope to do even better than before the fire.

This year there were 12,652 volumes issued, of the values of \$2,680.22; of these, 4,069 volumes of the value of \$867.23 were donated, and 8,583 volumes of the value of \$1,812.99 were sold; and \$1,000 have been paid over by this auxiliary this year to the Parent Board.

Resolved, 1st. That we commend the American Bible Society and its work to the favorable consideration of the church.

Resolved, 2nd. That we commend the Maryland Bible Society and its work and desire to call the attention of our people to its supplies, which may be secured to meet all their needs. We would urge upon our pastors and people to do their best to help forward this work of giving to the world these leaves of the tree of life for the healing of the nations.

J. A. BREWINGTON, *Secretary.*

F. J. COCHRAN, *Chairman.*

Boundary Commission.

The Joint Commission appointed by the Baltimore, Wilmington and Virginia Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Churches, at their several sessions held during March, 1905, for the purpose of considering the change in the boundaries of the Virginia Conference, met pursuant to notice in Washington, D. C., Wednesday, May 24, 1905, at the residence of Dr. H. R. Naylor, on "R" St., N. W., at 10:30 o'clock, A. M.

On motion of Dr. France, Dr. Naylor was elected temporary chairman; and at the request of the Chairman, Brother Burr led in prayer.

On motion of Dr. Richardson, Vaughan S. Collins was elected secretary.

On motion of J. A. Jeffers, H. R. Naylor was elected permanent chairman.

Roll call showed the following members of the Joint Commission present: Baltimore Conference, C. H. Richardson, H. S. France, J. F. Heisse, W. L. McDowell and H. R. Naylor.

Wilmington Conference, T. E. Terry, C. A. Hill, S. P. Shipman, Warren Burr and Vaughan S. Collins.

Virginia Conference, J. A. Jeffers, W. F. Miller, W. A. Lytle, J. P. Felther. Absent, H. J. Porter.

On request of Brother McDowell, the Secretary read paragraph 36 of the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, showing the authority under which this Joint Commission is assembled.

The Chairman requested Brother Jeffers to make a statement as to why the appointment of the Joint Commission was requested.

Brother Jeffers, in a very terse statement, replied that Alexandria District of the Virginia Conference wanted to be set off from the Virginia Conference; and further, desired that the entire territory of the District, except two appointments, should be placed with the Baltimore Conference; and that these two appointments should be placed with the Wilmington Conference. By use of a map, and by cogent argument and explicit statement he made very clear to the Joint Commission just what Alexandria District wanted, and the reasons therefor.

After a full, frank discussion, and after the almost innumerable questions asked had been satisfactorily answered, Dr. France moved, "That it is the judgment of this Joint Commission that the boundaries between the Baltimore and Virginia Conferences should be so changed, that Clarke, Loudon, Fairfax, Alexandria, Prince William, Farquier, and Stafford Counties should be included within the bounds of the Baltimore Conference." On roll call every member voted "Aye."

Brother Terry moved, "That the boundaries between the Wilmington and Virginia Conferences, in the judgment of this Joint Commission, should be so changed, that Elizabeth City, Surrey, and Warwick Counties in the state of Virginia should be included within the bounds of the Wilmington Conference." Roll called, and every member responded "Aye."

On motion of Brother McDowell it was ordered, that a copy of these proceedings be sent to the Board of Bishops at their next meeting; and a copy to each of the three Bishops presiding at the next sessions of the three interested Conferences.

A vote of thanks was tendered Dr. Naylor for the use of his parlor for the session of the Commission.

The minutes were read and approved; and on motion, the Joint Commission adjourned, with the benediction by the Rev. Dr. Richardson.

V. S. COLLINS, *Secretary.*

H. R. NAYLOR, *Chairman.*

Church Extension.

We have received with pleasure the report of the Board of Church Extension, showing an increase in collections to the amount of \$13,102.37, and that 365 Churches have been aided during the year.

We congratulate the administration on the adoption of methods that have secured more than sufficient interest to pay obligations to annuities, and the return of loans amounting to \$119,605.19.

We appreciate the demands that are made upon this great organization by the needs of new conditions, communities and people, thus making necessary the doing of more aggressive work in the interest of Church Extension.

We advise our ministers and people to read and consider the statement and

appeal, published in behalf of this splendid cause, over the signatures of the Board of Bishops, and every other member of the general committee.

We strongly urge the Presiding Elders, Pastors and People to adopt the best methods for obtaining the amount apportioned to our Conference, thereby bringing larger aid to our field by sending help to others.

We welcome Rev. C. M. Boswell, D. D., to the ranks of the efficient corps of workers in this great society, and will always give him a cordial reception in the Wilmington Conference.

R. T. COURSEY, *Secretary.*

E. C. ATKINS, *Chairman.*

Conference Board of Church Extension.

As Secretary of the Conference Board of Church Extension, I respectfully submit a statement of the work done within the bounds of the Wilmington Conference during the past year.

The following applications for donations were indorsed by the Board at its annual meeting in Wilmington last May:

Mt. Olive, on Salisbury District; Price's, on Easton District; Elliott's Island, on Dover District; East Lake and Trinity, on Wilmington District. The Parent Board has granted Mt. Olive \$175; Elliott's Island \$150; Price's \$200. East Lake is to receive \$326, awaiting the completion of papers. No loans have been made the past year.

Unpaid loans—December, 1881, Locust Grove received a loan of \$200; interest \$246. February, 1893, Marjela Springs, \$66.50; interest \$3.98.

The Church Extension Society has proved itself a most valuable agency in advancing the interests of methodism in the United States, which is the field of its operation. The Jews paid the centurion a great compliment when they said: "He loveth our nation and hath built us a synagogue." We can render our country a great service by enabling the Society to provide houses of worship for hundreds of struggling congregations throughout the Republic. We would kindly urge every appointment to meet its full apportionment.

C. T. WYATT, *Secretary.*

T. E. MARTINDALE, *Chairman.*

Church Insurance.

The year 1905 was one of testing for our insurance company. The usual number of thunder storms occurring in various parts of the country destroyed much property. The Secretary reports that the first total lightning loss of the year occurred in February at North Pasadena, California, where one of our churches was destroyed. Conflagrations destroyed several of our churches. There were 233 losses, both fire and tornado, during the year, aggregating \$84,429.32, whereas the losses in 1904 amounted to but \$44,086.37. The total amount of losses paid our policy holders since organization was \$223,795.04. At no time since business began has the company owed a dollar for losses due and unpaid.

It is gratifying to know that the business has moved steadily forward, the

net increase being greater even than during the previous year, amounting to \$2,842,587.00, making the total amount of policies in force at the beginning of this year \$26,756,513.00.

A 10 per cent. dividend was declared at the annual meeting in January, after the Reserve required by law for the protection of the policies was set aside. The thoroughness with which the affairs are conducted is indicated by the fact that the total amount of premium payments over ninety days due, including premium notes, was but \$205.14. The condition of the company was as follows:

RESOURCES.

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| Net cash assets | \$ 61,385.28 |
| Premium notes not due | 261,305.93 |
| Total assets (admitted by Insurance Department) | 322,691.21 |
| Furniture and fixtures (carried inside) | 2,880.22 |
| Total assets | \$325,571.43 |

LIABILITIES.

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| Losses due and unpaid | None |
| Losses in process of settlement | \$ 8,415.86 |
| Sundry accounts payable | 5,023.05 |
| Dividends of previous years not yet called for | 1,980.19 |
| Reserve | 34,773.75 |
| Surplus:—Cash | \$ 11,192.43 |
| Notes not due | 261,305.93 |
| | \$272,498.36 |
| Furniture and fixtures | 2,880.22 |
| | \$275,378.58 |
| | \$325,571.43 |

Attention is particularly called to the fact that over a quarter of a million dollars premiums have been left in the hands of policy holders until needed for the annual installments, which, if the business had been written under the stock company plan, would have been collected and invested, adding over \$10,000 interest annually to the profits of the company. In addition to this amount a very much larger sum would have been saved that is expended in collecting premiums in annual installments.

As this, the official insurance company of Methodism, is carrying out the instructions of the General Conference in so faithful and efficient a manner, we think it the duty of all members of this Conference and our Official Boards, who have not done so, to promptly get in line and so strengthen the interests of Methodism throughout the world.

Write to Henry P. Magill, Secretary, 184 La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, for any information that may be desired.

J. M. LINDALE, *Secretary.*

E. H. DERRICKSON, *Chairman.*

Conference Education Society.

The Conference Education Society beg leave to report that during the past year we have assisted three students in Wilmington Conference Academy, four in Dickinson College, and five in Drew Seminary—A total of twelve students aided, to the amount of \$1400. Our collection for the past year was only \$227. This, with the \$400 received from the Riddle Fund, made only \$627 to meet the \$1400 voted. The Society would not have been able to have met its obligation by \$773 had it not been for loans returned.

For the next school year of 1906-07 we have already voted 9 students aid to the amount of \$875; while the collection amounts to only \$386. While this amount is an increase of \$159 over last year, yet as can readily be seen, this sum will be wholly inadequate to meet the needs of the Society for this year. If we have as many new students this year as last, we will need not less than \$1400 this year, or we will be compelled to refuse aid to some worthy brother.

During the thirty-three years of its history this Society has aided 85 students, 37 of whom are today members of this Conference. These 85 students helped to the amount of \$13,473.

Brethren, we can not afford as a Conference to slight the collection which aids so materially in the education of the future members of this Conference. Only from the fact that some of the beneficiaries of former days have returned to the Society the amounts loaned them has enabled us to meet the needs of the past year. This income is necessarily only temporary, and will not be continued. We will need at least \$600 from collections during the coming year to meet the expected demands upon this Society. We hope every brother will do his best for this collection.

V. S. COLLINS, *Secretary.*

T. A. H. O'BRIEN, *Chairman.*

Education.

Our Conference is placed in close touch with no less than nine departments of Methodist educational activity—The Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church The Conference Educational Society, Dickinson College, The Woman's College, of Baltimore, The Conference Academy, Drew Theological Seminary, The School of Theology of, Boston University, Morgan College and Princess Anne Academy.

The expanding work of the Board of Education is cause for gratitude. There was an advance of more than twelve per cent. upon the total receipts of the preceding year. While our own Conference raised for the year ending Nov. 30th, 1905, \$634, \$1466 were appropriated to students who gave their residence as within our Conference territory. All our Pastors should endeavor to have used the program prepared by the Board for Children's Day; it reaches an unusually high standard.

Supplementary to this is our Conference Board of Education. We are glad to note that the collections for this year are \$159 in advance of last year, but suggest that there should be no blanks in this collection, and that we should not halt short of an annual income of \$500 for this interest.

The efficient President of Dickinson College reports a total registration of 473 for the current academic year. In June last the new Preparatory School building, known as Conway Hall, the gift of Andrew Carnegie, was dedicated; also the new Denny Memorial building. For the latter \$15000 are still needed to meet all obligations. It is gratifying to learn that a gracious revival is in progress in the college town, and that a large number of students have been converted. Concerning the Woman's College of Baltimore, we need only to say that we have a share in the just pride felt by all Methodism in this splendid institution, and in that great Christian educator, Dr. John F. Goucher. Our own Conference Academy has indeed entered upon an era of solid and increasing prosperity, and while the elaborate report of the Trustees renders extended notice superfluous here, we rejoice that we have in its Principal, Prof. E. L. Cross, a worthy companion of Reed and Goucher, and we do not wonder that our young people are crowding about him, and that this year will be graduated the largest class in the history of the Academy.

The two Schools of Theology are abundantly prosperous, and high in spiritual tone. We trust the time will soon come when our Discipline will allow time spent there in preparation for our ministry to be fully counted in the probationary service of candidates therefor.

Morgan College, with its branches, one of which is in our own territory at Princess Anne, is doing a work the results of which are beginning to appear in such ministerial leaders among the colored people as we have seen among us, and one proud of as products of the religion of Jesus Christ and of Methodist education. The attention of our people should be more pointedly directed to the fact that our contributions to the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education work go to this institution, and that the Delaware and Washington Conferences also contribute to it with self-sacrificing liberality.

W. W. WHITE, *Secretary.*

J. P. OTIS, *Chairman.*

Episcopal Fund.

Your committee desires to call the attention to the following facts concerning the Episcopal Fund:

1st. The discipline (P 286) makes the claim of the Bishop a prorata claim with the claims of the Pastor and Presiding Elder. Some Pastors violate the promises by not meeting the apportionment in full.

2nd. The sum of the apportionment, as published in the Minutes, is not the same as the sum apportioned by the Book Committee. The apportionment for the year, as made by Book Committee, is \$1974, whereas the apportionment as set forth in the Minutes is but \$1715, a discrepancy of \$259. In the minutes the deficiency will appear as \$75, whereas the real deficiency is \$334. The attention of the pastors and the District Stewards is called to this discrepancy. The deficiency is, however, about \$200 less than last year.

3rd. The apportionment for the following year is \$1998, and should be raised in full.

E. N. CANTWELL, *Secretary.*

E. H. DASHIELL, *Chairman.*

Epworth League.

Your committee recognizes that the Epworth League has a splendid mission and takes pleasure in its widening fields of influence and increasing activities. Conscious of the fact that the youth of our land is the hope of the Church, we regard the League as an agency calculated to help save them from the cause of sin to a life of service to the Church and happiness for themselves.

We heartily approve of the high standard of New Testament piety insisted upon by the League, and we trust that the flag will never be hauled down, nor that any compromise may ever be made with the world.

That the highest possible standard of experience and life may prevail among our young people, we recommend that a strong and active Conference Organization be maintained; that in the District Conventions, and in the local chapters special prominence be given to the Department of Spiritual Work.

We recommend also that our pastors give more time and attention to the work of the League; not to take the work out of the hands of the young people, but by their advice and sympathy, direct and encourage them in the work.

We would call attention to the fact that our Conference territory has been changed from the second to the fourth General Conference District, which includes the Baltimore, Philadelphia, Central Pennsylvania, Pittsburg, and the Wilmington Conferences.

We desire also to remind our people that the Fourth General Conference District Convention will be held in June of 1906 beginning on the 21st and closing on the 24th. And we would urge our young people to stand by our Conference Organization in the effort to secure a large and representative delegation from our territory to that convention.

We note with pleasure the fact that Rev. F. F. Carpenter, Rev. V. S. Collins and Rev. R. K. Stephenson, of our Conference, are members of the Cabinet of the General Conference District with which we are connected.

Let us call attention to the worth of the Junior League. Since so much depends upon early training we regard the Junior League as one of the very important branches of the Church, and we recommend that every pastor shall organize a Junior Chapter in his charge with a competent Superintendent at its head.

We feel that we should say a word of commendation for the "Epworth Herald," that matchless paper that should find its way into every Methodist home.

G. C. WILLIAMS, *Secretary.*

S. P. SHIPMAN, *Chairman.*

Freedman's Aid and Southern Education.

Any report that might be made to this Conference would come far short of making known to the Church the splendid achievements of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society during its history, yet it affords us pleasure to state that the 44 Institutions of learning under its control in the Southland have graduated thousands of students whose subsequent work is an evidence of their

efficiency. Of this number of trained young men and women, there have been of colored people alone, 3000 who have become Pastors; 1800 Physicians, Lawyers, Dentists and Druggists; 4500 Teachers while 16 have gone as Missionaries to Africa and one, Isaiah B. Scott, has been consecrated to the office of Missionary Bishop for that country.

Attention is called to this fact: That the territory embraced within the boundaries of the several patronizing Conferences of Morgan College and its branch schools, to the aid of which our Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society money is appropriated, represents one-sixth of the negro population of the United States. With crowded dormitories and recitation rooms, and hundreds of ambitious young people knocking at the doors of these institutions, additional room must be provided, or else, these schools shall fail to accomplish the work for which they exist.

In face of these facts, it is a matter of regret that our Conference, this year, gives less by several hundreds of dollars than a few years ago, and our committee would recommend that there shall be apportioned to the several charges the full amount, \$3,000, that this Conference is asked to contribute to the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education cause; and furthermore, that as Pastors, we unite in faithful effort to secure in full our apportionments.

F. E. MCKINSEY, *Secretary.*

T. C. SMOOT, *Chairman.*

Periodicals.

Your committee, believing that our Methodist literature is carefully and prayerfully prepared, and especially adapted to the needs of our own people, regret that there should be a single Methodist home into which our publications are not regular and welcome visitors.

And in consideration of the valuable material, and the reasonable price at which it can be obtained, we see little or no excuse why any home should be without them.

Believing also that the youth of our Church should know our doctrines and polity, we call especial attention of our pastors and Sunday School Superintendents, to the importance of using the literature prepared by our Sunday School board in all our schools.

The Discipline should be owned and known by every officer of the Church. The Methodist Review ought to find its way regularly to every preacher's study; while the Christian Advocate, Epworth Herald, Peninsula Methodist and Conference Minutes ought to be had and read by all Methodists in the Conference.

W. H. KENNEY, *Secretary.*

G. W. DAWSON, *Chairman.*

Methodist Hospital.

The Chief Mission of Jesus Christ upon the earth was to save men. He frequently found access to their hearts by administering to their physical needs, and by relieving their bodily suffering.

The Philadelphia Hospital does not pretend to possess the power to heal

spiritual maladies, but it does claim the power to help the sick and distressed bodies. Its medical staff is made up of Surgeons and Physicians of the highest character and professional standing. Its nurses are carefully selected and thoroughly trained. Its rooms and wards are large, airy, attractive and comfortable.

The four new buildings have been in use for a year and have amply proved the wisdom of the administration which planned them, and provided for their erection and equipment.

During the Conference year just closing, many patients have been received from within the bounds of our Conference. Quite a number of these came from the families of our ministers. All these were made welcome, and received careful and sympathetic treatment.

This Hospital stands for, and strives after, the highest ideals in the medical profession and that sweet sympathy with the sick and suffering which characterizes the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The sick who are too poor to pay for the services are gladly received and treated without charge so long as there is room in the Hospital and money in the treasury.

We recommend: 1st. That an offering be taken on each of our charges for the Hospital this year. Last year only eighty charges reported an offering for this cause, leaving one hundred and one which did not report. 2nd. That the Presiding Elders bring the Hospital's needs and claims before the 1st Quarterly Conference of each charge, and urge that a day be set apart upon which the pastor shall present or have presented publicly this worthy cause. 3rd. That Rev. John D. Martin, D. D., the new Corresponding Secretary, be invited into our Churches to represent the Hospital. We are glad to report an increase of \$153 over last year's collection in the Conference.

We wish to express to Rev. J. A. Lippincott, D. D., our appreciation of his services during the nine years of his official connection with the Hospital, and we trust his well earned vacation may be productive of much good to him in every way, and we pray for God's blessing upon him wherever he goes.

J. P. OTIS, *Secretary.*

G. W. BOUNDS, *Chairman.*

Sabbath Observance.

In view of the fact that the Christian Sabbath is being desecrated to such an alarming extent, and the moral interests of every community depend very largely upon its proper observance, we desire as a Conference to express our unqualified disapproval of all business and pleasure that tend toward the overthrow of this holy institution. Breaking the divine command, "to remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy."

We realize that the Church of Jesus Christ is unsafe in any community where the Sabbath day is not properly observed, and we admonish all our people to avoid those business interests the operation of which is a direct violation of the fourth commandment. The inordinate love of wealth and pleasure is a

great menace to this God given institution, and we heartily pledge ourselves to defend this holy day.

It should be remembered that there is pouring into our land annually a great influx of foreign peoples, who have but little knowledge of the sacredness of the Sabbath day, and no respect for the Church that stands for its observance. Therefore, we most heartily protest against all of the following popular amusements and business enterprises, viz.: Sunday baseball, excursions, picnics, social visiting, selling at camp-meetings, Sunday newspapers, Sunday mails and all other forms of worldliness that are strictly forbidden in the word of God.

We also most emphatically deplore the fact that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has recently been preparing the way to run a Sunday passenger train through a part of our Conference territory.

We trust that they will reconsider the matter, but it behoves our preachers to stir and crystallize sentiment in their respective Churches and communities, against this proposed invasion and desecration of the Lord's day. We are creditably informed, however, that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will receive and treat with consideration any protest coming from our territory against Sunday railroad traffic. As a Conference, we are uncompromisingly opposed to the running of all Sunday trains that require the employees to labor on the holy Sabbath day. Thus keeping themselves and families from the house of God. Moreover, we believe that Sunday work should be reduced to the point of actual necessity and mercy, and we hereby enter our most emphatic protest against every form of desecration of the sanctity of the Sabbath day.

The Sabbath is not only one of the oldest institutions that God ever gave to man, but it is a type of eternal rest in heaven, and we believe that the promise of God in the ancient prophecy is applicable to us in this age. "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasures, nor speaking thine own words, then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

L. P. CORKRAN, *Secretary.*

J. P. OUTTEN, *Chairman.*

Board of Stewards.

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| Received from Dover District | \$1536.00 | Increase \$ 45.00 |
| Easton District | 1538.00 | 24.00 |
| Salisbury District | 1518.00 | 179.00 |
| Wilmington District | 2220.00 | 33.00 |
| Total from collections | \$6812.00 | Total \$281.00 |
| Balance in Treasury from 1905 | \$30.50 | |
| Book-Room Dividend | 1352.00 | 77.00 |
| Chartered Fund | 22.00 | |
| Interest on Riddle Legacy | 95.00 | |
| Interest on Bates Legacy and other Investments | 467.29 | Decrease 1.68 |
| Total from all sources | \$8778.79 | Increase \$356 32 |

We have distributed \$8740 to fifteen superannuated and two supernumerary preachers, forty-three widows of deceased preachers, and two orphan children of Rev. James Conner, and \$3.85 as expenses. Balance in hand of treasurer, after transferring \$30 to Endowment, is \$4.94.

Received on Endowment from Dover District, \$52; from Easton District, \$43; from Salisbury District, \$62; from Wilmington District, \$83. Total for Endowment, \$240. The Endowment money heretofore paid in (the amount is \$727.50) is invested in a mortgage on Wilmington City property at $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

The committee on Endowment will present a list of the securities.

We have carefully considered the claims presented to us, and endeavored to do our work in the most careful and conscientious manner. We are highly gratified to report that there has been an increase in collections on all of the Districts for this cause, and trust that the pastors will give increased attention to this collection.

P. H. RAWLINS, *Chairman.*

Stewards Endowment.

Your committee on Steward's Endowment regret the lack of interest on the part of the conference to this fund. The minutes show that while the other interests of the Church are cared for, this fund that ought to be of supreme interest to every preacher, is sadly neglected; the amount collected this year being only \$250. We, therefore, recommend, that the Presiding Elders put this interest in the list of Benevolent collections sent to every preacher. Thus reminding the pastors that there is such a thing as the Steward's Endowment Fund. The fund is steadily, though very slowly increasing, and were each charge to make a yearly contribution to this fund, it would soon become a factor in settling the problem that disturbs the Conference in regard to the needs of our veterans. Let the Presiding Elders press this claim upon every charge. Explain it at the Quarterly Conference and urge a collection by every pastor. Eleven thousand five hundred and fifty (\$11,550) have already been securely invested at legal rate of interest, as follows:

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| Edward S. Hillings, Wil., Del. Insurance | \$ 2,000 |
| Oscar C. Draper, Wil., Del. Insurance | 3,000 |
| Anna M. Clark, Wil., Del. Insurance | 1,500 |
| Frederick Smith, Wil., Del. Insurance | 800 |
| North side Improvement Co., Wil., Del. | 3,000 |
| Boulevard Lot, Wil., Del. | 750 |
| Invested by H. C. Conrad | 500 |
| Total | \$11,550 |

A. CHANDLER, *Secretary.*

L. W. LAYFIELD, *Chairman.*

Tract and Sunday School.

Your committee on Tract and Sunday School Union respectfully submit the following report.

We note with great pleasure the increasing efficiency and helpful work accomplished by the Tract Society in supplying not only our own people with useful literature, but also in the evangelizing force of its operations by tracts printed in many languages and distributed among many nationalities. These pure agencies under the blessing of God will more and more displace the tons of vile, degrading and atheistic leaves which are so contaminating and destructive to our young people everywhere.

Therefore, we recommend: 1st. That all the brethren of our Conference set a special time during the ensuing year when they will preach on the subject and explain to the people the great utility of this society. 2nd. That the Churches which take collections for this cause, secure for their use carefully chosen tracts to the value of one-half of the amount of their annual offering.

We also hail with delight the increasing usefulness of our Sunday School Union in aiding weak schools and establishing new ones in destitute and neglected places.

Therefore, we strongly urge our schools everywhere to adopt and use our own Sunday School supplies in preference to any others, and suggest the appointment of Rev. J. M. Arters as our Conference Sunday School secretary to cooperate with the corresponding secretary of the Sunday School Union in all matters relating to Sunday School interests in our territory.

In view of the higher critical sentiments respecting the incarnation and divine son-ship of Jesus Christ published in the Sunday School Journal for Jan., Feb. and March, 1906. We therefore recommend, that this Conference take some action expressing our most emphatic disapproval of all such dangerous teachings and unwarranted departures from Methodist doctrines.

O. T. BAYNARD, *Secretary.*

E. C. SUNFIELD, *Chairman.*

Temperance.

The saloon is a temple of horrors where men, women and children suffer all the pains, pangs and privations of the Inquisition. It is a huge, devilish gathering into its long, winding arms the men and boys of the nation, crushing out their manhood, sucking their life blood and leaving the highways strewn with wrecks of human life. It is a red-handed anarchist, striking at the foundations of government, and threatening the very life of the republic. It is a rude iconoclast thrusting its irreverent feet into the homes of the land, overturning family altars, drying up fountains of domestic happiness, and destroying almost everything that is dearest and most sacred. It is a raging behemoth that breaks through all restraints, eludes all vigilance and ordinance, and refuses absolutely to be regulated or controlled. To license such an institution is the darkest and most damnable governmental crime of all the ages. Drunkenness is a crime. The selling of intoxicating liquors is a still greater crime, but the

greater crime than either of these is the licensing of the saloon in the face of its history and record; and no government that maintains such a policy has any right to call itself a Christian government in the truest sense. For a true, enlightened Christianized people there is but one method for dealing with the saloon, and that is to kill it. Prohibition, destruction, annihilation are the terms that express our sentiments on this great question, and this is the goal towards which we are pressing. The war is not yet won, but we shall win this fight. We ought to have won it before this, and we would if every follower of Jesus Christ had been faithful and true. But we are going to win it, and the sky is already red with the coming day. Those that do not keep their finger on the pulse of this great reform may not know that there is a great tidal wave of anti-saloon sentiment sweeping over this land. It is true nevertheless, and sooner or later it will drown every saloon in its onrushing tide. Of the 80,000,000 that make up the population of this country, 30,000,000 are already free from this legalized curse.

Of the 27,000,000 of people that live in this country south of the Mason and Dixon line, 17,000,000 are already living in prohibition territory. Out of the 137 counties in Georgia, 104 are already dry. Texas has 156 prohibition counties, and the number is increasing every month. In Mississippi 65 out of her 75 counties are dry. Ten out of the fourteen counties that make up our Conference territory are free. Fifty-seven per cent. of the area of Indiana, containing a population of 833,000 are without a saloon. Seventy-five per cent. of the territory of Ohio have no saloons. Three states have state wide prohibition. Ohio and Indiana have prohibition governors. Pennsylvania has a prohibition treasurer. The business world has arrayed itself against the saloon. The fraternal organizations have black balled it. The foremost physicians and scientists strongly condemn the beverage use of intoxicating liquors.

Within the bounds of our own Conference territory progress is being made. The one stronghold of the enemy is the Virginia part of our territory; Cape Charles City has during the past year voted the saloon out. Worcester county, Md., will be the next to go and mark the prediction, if the Maryland General Assembly, which is now in session, does not give to the people of this county an opportunity to drive out this rum demon, then the people at the next election will send the dominant political party in this country to defeat, and send to the legislature people that can be trusted to execute their will. Too much praise, however, cannot be given to Hon. Orlando Harrison, one of the representatives from this country for the heroic fight that he has made for the people's rights in this matter. Delaware is the one cheerless field. Poor Delaware! Deceived, defied, insulted, bullied and scandalized. The hopes that we cherished one year ago that relief would soon come, were doomed to be dashed to pieces. The party in power had promised to pass a law submitting to the people the question of license or no license. They did pass a law, but the law that they passed was upon its very face a legal lie, and the superior court of the state so ruled when called upon to sit in judgement on it. It was worse than nothing. It was adding insult to injury. Such essentially treasonable

conduct should not go unrebuked and unpublished. There were, however, honorable exceptions who will not be forgotten.

The saloons do not continue to exist in Delaware because the people want them. They do exist because their political bosses will not let them have a chance to kill them. Then are the people slaves? Yes, many of them are, and are put up on the auction block of party every successive election day and sold to the highest bidder. We hail with delight the anti-bribery movement in the state of Delaware, and bid it God speed in its noble aim. We believe however the time has come when there should be organized in that state a citizens movement that shall sweep into political oblivion the corrupt political organizations that now exist there, and turn the reins of government over to clean God fearing men that will not only shun a bribe, but will also pulverize the saloon.

No reform can be permanent and lasting that leaves the saloon untouched. Extirpate bribery, drive out the vote buyers and wither with contempt that human biped that is low down enough to sell his vote. And especially, should we drive the Judas Iscariots out of the Church, and scourge them away from her altars. But the saloon ought also to go. It lies at the base of all social and political mischief. These are twin evils, and neither of them have any place in a Christian commonwealth, and no political candidate or organization that either favors them or condones them should have the support of a Christian man or a good citizen. But we must not repine. We shall yet win this fight in Delaware. The sentiment is growing. The tide is rising. These destroyers of the people are only heaping up unto themselves wrath against the day of wrath. If only our pulpits would thunder and thunder and thunder against the evil, and our churches drive out from their folds every one of the dirty handed corruptionists, and then preachers and people be loyal to Jesus Christ on election day, we can win this fight before the assembling of another annual Conference.

Recommendations: 1st. That the Fourth of July be made use of as an occasion to advance the interests of this reform, and that wherever possible, celebrations be held where the strongest possible emphasis shall be given to patriotic duty in this respect.

2nd. We recommend that S. P. Shipman, C. T. Wyatt, R. K. Stephenson, J. T. Richardson and Robt. Watt be appointed delegates to represent this Conference at the eleventh session of the Anti-Saloon League of America, which will be held at St. Louis, Missouri, Nov. 19-22, 1906. We also recommend the appointment of W. L. White, J. P. Outten, G. C. Williams, A. H. Covey and L. E. Poole to represent the Conference in the Maryland State Convention of Anti-Saloon League.

We commend the Anti Saloon League of Worcester county and the state, and all other Temperance organizations that are engaged in this fight for God and home and country.

C. A. GRISE, *Secretary.*

ALFRED SMITH, *Chairman.*

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is completing the thirty-sixth year of its history.

This year has been, perhaps, the most prosperous of the Society's existence. More than a half million dollars have been raised and disbursed.

The society has work and workers in Africa, Burma, Bulgaria, China, India, Italy, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Philippine Islands, Mexico, South America, Switzerland, North and South Germany.

Our own Conference Branch has raised for the work this year \$2,511.

The Conference Anniversary was very successful, the speaker of the occasion being Rev. George Heber Jones, of Korea.

T. S. HOLT, *Secretary.*

H. C. TURNER, *Chairman.*

Woman's Home Missionary Society.

The work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, though great, is neither as well known nor as much appreciated as it should be.

These Heroines of The Cross, having only 26 Auxiliaries within our own Conference bounds, have accomplished much according to the estimate of men, but infinitely more in the sight of Him who said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto these the least, ye have done it unto me."

The 26 Auxiliaries above mentioned have gathered and given two thousand dollars during the year past in the ordinary lines of work, and besides have added one thousand dollars to their silver offering.

This is but a hint of what might and would be done if Mrs. N. M. Brown, the efficient President of our Conference Society were invited to come and organize an auxiliary in every Pastoral Charge.

This society of Godly women minister to the need of the unfortunate. For which purpose they maintain Industrial Schools, Orphanages, Industrial Homes, and other benevolent Institutions.

One of the most important features of the work is that done among immigrants, who are given practical Christian sympathy and protection against the forces of evil by which they are attacked.

The society has grown in membership in 25 years from 8 to 80,000, and as a Thank Offering for their 25 years of prosperity, they are raising a fund of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars to pay off all their indebtedness.

They have had in 25 years 25,000 conversions on an average of 1,000 for each year since their organization.

Because they are trying to save the Homeland by Americanizing and Christianizing the Foreigners who are coming to our shores, and because they are going into the slums and neglected parts of our city, and because they are aiding in the support of our ministers on the frontiers as well as giving substantial aid to some of those in the more developed parts of our work. Therefore, these Christian women should have the hearty co-operation of both the ministry and laity of our Church.

J. F. ANDERSON, *Secretary.*

J. W. FOGLE, *Chairman.*

Thanks.

Your committee appointed to express the appreciation of this Conference for the numerous privileges and favors enjoyed at this session, feel that it has a pleasant task. It will go upon record as one of the most delightful sessions in our history. The hours have been filled with attentions and services which we can never forget.

1st. Our thanks are due, and are hereby tendered, to the beloved Presiding Officer, Bishop McCabe, for his kind, sympathetic, able and impartial administration. He did not come to us as a stranger. In other days we gladly welcomed him as the enthusiastic Apostle of Church Extension, and later as one of the most efficient of our Missionary Secretaries. We are glad that he is with us as our Bishop. He has inspired us with his words of wisdom, and cheered us with Christian song, and we will cheerfully take him again whenever we can get him. May his valuable life long be spared that he may continue to bless the Church and the world with his ministry. We thank him for all that is past, and trust him for what is about to come. We desire, also, to thank the Bishop for giving us the privilege of hearing Dr. Munhall's Masterly Lecture on the Bible. Our faith in, and appreciation of, the old Book has been quickened and intensified, and we believe that in the coming years our preaching will be clear and distinct, without a single note of doubt or speculation. We say to Dr. Munhall, come again.

2nd. To the Trustees of this Church for the use of the beautiful edifice, in which all are assembled—a credit to their progressive spirit and liberality.

3rd. To the Pastor of the Church, who has labored early and late for our comfort and convenience. As the Conference host, as in other respects, Brother Poole is a great success.

4th. To the members of the Choir, who, by their beautiful music, have materially assisted in making our anniversaries entertaining and instructive.

5th. To the Janitor of the building, whose labors have been arduous and incessant, that we might be comfortable.

6th. To the Secretaries and various Boards, who have, with skill and industry, faithfully served the interests of the Church in their reports.

7th. To the Trustees of the Presbyterian and M. P. Churches for the use of their Churches.

8th. To the gentlemen of the Press, who have been so careful and painstaking in reporting the proceedings of this body.

9th. To the people of the town, who have so generously thrown open the doors of their beautiful and commodious homes for our entertainment. They have given us a genuine Eastern Shore of Maryland welcome and hospitality.

10th. To the Railroads, who have given reduce fare over their lines to all who desire to attend the session of this body.

11th. To all other, who, in any capacity, have contributed to the success of this pleasant session of our Conference.

E. N. CANTWELL, *Secretary.*

L. E. BARRETT, *Chairman.*

In Memoriam.

"They Rest From Their Labors And Their Works Do Follow Them."

| ENTERED MINISTRY | NAME | TIME OF DEATH | PLACE OF DEATH | AGE | YEARS EF- FECTIVE |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----|----------------------|
| 1859 | John E. Elliott | Nov. 8, 1868 | Snow Hill, Md. | 30 | 10 |
| 1846 | Thos. J. Quigley | Oct. 19, 1870 | Laurel, Del. | 65 | 44 |
| 1850 | Daniel Titlow | Feb. 7, 1871 | Philadelphia, Pa. | 48 | 4 |
| 1867 | Amos A. Ewing | Jan. 19, 1872 | Cecil County, Md. | 30 | 4 |
| 1848 | Alfred Cookman | Nov. 13, 1872 | Newark, N. J. | 43 | 23 |
| 1827 | Jas. Augustus Massey | July 9, 1871 | Royal Oak, Md. | 64 | 38 |
| 1859 | James Brandreth | Oct. 3, 1872 | Frankford, Del. | 34 | 13 |
| 1825 | T. J. Thompson | Nov. 29, 1874 | Wilmington, Del. | 71 | 49 |
| 1828 | Robert E. Kemp | Mar. 6, 1875 | Greensboro, Md. | 73 | 32 |
| 1832 | Wesley Kenney | June 24, 1875 | Smyrna, Del. | 70 | 42 |
| 1835 | Henry Sutton | Mar. 23, 1876 | Philadelphia, Pa. | 68 | 23 |
| 1871 | George A. Campbell | Sept. 7, 1876 | Frankford, Del. | 30 | 4 |
| 1862 | John W. Weston | Apr. 23, 1877 | Wilmington, Del. | 38 | 15 |
| 1837 | John D. Curtis | July 25, 1877 | Wilmington, Del. | 61 | 40 |
| 1845 | David R. Thomas | Feb. 13, 1878 | Wilmington, Del. | 58 | 30 |
| 1870 | Andrew J. Crozier | Jan. 21, 1879 | Wilmington, Del. | 41 | 7 |
| 1829 | Joshua Humphriss | Jan. 23, 1879 | Salisbury, Md. | 78 | 41 |
| 1888 | Francis M. Chatham | May 29, 1878 | Berlin, Md. | 41 | 8 |
| 1857 | Edward G. Irwin | Mar. 12, 1879 | Wilmington, Del. | 50 | 21 |
| 1848 | John Hough | Mar. 27, 1879 | Near Trenton, N. J. | 58 | 31 |
| 1857 | Thomas J. Williams | Mar. 29, 1879 | New Castle, Del. | 53 | 21 |
| 1870 | Wm. I. Bain | May 13, 1880 | Pocomoke City, Md. | 36 | 10 |
| 1832 | Wm. Urie | Nov. 13, 1880 | Smyrna, Del. | 67 | 43 |
| 1860 | Thomas F. Plummer | Feb. 2, 1881 | Wilmington, Del. | 44 | 8 |
| 1833 | Elijah Miller | Apr. 15, 1881 | Sudlersville, Md. | 71 | 49 |
| 1836 | John W. Pierson | May 6, 1881 | Wilmington, Del. | 67 | 44 |
| 1880 | Francis R. Quigley | Aug. 19, 1881 | Hopewell, Md. | 27 | 2 |
| 1873 | Thos. J. Prettyman | Feb. 27, 1882 | Newark, Md. | 36 | 9 |
| 1865 | Benj. W. Chase | Dec. 11, 1882 | Seaford, Del. | 48 | 17 |
| 183 | Lucius C. Matlack | June 24, 1883 | Cambridge, Md. | 67 | 46 |
| 1834 | L. T. Cooper | Apr. 12, 1884 | Camden, Del. | 78 | 26 |
| 1829 | Henry Colclazer | Dec. 18, 1884 | Philadelphia, Pa. | 75 | 55 |
| 1833 | John L. Tait | May 30, 1884 | Norristown, Pa. | 72 | 41 |
| 1869 | John Shilling | July 22, 1884 | Wilmington, Del. | 52 | 15 |
| 1842 | Arthur W. Milby | June 13, 1886 | Harrington, Del. | 71 | 44 |
| 1840 | Elon J. Way | July 5, 1886 | Baltimore, Md. | 75 | 26 |
| 1839 | Valentine Gray | Jan. 21, 1887 | Gap, Pa. | 72 | 42 |
| 1881 | Isaiah D. Johnson | Mar. 4, 1887 | Bridgeville, Del. | 33 | 6 |
| 1859 | Wm. J. O'Neil | Mar. 9, 1887 | Church Hill, Md. | 55 | 28 |
| 1854 | Jos. Dare | Oct. 22, 1887 | Newark, Del. | 56 | 32 |
| 1886 | Frank M. Morgan | Feb. 11, 1889 | Philadelphia, Pa. | 34 | 3 |
| 1849 | William Merrill | Oct. 23, 1889 | Upper Fairm't, Md. | 75 | 28 |
| 1873 | Isaac N. Foreman | June 12, 1890 | Lincoln, Del. | 47 | 17 |
| 1841 | John Allen | Dec. 3, 1890 | Brooklyn, N. Y. | 72 | 33 |
| 1855 | Samuel T. Gardner | Jan. 3, 1891 | Pivot Bridge, Md. | 60 | 33 |
| 1889 | Samuel J. Baker | Sept. 22, 1891 | Laurel, Del. | 33 | 2 |
| 1870 | Thos. O. Ayres | Oct. 4, 1891 | Delaware City, Del. | 53 | 21 |
| 1873 | Thos. R. Creamer | Jan. 10, 1892 | Milton, Del. | 45 | 19 |
| 1840 | Vaughan Smith | Nov. 21, 1891 | Wilmington, Del. | 79 | 43 |
| 1845 | Charles Hill | June 22, 1892 | Salisbury, Md. | 70 | 47 |
| 1833 | James L. Houston | Sept. 18, 1892 | Trappe, Md. | 82 | 32 |
| 1865 | Alfred T. Melvin | Oct. 17, 1892 | Bel Air, Md. | 52 | 24 |
| 1859 | Alfred A. Fisher | Dec. 12, 1893 | Bridgeville, Del. | 62 | 17 |
| 1857 | Wm. B. Gregg | Jan. 24, 1893 | Wyoming, Del. | 68 | 36 |
| 1847 | Joseph Robinson | Feb. 18, 1893 | Perryman's, Md. | 68 | 45 |
| 1835 | George Earton | Mar. 19, 1893 | Church Hill, Md. | 84 | 11 |
| 1843 | James A. Brindle | Apr. 6, 1894 | Greensboro, Md. | 73 | 48 |
| 1860 | Nicholas M. Browne | Feb. 4, 1895 | Middletown, Del. | 58 | 35 |
| 1850 | James Hubbard | Apr. 4, 1895 | Philadelphia, Pa. | 76 | 4 |
| 1857 | James E. Bryan | Oct. 17, 1895 | Baltimore, Md. | 64 | 39 |
| 1892 | John D. Lecates | Nov. 11, 1895 | Wilmington, Del. | 41 | 5 |
| 1859 | Thomas E. Bell | Mar. 21, 1895 | Easton, Md. | 58 | |
| 1868 | James Conner | Sept. 10, 1896 | Selbyville, Del. | 59 | 28 |

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|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----|----------------------|
| 1862 | Merritt Hubburd | Oct. 10, 1896 | Wilmington, Del. | 54 | 34 |
| 1874 | Newton McQuay | May, 1887 | St. Michaels, Md. | 57 | 21 |
| 1896 | William G. Chance | Sept. 13, 1897 | Quantico, Md. | 38 | 2 |
| 1878 | Wm. B. Walton | June 21, 1898 | Salisbury, Md. | 77 | 43 |
| 1850 | John B. Quigg | July 30, 1898 | Wilmington, Del. | 72 | 46 |
| 1845 | John H. Caldwell | March 11, 1899 | Dover, Del. | 79 | 45 |
| 1860 | Andrew D. Davis | April 13, 1899 | Georgetown, Del. | 72 | 35 |
| 1845 | Henry Sanderson | Aug. 16, 1899 | Ridley Park, Pa. | 80 | 34 |
| 1859 | Edwin H. Hynson | July 27, 1899 | Smyrna, Del. | 64 | 39 |
| 1845 | Wm. E. England | Jan. 20, 1900 | Philadelphia, Pa. | 79 | 48 |
| 1857 | Thos. S. Williams | Jan. 20, 1900 | Northeast, Md. | 65 | 41 |
| 1888 | Chas. P. Swain | May 22, 1900 | Deal's Island, Md. | 41 | 12 |
| 1874 | David F. Waddell | Dec. 20, 1900 | Westminster, Md. | 48 | 28 |
| 1896 | Benj. F. Price | Mar. 22, 1901 | Elkton, Md. | 84 | 60 |
| 1851 | Jas W. Hammersly | April 19, 1901 | Brooklandville, Md. | 78 | 40 |
| 1877 | Walter E. Avery | April 22, 1902 | Wilmington, Del. | 50 | 25 |
| 1860 | J. Owen Sypheer | Sept. 3, 1902 | Wilmington, Del. | 69 | 39 |
| 1872 | John D. Kemp | Sept. 21, 1902 | Chestertown, Md. | 65 | 30 |
| 1856 | William F. Talbot | Feb. 26, 1903 | Dover, Del. | 73 | 27 |
| 1859 | Chas. F. Sheppard | Apr. 13, 1903 | Frankford, Del. | 65 | 41 |
| 1843 | Thos H Haynes | May 23, 1903 | Smyrna, Del. | 81 | 51 |
| 1853 | Geo. A. Phoebus | May 28, 1903 | Brooklyn, N. Y. | 74 | 33 |
| 1868 | Jonathan S. Willis | Nov. 24, 1903 | Milford, Del. | 74 | 48 |
| 1867 | John D. Rigg | Dec. 16, 1903 | Hockessin, Del. | 65 | 27 |
| 1869 | Edward Davis | Jan. 9, 1904 | Newark, Md. | 84 | 28 |
| 1856 | John France | Mar. 10, 1904 | Wilmington, Del. | 69 | 48 |
| 1879 | E. K. Creed | Apr. 24, 1904 | Philadelphia, Pa. | 58 | 25 |
| 1890 | E. R. Sidell | May 14, 1904 | Philadelphia, Pa. | 48 | 14 |
| 1853 | J. B. Merritt | July 8, 1904 | Fairlee, Md. | 78 | 32 |
| 1872 | G. W. Wilcox | Dec. 15, 1904 | Salisbury, Md. | 62 | 20 |
| 1889 | James E. Graham | July 13, 1905 | Seaford, Del. | 52 | 16 |
| 1853 | Robert W. Todd | Jan. 18, 1906 | Baltimore, Md. | 75 | 52 |

MEMOIRS.

Rev. James Edward Graham.

Rev. James Edward Graham was born in Dorchester County, Maryland, June 26th, 1853, and died at his home in Seaford, Delaware, July 13th, 1905. In his childhood he was surrounded by religious influences and quite early in life he professed conversion and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church in Church Creek, Maryland. January 30th, 1879, he was married to Miss Anna M. Crawford, who, with one son and one daughter, both grown, are left to mourn their loss. For some years he was engaged in the Drug business in the town where he lived, at the same time taking great interest in the local Church work, serving as an exhorter and occupying other official positions with great acceptability.

Feeling that it was his duty to preach the gospel, he responded cheerfully to the call of the Church, and in September, 1888, he closed out his business in Church Creek and accepted an appointment under the Presiding Elder, he took charge of the work at New Church, Virginia. Here he labored earnestly to build up the Church, and in the Spring of 1889 was admitted on trial in the Wilmington Conference and returned for another year to New Church.

In 1890 he was appointed to Pocomoke Circuit. In 1891 to Powellville Circuit, 1892-93 Burrsville Circuit, 1894-95 Galestown Circuit, 1896-1900 Wyoming Circuit, 1901-2-3 Roxana Circuit. In the spring 1904 Roxana Circuit was divided and Ocean View Circuit was formed, and Brother Graham was appointed to it. Here he entered upon his work with his accustomed energy, but in the early fall his health began to fail, and upon the advice of his physician, he went to the Hospital at Cambridge, Maryland, for treatment. There on the 23rd of November he underwent a very delicate operation. He remained in the Hospital until after the close of the last session of Conference, when he removed with his family to Seaford. At the Conference, in view of his weak condition, and with the hope that after a year's rest he might again be able to resume his loved work, he asked for and was granted a supernumerary relation. Though suffering greatly at times, and too weak to be much of his time out of bed, he was always cheerful and spoke in a hopeful way about the work of the pastorate, and his desire to take it up again.

He rejoiced greatly in the abiding presence of his Saviour, and never a cloud seemed to obscure his vision of the Christ whom he had so faithfully held up to others. With the apostle he could say "for me to live is Christ, to die is gain." He had a desire to live for his family's sake, and that he might go forth with his brethren to declare the unsearchable riches of the gospel of Christ, but felt fully ready to depart when the summons came. Brother Graham was a good man, and "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,"—leading many to the Saviour of men, and the charges he served felt the touch of his Holy life and earnest appeals, and were lifted into a higher and better

experience. Nothing a devoted wife could do for him was left undone. Night or day, every call from his sick bed was quickly answered but nothing could stay the coming of the last summons. On Saturday morning July 15th, funeral services were held at his home in Seaford, in charge of Rev. W. A. Wise, assisted by Rev. J. L. Johnson and the writer; after which his remains were taken to Church Creek, Md., and interred in the family burial lot.

"Servant of God, well done!
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy:
The voice at midnight came;
He started up to hear;
A mortal arrow pierced his frame;
He fell; but yet no fear.

The pains of death are past,
Labor and sorrow cease;
And, life's long warfare closed at last,
His soul is found in peace,
Soldier of Christ, well Done!
Praise be thy new employ!
And while eternal ages run,
Rest in thy Saviour's' joy."

P. H. RAWLINS.

Rev. Robert Washington Todd.

Robert Washington Todd was born near Vernon, Delaware, July 31st, 1831, and died in Baltimore City January 28th, 1906. He was descended from rugged Scotch stock; and carried through his long life many of the sterling qualities of that conscientious and robust people. Concerning his parents, Nathan and Sarah Todd, he has left this most reverent and touching tribute, in the dedication of his volume on the "Methodism of the Peninsula."

"To the memory of a father, whose life was the embodiment of industry, frugality, temperance, honor and devotion to truth and God; who hated shams; who loved mercy, and whose highest wish for his son was that he might be good and useful. To a mother, refined, modest, beautiful, whose life was a benediction, who made home sweet and attractive, who walked the shining way, and led thither the wayward feet of her child; whose memory still blooms fresh and fragrant from a grave, where almost two score years ago fell the tears of a bereaved boy in his first great sorrow; who now enrobed and crowned, are waiting on the farther shore." Out of the hallowing of such a home influence, it is no wonder that there came forth an ardent, high-souled, transparent and genial man.

The school advantages of his native county were, at that early day, very limited; but he quickly mastered what they afforded, and in 1850 entered

Dickinson College; where his natural ability and great hunger for learning, enabled him to crowd the work of two years into one. Returning home he was, for a brief period engaged in teaching in Queen Anne's County.

When about fifteen years of age he was converted at Chilton's Woods Camp-meeting, and gave his bright young life at once to the Church, and to preparation for the ministry.

In 1853 he joined the Philadelphia Conference, and was sent as Junior Preacher to Dover Circuit. He records the experience of great fear and trembling with which he entered upon his ministry in that place. Here commenced a long and eventful career, which is but poorly and inadequately outlined in the following dates and references. In 1854 he was stationed at Easton; 1855, Denton; 1856, Kent Island; 1857-8, Camden; 1859, St George's, and 1860, Cambridge. In 1861 severe bronchial trouble obliged him to take a supernumerary relation. During those years of residence at Denton, he was however, busy about his Master's work, superintending Sunday Schools, leading classes and frequently preaching. In 1864 he was elected a delegate to the memorable Maryland Constitutional Convention; and subsequently served as Register of Wills for the county. In 1870 he returned to the effective ranks, and was stationed at Laurel; 1871-2 St. Paul's, Wilmington; 1873, Rehoboth; 1874, Felton; 1875-6, Easton, 1877-8, Millington, 1879-82, Presiding Elder of Dover District; 1883-4, North East; 1885-7, Snow Hill; 1888-9, Chestertown; 1890-1, Greensboro; 1892, Editor of Conference Herald; 1894, Princess Anne; 1895-98, Agent of the Maryland Bible Society, in which office he accomplished valuable results. Returning once more to the Pastorate in 1899-1900, he served Mt. Pleasant charge. In 1901 he was sent to Hopewell, Cecil County, Md., which proved to be his last appointment. In December 1903, increasing debility obliged him to resign his work. Very tenderly he speaks of the people among whom he ended his itinerant toils.

"My several flocks have been pleasant and kindly; none more so than my last. Dear old Hopewell, "So near to the hovering skies above our Peninsula hills." He removed to Elkton where his presence was a benediction and finally to Baltimore, where the messenger from Heaven found him ready for flight, on that tranquil Sabbath eve. Lingered behind him in great sorrow are his devoted widow, Mrs. Alice Crawford Todd with four daughters, Mrs. William Davis, Mrs. William McCune, Mrs. George W. McCormick and Miss Mary C. Todd; and three sons, Robert M., Prof. John W. and Dr. George Todd, who were devoted to him in life, and who now reverence and honor his memory.

Brother Todd was a man of marked and impressive personality. Nature had endowed him with that gracious combination of qualities which gave him an honored place and a warm welcome among men. He had the genius of friendship, and moved among his associates with a wealth of affection, a frankness of conduct, and a courtliness of bearing which won all hearts. He was a rare conversationalist, sunny, affable and informing; a counsellor with wise ability to advise, and a strong, true soul, that dwelled "above the fog," in clear integrity of purpose. He had also remarkable capacity for work, in

view of the physical disabilities which attended him throughout his entire career. He says, sadly, "I have been handicapped by feebleness, and compelled to toil through my itinerant course against high head winds and sweeping adverse tides." Spite of it all, he was a busy man, who took into his heart the problems of the hour, wrought at them with a large conscience and a hero's initiative, and yet, like many another stalwart character, he also carried about with him a perennial humor, which played on the surfaces of his life, to beguile its weariness and relieve its tension. His genius was versatile. He seemed to know how to do many things well. He was poet, historian, logician and editor; emotional yet practical; idealist, yet able to plod, and do the round of little duties with diligence. Indeed "The elements were so mixed in him that Nature might stand up and say to all the world, "This was a man."

For many years he was active and prominent in the business of the Conference. He loved our Methodism, had radical convictions as to her true mission, and was not afraid to avow them in the arena of Conference debate. Such a defender of the faith, naturally came to positions of responsibility. In important appointments he proved himself zealous, progressive and successful. As a Presiding Elder he was genial, judicial and unselfish. As a member of the Board of Stewards, as a leading spirit in our Historical Society and in other official relations, he was a wise burden-bearer, and an inspiration to his brethren.

He was twice elected Reserve Delegate to the General Conference, and was honored with Degree of Doctor of Divinity from Dickinson College.

The Wilmington Conference Academy had its real birth in a resolution offered by him in the Peninsula Methodist Convention held in Smyrna in 1870; its adoption having created a Committee to consider ways and means, and to receive propositions for the location of a first class Academy. After the organization of the Institution, he served for years as one of its Trustees, and gave substantial aid in its many struggles.

As a member of the Constitutional Convention of Maryland, in the dark days of 1864, he threw himself with splendid courage into the proposal to provide a new educational system, and also to give emancipation to the slaves of the State. The history of that epoch-making session, will show that his influence was marked in the securing of those results. Truly, with all his might, it may be said, that "He served his generation."

Crowning all his other graces, Dr. Todd was a confident, prayerful, joyous child of God. He held to the witness of the spirit in every day consciousness, and built his soul house on the Rock of Ages. Although of a somewhat critical type of intellect, and interested in all the recent phases of theologic unrest, his faith rode serenely at anchor in the old Verities. And there was a quality of childlike simplicity in his statements of Christian experience, which bore evidence of familiarity with the deep things of God. He was an example of the believers in patience, good cheer, and great-hearted acceptance of weakness and suffering.

He was also, an able preacher of the Gospel, diligently searching out the

hidden significance of his texts; with pen in hand, carefully constructing his discourse, and writing and rewriting with tireless industry, that each sentence and climax might win men for his Lord. In the pulpit he was fluent, reverent, unctuous and magnetic. He had his raptures, when his soul took fire and expressed itself in remarkable strains of pathos and rhetoric. Extensive revivals attended his ministry. Especially in sermon power at Camp-meeting, his message swept over men like a trumpet blast from the skies. Many yet remain, who never forget the authority and urgency of his pleading. And there are members of this Conference, who will cherish him in grateful memory as having led them to the Sinners' Friend.

A most effective adjunct to his ministerial efficiency was his power of song. God had given him a voice of mellow and persuasive tone. And he sung the Gospel through all the years of his life; sung it over penitents; sung it in the bosom of his family; sung it in his strength, and in his brokenness. No strange land of captivity ever found him with his harp unstrung. It was his weapon against trials and tears. He fought his tribulations with a Doxology. He sung on into the night and stirred "the valley and the shadow" with his melodies unto the Lord. He is singing yet, in "the Choir Invisible."

The old life long sparkle and sprightliness followed him into the months of his increasing weakness. No complaint or word of bitterness fell from his lips. He was more than patient. He was heroic, and superior, through grace, to all his ills. Although "halting like Jacob upon his staff," he smiled to see the breaking of the bough;" "Knowing he had wings."

During those shut in days, he clung more fondly than ever to his Bible. Visitors found him almost constantly pouring over its treasures and revelling in its promises and prospects. He seemed to walk in intimate companionship with its great writers. It will be remembered that the last prose contribution he made to the "Peninsula Methodist" was an article entitled "On Pauline Heights," in which he dwelled on such lofty themes as "the fellowship of the mystery" and "the unsearchable riches of Christ," and said "I do not expect or desire to understand all the problems of God's religion in this present state of existence. I shall die in my alphabet. But I want to spend eternity in the investigation of the glorious mysteries of Atoning love." In such high fellowship he came to his "evening and sunset star." There was no agony, no violence of departure. In the hush of that Sabbath night, he fell asleep with the peace of God upon him. Impressive funeral services were held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wm. J. Davis, at Federalsburg, Md., in charge of Rev. Theodore F. Beauchamp. Addresses were made by Dr. Watt and the writer, after which, with the smile still on his face we laid him to rest on the brow of the hill nearby.

So drop the soldiers from the ranks of the King's army. But there is reunion beyond.

"On the earth the broken arcs,
"In the heaven the perfect round."

T. E. MARTINDALE.

Mrs. Fannie Lank Prettyman.

Fannie Lank Prettyman, daughter of Captain Levin Lank, Jr., and Jennie Lank, was born at Seaford, Delaware, January 15, 1868, and died at Lincoln, Delaware, April 17, 1905.

She was married January 17, 1888, by the Reverend Jacob Nicholson, of the Methodist Protestant Church, to the Reverend John W. Prettyman, who was then engaged in business in Laurel, Delaware.

Though a model young woman in every other respect she was not converted until after she was married; but it would seem that the taking upon herself the responsibilities incumbent upon the founding of a home, impressed her that she needed help from above, for in just one month after her marriage she was sweetly converted at the Methoist Episcopal Church in Laurel, during a revival under the pastorate of the Rev. J. O. Sypherd.

After some years, business relations made it necessary for them to move to Georgetown, Delaware, and it was while living there, that the divine call to the ministry came to her husband. Though they now had three children, and though she knew this meant several years of preparation for her husband, during which time the major part of the career of the home and the children would fall on her; yet she was never the one to enter a word of protest, but was perfectly willing to sacrifice business and home and all thought of self, if need be, for the good of the cause of Him whose she now was, and whom she served.

Her religious life was not as demonstrative as that of some others, but it was not the less true. She had a deep, abiding faith in God, and a personal experience in the love of Christ. She loved her bible and believed its teachings, as is evidenced by a much marked copy, which was distinctly her own, and which she has left as a treasure to her husband and children.

She loved her children; they were the first of all her earthly cares. She had high ideals for them and sought in every way to entwine into their lives the blessed truths and precepts which she found in the precious word.

She was naturally of a sunny, cheerful disposition. No cloud could hover around her pathway; and so truly did she let her light shine that not only was she helpful to her own immediate family, but any parishioner who came to her in time of trouble, went away feeling that he had been in the presence of one who had been to Christ and had learned of Him.

But two weeks had she been in her new home at Lincoln when the summons came from above, but even this was long enough to cause the hearts of all those whom she had met to turn, as instinctively to her as the flowers turn to the sun.

She had been troubled for more than a year with her eyes and on Saturday, April 15th suffered a paralytic stroke which was the immediate cause of her death two days later. The end was peaceful though she never spoke after she was stricken.

She left a husband and five children, Katharine, Vance, Lank, Marguerite

and Ruth, to mourn thier loss, but they do not mourn as those having no hope for they have the full assurance that "Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord."

The funeral was held in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Lincoln, and was in charge of the Rev. John H. Beauchamp, assisted by the Reverends Harry Taylor, George P. Jones and the Rev. Mr. Eizer of the Baptist Church at Easton.

Brief life is here our portion;
Brief sorrow, short-lived care;
The life that knows no ending,
The tearless life, is there.
O happy retribution!
Short toil, eternal rest;
For mortals and for sinners,
A mansion with the blest!

O sweet and blessed country,
The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country,
That eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us,
To that dear land of rest;
Who art, with God the Father
And Spirit, ever blest.

G. R. ELLIS.

Mrs. Margaret Amanda Kemp France.

Mrs. Margaret Amanda Kemp France, widow of the late Rev. John France, of precious memory, and a member of the Wilmington Conference from its organization until his translation to the Church triumphant in heaven, was born at St. George's Del., Sept 17th, 1838. She was the daughter of Peregrine and Hannah Ann Kemp. She was born again—born from above, at Red Lion M. E. Church, when she was but 15 years old, and at the same time gave her name to the Church. Feb. 17th, 1859, she was married to Rev. John France, and for over 40 years shared with her devoted husband the joys, sorrows, sacrifices and privations of the itinerary. She was a helpmeet, indeed, to her husband, while her health permitted activity. Possessed of a sweet, retiring and attractive disposition she won all hearts with whom she came in contact. A sincere Christian, she loved God with all her heart, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which her husband so successfully preached, was very precious to her. Going to her appointments always with a cheerful spirit, resolved to do the best she could to aid her husband in saving souls and building up the Kingdom of the Redeemer, in all the Churches which they served, her name and memory are as ointment poured forth.

For the last 20 years her health was precarious. Sometimes there would

come a season of apparently renewed strength, but speedily followed by general weakness, which confined her mostly to her home.

A family of five children blessed the union of husband and wife, four of whom survive their sainted parents, viz: Mrs. Wm. Haddock, John Walter, Howard and Harry L. About ten years ago, William, a splendid young man, 25 years of age, preceded his parents to the eternal shore. As a mother, Sister France excelled, kind, loving, helpful, she endeavored to bring them up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" Today her children rise up and call her blessed.

Sister France's piety was quiet, undemonstrative, deep, pure and fervent. Her faith in God was sublime. She showed her piety at home and abroad, but her light shone bright and clear at home. Her conversations with husband and children often ran in deep channels. Religion was to her "no cunningly devised fable, but the power of God unto the salvation of the soul." Her last illness was of about three weeks' duration. It was borne with the same uncomplaining, patient spirit which had characterized her life. She firmly believed that her "light affliction, which was but for a moment, was working out for her a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." She "looked not at the things which are seen, but at the things which were not seen." On the morning of her last day on earth, she was up and moving about her room. Later in the day she felt so weary that she lay down upon the bed to rest. It was then observed that she was brushing the dews upon Jordan's banks, and that the crossing was near. About one hour before her departure, Mrs. Henderson, a relative, came in and said to her, "you are close to the kingdom." She answered, "yes". Then addressing her loving, faithful and devoted daughter, whose thoughtful care and affectionate attention to her mother was tender and beautiful, she pointed upward, and whispered: "In my Father's House are many mansions." In response to a question from her daughter as to how she felt, she answered, "I am very comfortable, but tired." As she went down into the chilling waters, she grew somewhat restless, and with a last yearning look at her daughter, she said: "what does this mean?" Then the eyes closed, and the weary pilgrim landed safely upon the shore of light, and heaven was hers.

She died in Wilmington, Del., April 23rd, 1905. Funeral services were held at her late residence, April 26th, in charge of Rev. Dr. C. T. Wyatt, her pastor, assisted by Rev. E. E. White, Dr. Murray, Rev. A. T. Scott, and Rev. Dr. Mowbray, P. E. Her three sons and son-in-law bore her body to River-view Cemetery, and laid it beside her husband, there to await the resurrection of the just.

L. E. BARRETT.

Mrs. Elizabeth Shannon Davis.

Elizabeth S. Davis died at her home in Georgetown, Delaware, Monday afternoon, May 15th, 1905. She was the daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth Shannon, of Cranberry, Venango Co., Pa., born to them April 13, 1827. She was converted in early childhood and married, in her home at Cranberry, to the Rev. A. D. Davis, Oct. 27th, 1847, surviving him but six years.

There were five children born to them: Mrs. Etelle Davis Jones, deceased; Flora Jane, who died in infancy; Mrs. Mary Vangesel; Mrs. Isabel Wagamon, and Miss Ida M. Davis, now living in Georgetown. Mrs. Davis was converted and received her early Christian training in the Presbyterian Church, but upon her husband's receiving license to preach in 1856, she joined the Methodist Episcopal Church and entered the regular itinerant ministry with him when in 1860 he was admitted to the Erie Conference, and until his retirement, rejoiced in its trials as in a great privilege.

With the force of unshaken conviction Mrs. Davis exemplified the ideal of the gentle Christian lady, having been for over sixty-five years a member of the Church. She abounded in good works, and in all her husband's charges was a leader among the ladies of the Church. While she was intelligent and resourceful, her manner was most unassuming, making no enemies but hosts of friends wherever she went.

For the last six years of her life she was a constant invalid, that is from the time of her husband's death, yet she bore great suffering, lasting many consecutive days at times with uncomplaining cheerfulness.

Retiring with her husband to Georgetown eleven years ago, when he left the effective ranks of the ministry, she resided here till her death, regarding this place as most homelike because here her husband had had a ministry of more than usual success. Her body lies in the Union Cemetery of this place. The funeral, Wednesday afternoon, May 17th, 1905 was in charge of the pastor, Howard T. Quigg, Rev. W. L. White, of Chestertown, a much valued friend of the family, coming here to deliver the funeral sermon.

Mrs. Davis is one of that company whose record is fair and beautiful in God's book of life. A great favorite in her last painful years was Watt's hymn on the presence of Christ with the dying saint. One stanza of it could well be inscribed on the facade of her whole life.

"Jesus can make a dying bed
Feel soft as downy pillows are
While on his breast I lean my head
And breathe my life out sweetly there."

H. T. QUIGG.

TREASURERS REPORT.

| Missionary Society. | | | Cash | Vouchers | Total | Conference Academy. | | |
|----------------------|--------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------------------------|------|------|
| Dover District..... | \$5812 | \$278 | | | | Dover District..... | 313 | 165 |
| Easton "..... | 5231 | 43 | | | | Easton "..... | 143 | 145 |
| Salisbury "..... | 6452 | 99 | | | | Salisbury "..... | 329 | 136 |
| Wilmington "..... | 7700 | 347 | | | | Wilmington "..... | 389 | 173 |
| Totals..... | 25195 | 767 | 25962 | | | Totals..... | 1174 | 619 |
| Last year..... | | | 24520 | | | Last year..... | | 2648 |
| Increase | | | | 1442 | | Decrease..... | | 855 |
| Church Extension. | | | | | | Childrens Fund. | | |
| Dover District..... | 374 | | | | | Dover District..... | 133 | 28 |
| Easton "..... | 254 | | | | | Easton "..... | 132 | 15 |
| Salisbury "..... | 488 | | | | | Salisbury "..... | 197 | 52 |
| Wilmington "..... | 476 | 33 | | | | Wilmington "..... | 194 | 35 |
| Totals..... | 1592 | 33 | 1625 | | | Totals..... | 656 | 130 |
| Last year..... | | | 1497 | | | Last year..... | | 786 |
| Increase | | | | 128 | | Increase | | 169 |
| Sunday School Union. | | | | | | American Bible Society. | | |
| Dover D'istrict..... | 110 | 7 | | | | Dover District..... | 122 | 26 |
| Easton "..... | 77 | | | | | Easton "..... | 110 | 2 |
| Salisbury "..... | 108 | 3 | | | | Salisbury "..... | 113 | 55 |
| Wilmington "..... | 99 | 4 | | | | Wilmington "..... | 133 | 3 |
| Totals | 394 | 14 | 408 | | | Totals..... | 478 | 86 |
| Last year..... | | | 363 | | | Last year..... | | 547 |
| Increase | | | | 45 | | Increase | | 17 |
| Tract Society. | | | | | | W. F. M. Society. | | |
| Dover District..... | 107 | | | | | Dover District..... | 13 | 386 |
| Easton "..... | 76 | | | | | Easton "..... | 26 | 611 |
| Salisbury "..... | 102 | 3 | | | | Salisbury "..... | 4 | |
| Wilmington "..... | 104 | 7 | | | | Wilmington "..... | 4 | 1526 |
| Totals..... | 389 | 10 | 399 | | | Totals..... | 47 | 2523 |
| Last year..... | | | 356 | | | Last year..... | | 2606 |
| Increase | | | | 43 | | Decrease | | 36 |
| Freedman's Aid. | | | | | | W. H. M. Society. | | |
| Dover District..... | 199 | | | | | Dover District..... | 12 | 207 |
| Easton "..... | 184 | 8 | | | | Easton "..... | 36 | 537 |
| Salisbury "..... | 253 | | | | | Salisbury "..... | 2 | 168 |
| Wilmington "..... | 213 | 6 | | | | Wilmington "..... | 2 | 2330 |
| Totals..... | 849 | 14 | 863 | | | Totals..... | 52 | 3242 |
| Last year..... | | | 850 | | | Last year..... | | 2813 |
| Increase | | | | 13 | | Increase | | 481 |

Conference Education.

| | | |
|---------------------|-----|-----|
| Dover District..... | 89 | |
| Easton "..... | 68 | |
| Salisbury "..... | 103 | |
| Wilmington "..... | 126 | |
| Totals..... | 385 | 38 |
| Last year..... | | 227 |
| Increase | 159 | |

Domestic Missions.

| | | |
|---------------------|------|------|
| Dover District..... | 258 | |
| Easton "..... | 301 | |
| Salisbury "..... | 181 | |
| Wilmington "..... | 269 | |
| Totals..... | 1009 | 1009 |
| Last year..... | | 848 |
| Increase | 161 | |

Philadelphia Hospital.

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|---------------------|-----|-----|
| Dover District..... | 29 | 97 |
| Easton "..... | 41 | 32 |
| Salisbury "..... | 40 | 116 |
| Wilmington "..... | 77 | 100 |
| Totals..... | 187 | 345 |
| Last year..... | | 379 |
| Increase | 153 | |

Total Benevolent Collection..... 40191

Last year..... 38271

Increase..... 1920

General Conference Expenses.

| | |
|---------------------|-----|
| Dover District..... | 196 |
| Easton "..... | 77 |
| Salisbury "..... | 103 |
| Wilmington "..... | 176 |

Conference Claimants.

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| Dover District..... | 1536 |
| Easton "..... | 1538 |
| Salisbury "..... | 1518 |
| Wilmington "..... | 2220 |
| Totals..... | 6812 |
| Last year..... | 6531 |
| Increase | 281 |

Stewards Endowment.

| | |
|---------------------|-----|
| Dover District..... | 52 |
| Easton "..... | 52 |
| Salisbury "..... | 62 |
| Wilmington "..... | 83 |
| Totals..... | 249 |
| Last year..... | 310 |
| Decrease | 61 |

Episcopal Fund.

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| Dover District..... | 374 |
| Easton "..... | 331 |
| Salisbury "..... | 408 |
| Wilmington "..... | 9 |
| Totals..... | 1611 |
| Last year..... | 1476 |
| Increase..... | 164 |

Total Other Benevolences.

| | |
|---------------------|----|
| Dover District..... | 47 |
| Easton "..... | 24 |
| Salisbury "..... | |
| Wilmington "..... | |
| | 71 |
| | 71 |

Recapitulation.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-------|------|-------|
| Dover District..... | 9718 | 1241 | 10959 |
| Easton "..... | 8678 | 1418 | 10096 |
| Salisbury "..... | 10470 | 641 | 11111 |
| Wilmington "..... | 12764 | 4583 | 17347 |
| Conference Total..... | 41630 | 7883 | 49513 |

HENRY G. BUDD,
Wilmington Conference Treasurer.

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. | | | | | |
| 1871 | 15 yrs. | James Esgate..... | S. Tamworth, N. H..... | \$300 00 | \$200 00 |
| 1891 | 33 " | Wm. W. Redman..... | Farmington, Del..... | 300 00 | 200 00 |
| 1895 | 42 " | William M. Warner..... | Millington, Md..... | 450 00 | 260 00 |
| 1899 | 19 " | J. W. Poole..... | Farmington, Del..... | 300 00 | 200 00 |
| 1891 | 17 " | W. L. P. Bowen..... | Newark, Worcester Co., Md..... | | 25 00 |
| 1897 | 26 " | W. E. Tompkinson..... | Carlisle, Pa..... | 500 00 | 185 00 |
| 1899 | 34 " | Jas. Carroll..... | Milford, Del..... | 250 00 | 200 00 |
| 1901 | | F. O. B. Wallin..... | Sweden..... | 150 00 | 100 00 |
| 1904 | | W. M. Green..... | Camden, Del..... | 100 00 | 50 00 |
| 1906 | | H. S. Thompson..... | Reisterstown, Md..... | 260 00 | 260 00 |
| | | G. W. Bowman..... | Gumboro, Del..... | 250 00 | 125 00 |
| | | G. S. Conaway..... | Smyrna, Del..... | 260 00 | 260 00 |
| 1903 | 21 " | O. S. Walton..... | Red Lion, Del..... | 150 00 | 125 00 |
| 1901 | 30 " | T. H. Harding..... | Wilmington, Del..... | 150 00 | 125 00 |
| | | J. M. Collins..... | Claymont, Del..... | | 50 00 |
| SUPERNUMERARY. | | | | | |
| | | J. W. Talley..... | Boothwyne, Pa..... | | 225 00 |
| | | T. N. Given..... | Dover, Del..... | | 50 00 |
| WIDOWS. | | | | | |
| 1873 | 14 " | Rebecca Brandreth..... | 5213 Germantown, Ave., Phila... .. | 100 00 | 120 00 |
| 1878 | 15 " | Laura F. Weston..... | 3427 Tracey ave., Kansas City, Mo | 100 00 | 75 00 |
| 1878 | 33 " | Mary S. Thomas..... | Wilmington, Del..... | 100 00 | 75 00 |
| 1879 | 21 " | Annie H. Irwin..... | 911 Farragut Terrace, Phila., Pa | 200 00 | 150 00 |
| 1879 | 10 " | Annie D. Chatham..... | Philadelphia, Pa..... | 400 00 | 200 00 |
| 1881 | 11 " | Sadie B. Baiu..... | Junonia, Pa..... | 150 00 | 150 00 |
| 1882 | 8 " | Emma A. Prettyman..... | East New Market, Md..... | 150 00 | 150 00 |
| 1884 | 15 " | Emma L. Shilling..... | 1110 West St., Wilmington, Del.. | 100 00 | 75 00 |
| 1887 | 37 " | Mary F. Way..... | Delaware City..... | 100 00 | 90 00 |
| 1887 | 28 " | Mary A. O'Neil..... | 1210 W. Lexington St., Balto... .. | 300 00 | 150 00 |
| 1887 | 48 " | Sarah D. Gray..... | Gap, Lancaster Co., Pa..... | 200 00 | 110 00 |
| 1891 | 25 " | Louisa A. Gardner..... | Smyrna, Del..... | 250 00 | 125 00 |
| 1891 | 18 " | Mary A. Foreman..... | Wilmington, Del..... | 100 00 | 100 00 |
| 1892 | 20 " | S. Jennie Creamer..... | 604 W. 8th St., Wilmington, Del | 350 00 | 275 00 |
| 1893 | 19 " | G. Annie Gregg..... | Kenton, Del..... | 200 00 | 100 00 |
| 1893 | 47 " | M. R. Robinson..... | Perryman, Md..... | 100 00 | 75 00 |
| 1893 | 26 " | Marian F. Melvin..... | 4432 25th St., Baltimore, Md..... | 350 00 | 150 00 |
| 1893 | 27 " | Ruth B. Fisher..... | Viola, Del..... | 200 00 | 175 00 |
| 1895 | 48 " | Ellen Brindle..... | Greensboro, Md..... | 300 00 | 100 00 |
| 1896 | 4 " | Lizzie M. Lecates..... | Lakewood Ave., Baltimore, Md. | 400 00 | 200 00 |
| 1896 | 35 " | Annie D. Bryan..... | Phillipsburg, Pa..... | 150 00 | 100 00 |
| 1898 | 35 " | Mrs. C. C. Brown..... | Wilmington, Del..... | 150 00 | 100 00 |
| 1898 | 40 " | Mrs. J. B. Quigg..... | Wilmington, Del..... | 150 00 | 100 00 |
| 1898 | 41 " | Mrs. M. L. Williams..... | North East, Md..... | 200 00 | 140 00 |
| 1867 | 4 " | Emma D. Ewing..... | 41 N 18th St., Philadelphia..... | 150 00 | 75 00 |
| 1898 | 39 " | Mrs. E. H. Hynson..... | Lewes, Del..... | 300 00 | 200 00 |
| 1901 | 12 " | Martha H. Swain..... | Dover, Del..... | 300 00 | 250 00 |
| 1902 | 60 " | Mrs. B. F. Price..... | 1133 West St., Wilmington, Del.. | 150 00 | 125 00 |
| | | Jas. Conner's children..... | Salisbury, Md..... | 100 00 | 100 00 |
| 1903 | | Selma C. Bovie..... | 642 Baltic St., Brooklyn, N. Y... .. | 100 00 | 100 00 |
| 1903 | 27 " | Lydia M. Avery..... | 119 W. 80th St., New York City... .. | 200 00 | 150 00 |
| 1903 | 48 " | Laura V. Talbot..... | Dover, Del..... | | 100 00 |
| 1903 | 44 " | Josephine Sypherd..... | 9 Brighton Ave., Atlantic City... .. | 100 00 | 60 00 |
| 1903 | 31 " | Jennie Kemp..... | Chestertown, Md..... | 250 00 | 175 00 |
| 1904 | 35 " | Martha E. Davis..... | Newark, Md..... | 150 00 | 140 00 |
| 1904 | 51 " | Mrs. T. H. Haynes..... | Smyrna, Del..... | 200 00 | 150 00 |
| 1904 | 45 " | Mrs. C. F. Sheppard..... | Frankford, Del..... | 300 00 | 200 00 |
| 1904 | 51 " | Mrs. J. D. Rigg..... | Newport, Del..... | 250 00 | 200 00 |
| 1905 | 30 " | Mrs. E. K. Creed..... | Centreville, Md..... | 300 00 | 200 00 |
| 1905 | 14 " | Mrs. E. R. Sidell..... | 508 Market St., Newark, N. J.... | 400 00 | 190 00 |
| 1905 | 20 " | Mrs. Emma L. Wilcox..... | Salisbury, Md..... | 250 00 | 100 00 |
| 1905 | 1 " | Mrs. Elizabeth S. Titlow..... | Onancock, Va..... | 100 00 | 100 00 |
| 1906 | 16 " | Mrs. Annie M. Graham..... | Seaford, Del..... | 300 00 | 280 00 |
| 1906 | 51 " | Mrs. Alice C. Todd..... | Wenonah, Gloucester Co., N. J. | 300 00 | 200 00 |

STATISTICAL
Easton District, No. 3.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Pastor's Support (Claims: Salary, House Rent, Total; Receipts: Salary, House Rent, Total), Supp't of Presid Elder (Deficiencies, Amount Apportioned, Amount Paid), Supp' of Bish-ops (Amount Apportioned, Amount Paid), Total Support: Pastors, Pre siding Elders and Bishop.

TABLES
Easton District, No. 4.

Table with columns: Conference Claimants (Curr't Exp's, Church Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc., Sunday School, Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.), Benevolent Collections (Missions: (a) Church, (b) Sunday School, (c) Special Gifts, Total; Board of Church Extension; Education: (a) Church, (b) Sunday School, (c) Tract Society, (d) Freedmen's Aid & Southern Education Society; Education: Conference Academy, (b) Children's Fund; American Bible Society; Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; Woman's Home Missionary Society; Conf. Educat'n Soc'y; Domestic Missions; Phila. Hospital; General Conference Exp.).

STATISTICAL

Salisbury District, No. 3.

Table with columns for Pastors, Names of Charges, Pastor's Support (Claims, Receipts), Support of Presiding Elders, and Support of Bishops. Rows list 47 churches and their respective financial data.

TABLES.

Salisbury District, No. 4.

Table with columns for Current Expenses, Benevolent Collections (Missions, Education, etc.), and various church-related categories. Rows list 47 churches and their financial data.

STATISTICAL
Wilmington District No. 1

| NAMES OF CHARGES. | Church Membership | | | | Baptisms. | | Sunday Schools. | | | Church Property. | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | No. of Probationers. | No. of Full Members. | No. Local Preachers. | No. of Deaths. | No. Children Baptized. | No. 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 | 17 | 109 | 2 | 11 | 2 | 25 | 152 | 2 | 8600 | 1 | 2500 | | |
| 2 Charlestown | 8 | 65 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 18 | 130 | 2 | 5000 | 1 | 1200 | | |
| 3 Cherry Hill | 7 | 161 | 6 | 11 | 3 | 44 | 224 | 3 | 6700 | 1 | 2000 | | |
| 4 Chesapeake City | 10 | 208 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10800 | | | | |
| 5 Chester | 6 | 150 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 12000 | 1 | 2000 | | |
| 6 Christiana | 2 | 63 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 15 | 90 | 2 | 10000 | 1 | 1000 | | |
| 7 Claymont | 2 | 15 | | | | | | | 6500 | 1 | 1500 | | |
| 8 Colora | 2 | 100 | 2 | 12 | 1 | 9 | 60 | 1 | 4000 | | | | |
| 9 Delaware City | 3 | 100 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 16 | 106 | 1 | 11000 | 1 | 2000 | | |
| 10 Ebenezer | 27 | 140 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 30 | 340 | 4000 | 1 | 1500 | | |
| 11 Elk Neck | 12 | 86 | | 1 | 20 | 1 | 18 | 100 | 3500 | 1 | 1500 | | |
| 12 Elkton | 6 | 371 | 4 | 30 | 4 | 6 | 71 | 570 | 12000 | 1 | 5000 | | |
| 13 Hockessin | 17 | 39 | | 2 | | 1 | 13 | 77 | 2000 | 1 | 1000 | | |
| 14 Hopewell | 23 | 132 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 33 | 165 | 2 | 6500 | 1 | 2000 | | |
| 15 Kirkwood | (3) | (18) | (1) | | (1) | (8) | (26) | (1) | (1400) | | | | |
| 16 Marshallton | 3 | 95 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 17 | 120 | 2700 | 1 | | | |
| 17 Mt. Lebanon | 12 | 123 | 2 | 6 | | 1 | 12 | 63 | 7060 | 1 | 3000 | | |
| 18 Mt. Pleasant | 12 | 96 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 23 | 150 | 3000 | 1 | 2400 | | |
| 19 Newark | 24 | 169 | 4 | 25 | 5 | 1 | 22 | 260 | 13000 | 1 | 3000 | | |
| 20 New Castle | 9 | 260 | 2 | 4 | 22 | 1 | 29 | 307 | 18000 | 1 | 3500 | | |
| 21 Newport | 3 | 143 | 1 | 5 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 22 | 4000 | 1 | 2500 | | |
| 22 North East | 27 | 222 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 1 | 31 | 208 | 17400 | 2 | 1500 | | |
| 23 Perryville | 5 | 123 | | 2 | 45 | 1 | 1 | 28 | 10000 | 1 | 3500 | | |
| 24 Port Deposit | 20 | 204 | 4 | 9 | | 1 | 44 | 307 | 63000 | 1 | 3000 | | |
| 25 Port Penn | 5 | 35 | | 1 | 3 | | 1 | 7 | 1200 | 1 | | | |
| 26 Red Lion | 22 | 103 | | 29 | | 3 | 30 | 185 | 9000 | 1 | 1500 | | |
| 27 Rising Sun | 7 | 238 | 1 | 5 | 15 | 3 | 2 | 30 | 10000 | 2 | 2000 | | |
| 28 St. Georges | 10 | 127 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 16 | 109 | 5200 | 1 | 2660 | | |
| 29 St. Johns | 13 | 148 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 4500 | 1 | 2200 | | |
| 30 Stanton | 23 | 68 | | 3 | 4 | 2 | 26 | 182 | 2000 | | | | |
| 31 Town Point | 3 | 20 | | 3 | | 2 | 12 | 60 | 1000 | 1 | | | |
| 32 Zion | 15 | 48 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 74 | 376 | 4 | 13500 | 1 | 1600 | | |
| 33 Wilmington-Asbury | 89 | 526 | 1 | 13 | 6 | 1 | 42 | 603 | 50000 | 1 | 3000 | | |
| 34 Brandywine | 52 | 70 | 2 | 6 | 20 | 3 | 40 | 725 | 25000 | 1 | 3000 | | |
| 35 Cookman | 7 | 160 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 1 | 21 | 150 | 12000 | 1 | | | |
| 36 East Lake | 19 | 85 | 1 | 15 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 24 | 6500 | 1 | | | |
| 37 Epworth | 5 | 245 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 1 | 35 | 331 | 22000 | 1 | 2500 | | |
| 38 Grace | 18 | 770 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 80 | 200000 | 1 | 15000 | | |
| 39 Harrison St. | 13 | 350 | 3 | 3 | 31 | 1 | 52 | 502 | 27000 | 1 | | | |
| 40 Kingswood | 20 | 123 | | 2 | 58 | 1 | 1 | 28 | 14000 | | 450 | | |
| 41 Madeley | 180 | 170 | 1 | 3 | 52 | 8 | 1 | 30 | 4000 | 1 | | | |
| 42 Mt. Salem | 16 | 237 | 4 | 1 | 17 | 2 | 2 | 59 | 35000 | 1 | 2000 | | |
| 43 St. Paul | 15 | (95) | 1 | 6 | 18 | 3 | 2 | 67 | 100000 | 2 | 5500 | | |
| 44 Scott | 62 | 290 | | 4 | 46 | 3 | 1 | 36 | 20000 | 1 | 6000 | | |
| 45 Silverbrook | 46 | 117 | | 3 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 31 | 24000 | 1 | 3500 | | |
| 46 Union | 49 | 513 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 52 | 35000 | 1 | 7000 | | |
| 47 Wesley | 33 | 214 | 2 | 4 | 68 | 1 | 1 | 40 | 10000 | 1 | 2000 | | |
| 48 Elsmere | 2 | 15 | | | | 1 | 1 | 9 | 2500 | | | | |
| Total..... | 932 | 9028 | 41 | 144 | 766 | 64 | 75 | 1415 | 12009 | 66 | 886500 | 36 | 104050 |
| Conference Total..... | 4697 | 37843 | 100 | 506 | 2779 | 249 | 395 | 5745 | 44862 | 859 | 1859108 | 151 | 307900 |

TABLES.

Wilmington District, No. 2.

| Church Property. | Sunday Schools. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|--|--|---|---|---|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|--|--|
| | No. of Schools. | No. of Officers and Teachers. | No. of Scholars of all Grades. | Average Attendance. | No. of Members in the Home Department. | Officers and Teachers Church Mem. or Prob. | Scholars, Church Mem- bers or Probationers. | Members of School Con- veyed During Year. | Current Expenses—Les- son Leaves, Books, etc. | No. Epworth League. | No. Ep. L. Members. | Junior Leagues. | Junior League Mem- bers. | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 80 | \$ 421 | 50 | 30 | 400 | 2 | 25 | 152 | 90 | 24 | 76 | 6 | \$ 75 | 2 | 75 | 1 | | | | |
| 2 | 50 | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 18 | 130 | 75 | 18 | 15 | 5 | 32 | 2 | 32 | 1 | | | | |
| 3 | 44 | 224 | 126 | 49 | 40 | 72 | 15 | 120 | 87 | 15 | | 4 | 48 | 1 | 50 | 1 | 18 | | | |
| 4 | 15 | 120 | 85 | 15 | 40 | | 16 | 140 | 85 | 15 | | 2 | 31 | 1 | 30 | | | | | |
| 5 | 16 | 90 | 45 | 15 | 40 | | 15 | 90 | 45 | 15 | 40 | | 40 | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 10 | 45 | 30 | 10 | 8 | | 9 | 60 | 45 | 8 | | | 35 | 1 | 8 | | | | | |
| 7 | 9 | 60 | 45 | 16 | 106 | | 16 | 106 | 60 | 16 | | 3 | 12 | 1 | 85 | | | | | |
| 8 | 50 | 340 | 185 | 30 | 100 | 21 | 3 | 340 | 185 | 30 | 100 | 21 | 50 | 2 | 85 | | | | | |
| 9 | 18 | 100 | 75 | 15 | 20 | 15 | 1 | 100 | 75 | 15 | 20 | 15 | 15 | 1 | 85 | 1 | 20 | | | |
| 10 | 71 | 570 | 304 | 27 | 60 | 231 | 7 | 570 | 304 | 27 | 60 | 231 | 400 | 2 | 120 | 1 | 104 | | | |
| 11 | 13 | 77 | 52 | 13 | 12 | 7 | 1 | 77 | 52 | 13 | 12 | 7 | 21 | 1 | 8 | | | | | |
| 12 | 33 | 165 | 100 | 30 | 60 | 16 | 1 | 165 | 100 | 30 | 60 | 16 | 30 | 1 | 55 | | | | | |
| 13 | 17 | 120 | 80 | 17 | 25 | 11 | 1 | 120 | 80 | 17 | 25 | 11 | 60 | 1 | 20 | | | | | |
| 14 | 12 | 63 | 44 | 39 | 4 | 70 | | 63 | 44 | 39 | 4 | 70 | 72 | | | | | | | |
| 15 | 23 | 150 | 80 | 23 | 80 | 4 | 1 | 150 | 80 | 23 | 80 | 4 | 179 | 1 | 36 | | | | | |
| 16 | 22 | 290 | 140 | 22 | 15 | 10 | 1 | 290 | 140 | 22 | 15 | 10 | 180 | | | | | | | |
| 17 | 29 | 307 | 107 | 29 | 105 | 5 | 1 | 307 | 107 | 29 | 105 | 5 | 121 | 1 | 67 | 1 | 37 | | | |
| 18 | 22 | 285 | 106 | 21 | 43 | 12 | 1 | 285 | 106 | 21 | 43 | 12 | 121 | 1 | 35 | 1 | 85 | | | |
| 19 | 31 | 208 | 148 | 28 | 71 | 9 | 1 | 208 | 148 | 28 | 71 | 9 | 66 | 1 | 39 | 1 | 65 | | | |
| 20 | 28 | 163 | 103 | 27 | 26 | 1 | 1 | 163 | 103 | 27 | 26 | 1 | 117 | 1 | 35 | 1 | 112 | | | |
| 21 | 44 | 307 | 155 | 43 | 55 | 30 | 1 | 307 | 155 | 43 | 55 | 30 | 193 | 1 | 80 | 1 | 75 | | | |
| 22 | 7 | 35 | 25 | 5 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 35 | 25 | 5 | 12 | 1 | 18 | 1 | 26 | | | | | |
| 23 | 30 | 185 | 75 | 30 | 11 | 60 | | 185 | 75 | 30 | 11 | 60 | 89 | 1 | 75 | 1 | 44 | | | |
| 24 | 30 | 160 | 76 | 101 | 8 | | | 160 | 76 | 101 | 8 | | 36 | 1 | 50 | | | | | |
| 25 | 16 | 109 | 53 | 16 | 70 | 30 | | 109 | 53 | 16 | 70 | 30 | 18 | 1 | 60 | | | | | |
| 26 | 12 | 125 | 50 | 11 | 4 | | | 125 | 50 | 11 | 4 | | 4 | | | | | | | |
| 27 | 26 | 182 | 110 | 25 | 50 | 23 | | 182 | 110 | 25 | 50 | 23 | 18 | 1 | 60 | | | | | |
| 28 | 12 | 60 | 48 | 12 | 6 | | | 60 | 48 | 12 | 6 | | 6 | | | | | | | |
| 29 | 74 | 876 | 195 | 12 | 15 | | | 876 | 195 | 12 | 15 | | 6 | 1 | 35 | | | | | |
| 30 | 42 | 603 | 312 | 74 | 136 | 14 | | 603 | 312 | 74 | 136 | 14 | 95 | | | | | | | |
| 31 | 40 | 725 | 450 | 42 | 198 | 52 | | 725 | 450 | 42 | 198 | 52 | 209 | 1 | 166 | 1 | 63 | | | |
| 32 | 21 | 150 | 135 | 40 | 150 | 16 | | 150 | 135 | 40 | 150 | 16 | 350 | 1 | 75 | 1 | 55 | | | |
| 33 | 20 | 200 | 150 | 21 | 30 | 1 | | 200 | 150 | 21 | 30 | 1 | 30 | 1 | 75 | 1 | 45 | | | |
| 34 | 35 | 331 | 225 | 35 | 5 | | | 331 | 225 | 35 | 5 | | 150 | 1 | 30 | 1 | 40 | | | |
| 35 | 80 | 769 | 500 | 41 | | | | 769 | 500 | 41 | | | 393 | 1 | 103 | 1 | 40 | | | |
| 36 | 52 | 502 | 300 | 50 | 52 | | | 502 | 300 | 50 | 52 | | 24 | 312 | 1 | 100 | 1 | 100 | | |
| 37 | 28 | 300 | 160 | 25 | 33 | 23 | | 300 | 160 | 25 | 33 | 23 | 175 | 1 | 25 | 1 | 100 | | | |
| 38 | 30 | 350 | 275 | 30 | 175 | 100 | | 350 | 275 | 30 | 175 | 100 | 200 | 1 | 70 | 1 | 50 | | | |
| 39 | 56 | 455 | 350 | 54 | 19 | | | 455 | 350 | 54 | 19 | | 256 | 1 | 110 | 1 | 40 | | | |
| 40 | 67 | 650 | 400 | 55 | 66 | 15 | | 650 | 400 | 55 | 66 | 15 | 500 | 1 | 40 | | | | | |
| 41 | 36 | 459 | 160 | 21 | 36 | 25 | | 459 | 160 | 21 | 36 | 25 | 500 | 1 | 100 | 1 | 120 | | | |
| 42 | 31 | 220 | 190 | 45 | 28 | 125 | | 220 | 190 | 45 | 28 | 125 | 41 | 220 | 1 | 50 | 1 | 80 | | |
| 43 | 484 | 325 | 31 | 52 | 34 | 30 | | 484 | 325 | 31 | 52 | 34 | 30 | 360 | 1 | 140 | 1 | 66 | | |
| 44 | 40 | 335 | 201 | 30 | 7 | | | 335 | 201 | 30 | 7 | | 152 | | | | | | | |
| 45 | 9 | 45 | 20 | 6 | | | | 45 | 20 | 6 | | | 42 | | | | | | | |
| 18630 | 10450 | 53805 | 75 | 1415 | 12009 | 7307 | 353 | 1326 | 2160 | 641 | 6250 | 38 | 2185 | 21 | 1309 | | | | | |
| 58435 | 18890 | 74361 | 395 | 5745 | 44862 | 26976 | 1008 | 5663 | 13388 | 2972 | 17033 | 153 | 7993 | 73 | 3642 | | | | | |

STATISTICAL

Wilmington District, No. 3.

| NAMES OF CHARGES. | NAMES OF PASTORS. | Pastors Support. | | | | | Supp of Presid Elders | Supp of Bish-ops. | Total Support, Pastors, Pre-siding Elders and Bishops | | | | |
|--------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------|----------|---------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---|--------------|---------------------|--------------|--------|
| | | Claims. | | Receipts | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Salary. | House Rent. | Total. | Salary. | House Rent. | Total. | Deficiencies. | Amount Apportioned. | Amount Paid. | Amount Apportioned. | Amount Paid. | |
| 1 Bethel..... | W. P. Taylor..... | \$ 630 | \$ 100 | \$ 730 | \$ 660 | \$ 100 | \$ 760 | \$ 24 | \$ 24 | \$ 24 | \$ 10 | \$ 6 | \$ 792 |
| 2 Charlestown.... | J. A. Arters..... | 600 | 100 | 700 | 600 | 100 | 700 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 6 | 6 | 730 |
| 3 Cherry Hill.... | T. B. Hunter..... | 600 | 120 | 720 | 600 | 120 | 720 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 9 | 9 | 759 |
| 4 Chesape'ke Cy | W. T. Hammond..... | 750 | 96 | 846 | 750 | 96 | 846 | 28 | 28 | 28 | 6 | 2 | 878 |
| 5 Chester..... | J. T. Prouse..... | 600 | 100 | 700 | 600 | 100 | 700 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 10 | 10 | 740 |
| 6 Christiana..... | J. M. Collins..... | 500 | 100 | 600 | 502 | 100 | 602 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 5 | | 627 |
| 7 Claymont..... | T. H. Harding..... | 300 | | 300 | 225 | | 225 | 75 | 10 | 5 | | | 430 |
| 8 Colona..... | W. R. Gwinn..... | 500 | 50 | 550 | 380 | 50 | 430 | 120 | 16 | | 3 | 2 | 482 |
| 9 Delaware City | E. E. White..... | 600 | 125 | 725 | 600 | 125 | 725 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 10 | 10 | 765 |
| 10 Ebenezer..... | J. H. Mitchell..... | 800 | 96 | 896 | 800 | 96 | 896 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 10 | 10 | 939 |
| 11 Elk Neck..... | W. R. McFarlane..... | 500 | 100 | 600 | 500 | 100 | 600 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 2 | 2 | 618 |
| 12 Elkton..... | T. E. Martindale..... | 1100 | 225 | 1325 | 1100 | 225 | 1325 | 72 | 72 | 72 | 17 | 17 | 1414 |
| 13 Hockessin..... | G. W. Burke..... | 450 | 100 | 550 | 500 | 100 | 600 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 6 | 6 | 626 |
| 14 Hopewell..... | F. X. Moore..... | 700 | 100 | 800 | 700 | 100 | 800 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 10 | 10 | 840 |
| 15 Kirkwood..... | S. O. Gibbons..... | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 Marshallton... | E. H. Miller..... | 500 | 84 | 584 | 50 | 84 | 584 | 10 | 10 | 5 | 5 | | 599 |
| 17 Mt Lebanon... | G. W. Dawson..... | 720 | 100 | 820 | 720 | 100 | 820 | 28 | 28 | 10 | 10 | | 858 |
| 18 Mt. Pleasant... | J. M. Lindale..... | 650 | 200 | 850 | 650 | 200 | 850 | 30 | 30 | 10 | 10 | | 890 |
| 19 Newark..... | E. C. Atkins..... | 850 | 200 | 1050 | 850 | 200 | 1050 | 48 | 48 | 14 | 14 | | 1112 |
| 20 New Castle.... | C. W. Prettyman..... | 1000 | 200 | 1200 | 1080 | 200 | 1280 | 60 | 60 | 15 | 15 | | 1275 |
| 21 Newport..... | W. O. Hurst..... | 800 | 200 | 1000 | 800 | 200 | 1000 | 40 | 40 | 12 | 12 | | 1052 |
| 22 North East..... | E. H. Dashiell..... | 800 | 120 | 920 | 800 | 120 | 920 | 40 | 40 | 12 | 12 | | 872 |
| 23 Perryville.... | W. E. Greenfield..... | 700 | 200 | 900 | 700 | 200 | 900 | 30 | 30 | 10 | 10 | | 940 |
| 24 Port Deposit... | V. S. Collins..... | 1400 | 200 | 1600 | 1400 | 200 | 1600 | 100 | 100 | 21 | 21 | | 1720 |
| 25 Port Penn..... | A. C. Jones..... | 300 | 50 | 350 | 300 | 50 | 350 | 8 | 8 | 3 | 1 | | 359 |
| 26 Red Liou..... | F. E. McKinsey..... | 600 | 100 | 700 | 600 | 100 | 700 | 24 | 24 | 8 | 8 | | 732 |
| 27 Rising Sun... | J. P. Otis..... | 800 | 150 | 950 | 804 | 150 | 954 | 48 | 48 | 10 | 10 | | 1012 |
| 28 St. Georges... | J. A. Brewington..... | 650 | 150 | 800 | 650 | 150 | 800 | 25 | 25 | 8 | 8 | | 833 |
| 29 St. Johns..... | O. E. Jones..... | 700 | 120 | 820 | 700 | 120 | 820 | 28 | 28 | 10 | 10 | | 855 |
| 30 Stanton..... | C. D. Sharpless..... | 300 | | 300 | 300 | | 300 | 16 | 16 | 4 | 4 | | 420 |
| 31 Town Point... | W. G. Harris..... | 400 | 50 | 450 | 375 | 50 | 425 | 25 | 12 | 5 | 5 | | 442 |
| 32 Zion..... | J. M. Mitchell..... | 800 | 125 | 925 | 800 | 125 | 925 | 50 | 50 | 10 | 10 | | 985 |
| 33 Wil.-Asbury... | H. A. G. Westford..... | 1200 | 400 | 1600 | 1200 | 400 | 1600 | 120 | 120 | 21 | 21 | | 1741 |
| 34 Brandywine... | H. C. Turner..... | 1000 | 300 | 1300 | 1000 | 300 | 1300 | 60 | 60 | 15 | 15 | | 1375 |
| 35 Cookman..... | C. N. Jones..... | 800 | | 800 | 800 | | 800 | 36 | 36 | 10 | 10 | | 846 |
| 36 East Lake..... | J. H. Gray..... | 300 | 100 | 400 | 350 | 100 | 450 | 10 | 10 | 4 | 4 | | 464 |
| 37 Epworth..... | L. P. Corkran..... | 1000 | 200 | 1200 | 1000 | 200 | 1200 | 60 | 60 | 10 | 10 | | 1270 |
| 38 Grace..... | W. W. King..... | 3000 | 1000 | 4000 | 3000 | 1000 | 4000 | 264 | 264 | 65 | 65 | | 4329 |
| 39 Harrison St. | C. T. Wyatt..... | 1200 | 300 | 1500 | 1200 | 300 | 1500 | 72 | 72 | 18 | 18 | | 1590 |
| 40 Kingswood... | J. M. S. VanBlunk..... | 600 | 144 | 744 | 600 | 144 | 744 | 24 | 24 | 8 | 8 | | 776 |
| 41 Madeley..... | J. M. Arters..... | 700 | 144 | 844 | 800 | 144 | 944 | 36 | 36 | 10 | 10 | | 990 |
| 42 Mt. Salem... | F. F. Carpenter..... | 1200 | 120 | 1320 | 1200 | 120 | 1320 | 70 | 70 | 16 | 16 | | 1406 |
| 43 St. Pauls.... | W. L. S. Murray..... | 1400 | 300 | 1700 | 1800 | 300 | 2100 | 186 | 186 | 23 | 23 | | 2259 |
| 44 Scott..... | R. K. Stephenson..... | 1200 | 350 | 1550 | 1200 | 350 | 1550 | 72 | 72 | 18 | 18 | | 1640 |
| 45 Silverbrook... | H. S. Thompson..... | 700 | 300 | 1000 | 700 | 300 | 1000 | 30 | 30 | 10 | 10 | | 1040 |
| 46 Union..... | R. H. Adams..... | 1400 | 600 | 2000 | 1400 | 600 | 2000 | 140 | 140 | 25 | 25 | | 2165 |
| 47 Wesley..... | Asbury Burke..... | 900 | 180 | 1080 | 900 | 180 | 1080 | 40 | 40 | 10 | 10 | | 1130 |
| 48 Elsmere..... | W. H. Billany..... | | | | | | | 6 | 6 | | | | 6 |
| Total..... | | 37200 | 8099 | 45299 | 37616 | 8099 | 45715 | 220 | 213 | 2142 | 527 | 518 | 48375 |
| Conf Total..... | | 130527 | 22394 | 152921 | 131462 | 22394 | 153856 | 161 | 8007 | 7969 | 1715 | 1640 | 163465 |

TABLES.

Wilmington District, No. 4.

| | Curr't Exp's. | Benevolent Collections. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------|----------------------------|------|--------------|------|----------------|------|--|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---|------|------|------|-----------|
| | | Missions | | | | S. S. Union. | | | | Education. | | | | General Conference Exp. | | | | | | |
| | | (a) Church. | (b) Sunday School. | Special Gifts. | Total. | Board of Church Extension. | | S. S. Union. | | Tract Society. | | Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. | | Conference Academy. | | American Bible Society, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | (a) Church. | (b) Sunday School. | (a) Church. | (b) Sunday School. | | | | | (a) Cash. |
| 1 | \$ 16 | \$ 170 | \$ 75 | \$ 21 | \$ 59 | \$ 80 | \$ 8 | \$ 2 | \$ 2 | \$ 2 | \$ 4 | \$ 4 | \$ 4 | \$ 4 | \$ 4 | \$ 4 | \$ 4 | \$ 4 | \$ 4 | \$ 6 |
| 2 | 12 | 85 | 32 | 19 | 24 | 43 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 3 | 30 | 163 | 122 | 21 | 65 | 86 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| 4 | 18 | 198 | 48 | 4 | 18 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 5 | 30 | 30 | 31 | 55 | 45 | 110 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 4 |
| 6 | 15 | 160 | 40 | 40 | 10 | 50 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 7 | 6 | 100 | 35 | 25 | 5 | 100 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 8 | 5 | 100 | 12 | 20 | 5 | 25 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 9 | 20 | 290 | 75 | 41 | 19 | 60 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| 10 | 15 | 145 | 50 | 11 | 5 | 75 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| 11 | 5 | 75 | 15 | 12 | 100 | 5 | 578 | 400 | 32 | 32 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| 12 | 10 | 60 | 21 | 18 | 14 | 71 | 6 | 20 | 32 | 32 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| 13 | 14 | 60 | 21 | 14 | 30 | 110 | 30 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| 14 | 30 | 110 | 30 | 12 | 58 | 15 | 85 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 15 | | | | 10 | 30 | | 40 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 16 | 10 | 90 | 70 | 10 | 30 | 40 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 17 | 25 | 150 | 62 | 17 | 25 | 7 | 150 | 62 | 90 | 10 | 100 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 12 |
| 18 | 30 | 180 | 80 | 19 | 40 | 9 | 248 | 179 | 50 | 100 | 150 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 14 |
| 19 | 40 | 180 | 80 | 20 | 60 | 315 | 100 | 121 | 10 | 120 | 135 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 14 |
| 20 | 50 | 248 | 179 | 21 | 40 | 190 | 121 | 100 | 28 | 122 | 15 | 165 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 21 | 60 | 315 | 100 | 22 | 40 | 240 | 66 | 100 | 23 | 20 | 8 | 240 | 66 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 2 |
| 22 | 70 | 400 | 140 | 23 | 20 | 272 | 117 | 1 | 24 | 94 | 860 | 193 | 68 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 14 |
| 23 | 80 | 480 | 180 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 13 |
| 24 | 90 | 570 | 210 | 25 | 3 | 45 | 18 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 3 |
| 25 | 100 | 660 | 260 | 26 | 16 | 185 | 60 | 18 | 47 | 65 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 3 |
| 26 | 110 | 750 | 310 | 27 | 30 | 396 | 89 | 84 | 66 | 15 | 165 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 18 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 27 | 120 | 840 | 360 | 28 | 20 | 440 | 96 | 52 | 28 | 80 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 28 | 130 | 930 | 430 | 29 | 20 | 480 | 10 | 17 | 48 | 65 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| 29 | 140 | 1020 | 480 | 30 | 10 | 510 | 18 | 30 | 10 | 101 | 30 | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 30 | 150 | 1110 | 540 | 31 | 2 | 540 | 24 | 31 | 2 | 10 | 40 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| 31 | 160 | 1200 | 600 | 32 | 40 | 600 | 95 | 100 | 90 | 190 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 32 | 170 | 1290 | 660 | 33 | 100 | 1470 | 209 | 178 | 207 | 15 | 400 | 15 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| 33 | 180 | 1380 | 720 | 34 | 65 | 1605 | 350 | 52 | 168 | 220 | 15 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| 34 | 190 | 1470 | 780 | 35 | 20 | 236 | 30 | 8 | 78 | 86 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| 35 | 200 | 1560 | 840 | 36 | 5 | 200 | 75 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 20 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| 36 | 210 | 1650 | 900 | 37 | 25 | 2075 | 150 | 10 | 10 | 75 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| 37 | 220 | 1740 | 960 | 38 | 600 | 3700 | 393 | 550 | 1115 | 1665 | 10 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| 38 | 230 | 1830 | 1020 | 39 | 60 | 1033 | 312 | 100 | 240 | 340 | 20 | 4 | 10 | 24 | 10 | 4 | 152 | 78 | 5 | 15 |
| 39 | 240 | 1920</ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR 1905.

| | THIS YEAR. | INCREASE. | DECREASE. |
|---|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 Church Membership. | | | |
| Probationers | 4,697 | 204 | |
| Full Members..... | 37,843 | 97 | |
| Local Preachers | 100 | | 1 |
| Deaths..... | 506 | 7 | |
| 2 Baptisms. | | | |
| Children..... | 2,779 | 521 | |
| Adults | 249 | 31 | |
| 3 Sunday School. | | | |
| Schools | 395 | 4 | |
| Officers and Teachers..... | 5,745 | 4 | |
| Scholars | 44,862 | 511 | |
| Average Attendance..... | 26,976 | 49 | |
| Coverisons | 2,972 | 599 | |
| Current Expenses | \$17,033 | \$237 | |
| 4 Church Property. | | | |
| Churches | 389 | 2 | |
| Probable Value..... | \$1,859,108 | \$84,893 | |
| Parsonages | 151 | 4 | |
| Probable Value..... | \$307,900 | \$16,490 | |
| Building and Improving | 58,435 | | 3,452 |
| Paid on Old Indebtedness..... | 18,890 | | 2,715 |
| Present Indebtedness | 74,361 | | 1,062 |
| Current Expenses | 41,059 | 397 | |
| 5 Ministerial Support. | | | |
| Pastors | \$131,462 | \$2,691 | |
| House Rent | 22,394 | 436 | |
| Presiding Elders | 7,961 | 241 | |
| Bishops | 1,640 | 164 | |
| Conference Claimants Collection..... | 6,812 | 281 | |
| Endowment Fund..... | 249 | | 61 |
| 6 Benevolent Collections. | | | |
| Missions | \$25,962 | \$1,442 | |
| Church Extension | 1,625 | 128 | |
| Sunday School Union..... | 408 | 45 | |
| Tract Society..... | 399 | 43 | |
| Freedman's Aid and So. Ed. Society..... | 863 | 13 | |
| Conference Academy..... | 1,919 | | 729 |
| Children's Fund | 786 | 169 | |
| American Bible Society..... | 564 | 17 | |
| Conference Education Society..... | 386 | 159 | |
| Domestic Missions..... | 1,009 | 161 | |
| Philadelphia Hospital..... | 532 | 153 | |
| Woman's Foreign Missionary Society... | 2,570 | | 36 |
| Woman's Home Missionary Society | 3,294 | 481 | |
| General Conference Expenses..... | 552 | 511 | |
| 7 Epworth League. | | | |
| Senior Leagues..... | 153 | | 1 |
| Senior League Members..... | 7,993 | | 70 |
| Junior Leagues | 73 | | 2 |
| Junior League Members | 3,642 | 42 | |

H. A. G. WESTERFIELD, *Statistical Secretary.*
Wilmington, Del.

38th Annual Report

OF THE
MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF THE

Methodist Episcopal Church Within the Bounds of the Wilming-
ton Conference, for the Promotion of Foreign and
Domestic Missions.

IN ACCOUNT WITH ALFRED G. COX, TREASURER.
POCOMOKE CITY, MD., March 14th, 1906.

Dover District.

| | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| Beckwith..... | J. R. Cannon..... | \$ 100 |
| Bridgeville..... | W. R. Mowbray..... | 118 |
| Burrsville..... | R. S. Stevens..... | 75 |
| Cambridge | E. C. Macnichol..... | 265 |
| Camden | E. H. Nelson..... | 130 |
| Canterbury | W. S. H. Williams | 75 |
| Chestnut Grove | John Rosser..... | 11 |
| Church Creek | T. H. Jones..... | 65 |
| Crapo..... | A. A. Bichell..... | 200 |
| Denton | J. T. Richardson..... | 130 |
| Dover, Wesley..... | L. E. Barrett..... | 505 |
| " Armory..... | T. N. Given..... | 12 |
| East New Market | F. J. Cochran..... | 80 |
| Ellendale | H. E. Truitt..... | 90 |
| Elliott's Island..... | G. S. Thomas..... | 60 |
| Farmington..... | J. L. Sparklin..... | 110 |
| Frederica..... | William Cashmore..... | 200 |
| Federalsburg | T. F. Beauchamp..... | 130 |
| Felton | E. C. Sunfield..... | 147 |
| Galestown..... | J. A. Buckson | 112 |
| Georgetown..... | H. T. Quigg..... | 260 |
| Georgetown Circuit..... | Harry Taylor..... | 75 |
| Greenwood..... | L. W. Layfield..... | 200 |
| Harrington..... | J. H. Beauchamp..... | 165 |
| Hoopers Island..... | J. S. Bozman..... | 30 |
| Houston..... | J. F. Anderson..... | 105 |
| Hurlock | G. W. Townsend..... | 165 |
| Lakesville | E. W. McDowell..... | 45 |
| Leipsic | L. B. Morgan | 20 |
| Lewes | T. A. H. O'Brien..... | 332 |

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| Lincoln..... | J. W. Prettyman..... | 80 |
| Little Creek..... | J. B. C. Hopkins..... | 25 |
| Magnolia..... | I. G. Fosnocht..... | 90 |
| Milford..... | G. P. Jones..... | 524 |
| Milton..... | R. T. Coursey..... | 170 |
| Nassau..... | W. P. Compton..... | 110 |
| Preston..... | W. C. Stone..... | 75 |
| Salem..... | W. N. Conaway..... | 65 |
| Seaford..... | W. A. Wise..... | 250 |
| Seaford Circuit..... | J. L. Johnson..... | 233 |
| Vienna..... | C. W. Moore..... | 65 |
| Williamsburg..... | H. B. Kelso..... | 85 |
| Williston..... | C. W. Strickland..... | 165 |
| Willis Chapel..... | R. S. Stephens..... | 16 |
| Wyoming..... | G. P. Smith..... | 80 |
| Zoar..... | T. S. Barrett..... | 45 |

Total..... 6090

Easton District.

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| Bayside..... | J. C. Stevens..... | 55 |
| Betterton..... | D. J. Ford..... | 34 |
| Bozman..... | Milton McCann..... | 70 |
| Cecilton..... | W. F. Dawson..... | 200 |
| Centreville..... | H. G. Budd..... | 210 |
| Chestertown..... | W. L. White..... | 290 |
| Cheswold..... | A. W. Goodhand..... | 140 |
| Church Hill..... | W. C. Pool..... | 100 |
| Clayton..... | V. P. Northrup..... | 60 |
| Cordova..... | J. W. Gray..... | 80 |
| Crumpton..... | O. T. Baynard..... | 83 |
| Easton..... | E. P. Roberts..... | 250 |
| Fairlee..... | W. E. Hubbard..... | 85 |
| Galena..... | T. C. Smoot..... | 140 |
| Greensboro..... | S. P. Shipman..... | 153 |
| Henderson..... | W. V. Harris..... | 36 |
| Hillsboro..... | D. J. Givan..... | 125 |
| Kent Island..... | F. C. McSorley..... | 155 |
| Kenton..... | D. F. McFaul..... | 90 |
| Marydel..... | E. H. Collins..... | 145 |
| Middletown..... | A. W. Lightbourne..... | 450 |
| Millington..... | Edwin Gardner..... | 90 |
| Odessa..... | W. E. Gunby..... | 130 |
| Oxford..... | W. T. Lewis..... | 45 |
| Piney Neck..... | G. S. Conaway..... | 25 |

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| Pomona..... | E. B. Taylor..... | 80 |
| Queenstown..... | E. W. Jones..... | 78 |
| Ridgely..... | G. R. Ellis..... | 100 |
| Rock Hall..... | Warren Burr..... | 100 |
| Royal Oak..... | J. C. McCoy..... | 40 |
| St. Michaels..... | G. W. Bounds..... | 255 |
| Smyrna..... | Robert Watt..... | 570 |
| Smyrna Circuit..... | Albert Chandler..... | 130 |
| Still Pond..... | T. S. Holt..... | 130 |
| Sudlersville..... | W. O. Bennett..... | 125 |
| Tilghman's Island..... | J. D. Reese..... | 50 |
| Townsend..... | J. W. Jones..... | 169 |
| Trappe..... | Robert Roe..... | 76 |
| Wye..... | Daniel Wilson..... | 60 |
| Golts..... | L. W. Long..... | 20 |
| Neavitt..... | H. L. Williams..... | 50 |

Total..... 5274

Salisbury District.

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|----------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| Annamesssex..... | F. I. Mumford..... | 60 |
| Asbury..... | H. S. Dulaney..... | 345 |
| Berlin..... | G. C. Williams..... | 105 |
| Berlin Circuit..... | J. E. Derrickson..... | 20 |
| Bethel..... | W. E. Matthews..... | 90 |
| Bishopville..... | W. S. Epperson..... | 50 |
| Cape Charles..... | J. P. Outten..... | 85 |
| Chincoteague..... | D. H. Willis..... | 81 |
| Crisfield..... | S. N. Pilchard..... | 305 |
| Chesconessex..... | J. F. Ayars..... | 40 |
| Deals Island..... | W. W. Sharp..... | 235 |
| Delmar..... | Z. H. Webster..... | 200 |
| Fairmount..... | E. L. Hoffecker..... | 250 |
| Frankford..... | G. W. Hastings..... | 225 |
| Fruitland..... | W. W. White..... | 77 |
| Girdletree..... | J. W. Fogle..... | 170 |
| Gumboro..... | C. H. Williams..... | 100 |
| Hollands Island..... | L. T. McLane..... | 45 |
| Laurel..... | T. E. Terry..... | 266 |
| Mardela Springs..... | G. W. Hardesty..... | 30 |
| Marion..... | J. H. Gardner..... | 65 |
| Millsboro..... | W. B. Guthrie..... | 40 |
| Mt. Pleasant..... | G. E. Wood..... | 120 |
| Mount Vernon..... | V. E. Hills..... | 120 |
| Nanticoke..... | G. R. Neese..... | 210 |

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| Newark..... | L. R. Janney..... | 60 |
| Onancock..... | L. I. McDongle..... | 91 |
| Ocean View..... | J. B. Conaway..... | 100 |
| Parsonsborg..... | F. N. Faulkner..... | 100 |
| Pocomoke City..... | L. E. Poole..... | 100 |
| Pocomoke Circuit..... | J. W. Briscoe..... | 55 |
| Powellville..... | Howard Davis..... | 80 |
| Princess Anne..... | J. W. Colona..... | 100 |
| Quantico..... | J. H. Goeghegan..... | 100 |
| Riverside..... | W. F. Atkinson..... | 10 |
| Roxana..... | W. H. Kenney..... | 90 |
| St. Peters..... | E. H. Derrickson..... | 240 |
| Salisbury..... | C. A. Hill..... | 500 |
| Selbyville..... | E. N. Cantwell..... | 98 |
| Sharptown..... | J. H. Wilson..... | 85 |
| Smith's Island..... | F. E. Bloxton..... | 222 |
| Snow Hill..... | G. T. Alderson..... | 200 |
| Somerset..... | O. L. Martin..... | 80 |
| Stockton..... | M. D. Nutter..... | 246 |
| Tangier..... | T. R. Vandyke..... | 410 |
| Westover..... | R. H. Lewis..... | 50 |
| Whitesville..... | G. L. Hardesty..... | 200 |
| Total..... | | 6551 |

Wilmington District.

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|----------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| Bethel..... | W. P. Taylor..... | 80 |
| Charlestown..... | J. A. Arters..... | 43 |
| Cherry Hill..... | T. B. Hunter..... | 88 |
| Chesapeake City..... | W. T. Hammond..... | 80 |
| Chester..... | J. A. Prouse..... | 110 |
| Christiana..... | J. M. Collins..... | 50 |
| Claymont..... | T. H. Harding..... | 25 |
| Colora..... | W. R. Gwinn..... | 25 |
| Delaware City..... | E. E. White..... | 60 |
| Ebenezer..... | J. H. Mitchell..... | 75 |
| Elk Neck..... | W. R. MacFarlane..... | 32 |
| Elkton..... | T. E. Martindale..... | 405 |
| Hockessin..... | G. W. Burke..... | 76 |
| Hopewell..... | F. X. Moore..... | 85 |
| Kirkwood..... | S. O. Gibbons..... | |
| Marshallton..... | E. H. Miller..... | 40 |
| Mount Lebanon..... | G. W. Dawson..... | 100 |
| Mount Pleasant..... | J. M. Lindale..... | 150 |
| Newark..... | E. C. Atkins..... | 150 |

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| New Castle..... | C. W. Prettyman..... | 135 |
| Newport..... | W. O. Hurst..... | 165 |
| Northeast..... | E. H. Dashiell..... | 100 |
| Perryville..... | W. E. Greenfield..... | 65 |
| Port Deposit..... | V. S. Collins..... | 260 |
| Port Penn..... | A. C. Jones..... | 21 |
| Red Lion..... | F. E. McKinsey..... | 65 |
| Rising Sun..... | J. P. Otis..... | 165 |
| St. Georges..... | J. A. Brewington..... | 80 |
| St. John's..... | O. E. Jones..... | 65 |
| Stanton..... | C. D. Sharpless..... | 25 |
| Town Point..... | W. G. Harris..... | 10 |
| Zion..... | J. H. Mitchell..... | 190 |
| Wilmington: | | |
| Asbury..... | H. A. G. Westerfield..... | 400 |
| Brandywine..... | H. C. Turner..... | 220 |
| Cookman..... | C. N. Jones..... | 86 |
| Eastlake..... | J. H. Gray..... | 20 |
| Elsmere..... | W. H. Billany..... | 11 |
| Epworth..... | L. P. Corkran..... | 75 |
| Grace..... | W. W. King..... | 1665 |
| Harrison Street..... | C. T. Wyatt..... | 340 |
| Kingswood..... | J. M. S. Van Blunk..... | 40 |
| Madeley..... | J. M. Arters..... | 75 |
| Mount Salem..... | F. F. Carpenter..... | 432 |
| St. Pauls..... | W. L. S. Murray..... | 700 |
| Scott..... | R. K. Stephenson..... | 280 |
| Silverbrook..... | H. S. Thompson..... | 70 |
| Union..... | R. H. Adams..... | 540 |
| Wesley..... | Asbury Burke..... | 75 |
| Total..... | | 8047 |

Recapitulation.**Dover District.**

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| Raised last year..... | \$5,608 | |
| Raised this year..... | 6,090 | |
| Increase..... | | 482 |

Easton District.

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| Raised last year..... | \$5,016 | |
| Raised this year..... | 5,274 | |
| Increase..... | | 258 |

Salisbury District.

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| Raised last year..... | \$6,316 |
| Raised this year..... | 6,551 |
| Increase..... | 235 |

Wilmington District.

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| Raised last year..... | \$7,580 |
| Raised this year..... | 8,047 |
| Increase..... | 467 |

General Summary.

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| Raised last year, all Districts..... | \$24,520 |
| Raised this year, all Districts..... | 25,962 |
| Increase..... | 1,442 |

MISSIONARY STATISTICS.**Dover District.****Armory—T. N. Given, Pastor.**

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| Church, 2; School, 10..... | Total \$ 12 00 |
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Beckwith—J. R. Cannon, Pastor.

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| Beckwith, Church, 30; School, 20..... | 50 00 |
| Spedden's Church..... | 50 00 |
| Total..... | \$100 00 |

Bridgeville—W. R. Mowbray, Pastor.

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| Church, 68; School, 50..... | Total \$ 118 00 |
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Burrsville—J. K. Underhill, Pastor.

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|---------------------------|----------|
| Churches and Schools..... | \$ 75 00 |
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Cambridge—E. C. Macnichol, Pastor.

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| Church and School..... | \$265 00 |
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Camden—E. H. Nelson, Pastor.

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|---------------------------|----------|
| Churches and Schools..... | \$130 00 |
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Canterbury Ct.—W. S. H. Williams, Pastor.

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| Canterbury Church, 20; School, 10..... | 30 00 |
| Viola Church, 10; School, 10..... | 20 00 |
| Viola Christian Endeavor Society..... | 5 00 |
| Woodside Church, 5; School, 10..... | 15 00 |
| Mary E. Friedel..... | 5 00 |
| Total..... | \$ 75 00 |

Church Creek—T. H. Jones, Pastor.

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|----------------------|----------|
| Church Creek..... | 35 00 |
| Taylor's Island..... | 15 00 |
| Madison..... | 15 00 |
| Total..... | \$ 65 00 |

Crapo—A. A. Bichell, Pastor.

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| St. Thomas Church, 60; School, 13..... | 73 00 |
| Zion Church, 20; School, 10..... | 30 00 |
| Ebenezer Church, 30; School, 14..... | 44 00 |
| Wesley Church, 20; School, 3..... | 23 00 |
| Bethany Church, 28; School, 2..... | 30 00 |
| Total..... | \$200 00 |

Denton—J. T. Richardson, Pastor.

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| Church, 79; Sunday School, 51..... | Total \$130 00 |
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Wesley (Dover)—L. E. Barrett, Pastor.

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| Church, 85; School, 420..... | Total \$505 00 |
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East New Market—F. J. Cochran, Pastor.

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| Trinity Church, 24; School, 31..... | 55 00 |
| Cabin Creek Church, 10; School, 5..... | 15 00 |
| Secretary Church, 5; School, 5..... | 10 00 |
| Total..... | \$ 80 00 |

Ellendale—H. E. Truitt, Pastor.

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|-----------------|----------|
| Ellendale..... | 36 00 |
| New Market..... | 19 00 |
| McColbey..... | 16 00 |
| Union..... | 19 00 |
| Total..... | \$ 90 00 |

Elliott—G. S. Thomas, Pastor.

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|-----------------------------|----------|
| Church, 20; School, 25..... | 45 00 |
| Epworth League..... | 15 00 |
| Total..... | \$ 60 00 |

Farmington—J. L. Sparklin, Pastor.

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| Farmington Church, 31; School, 20..... | 51 00 |
| Todd's Church, 30; School, 5..... | 35 00 |
| Prospect Church, 12; School, 5..... | 17 00 |
| Statonsville Church, 5; School, 2..... | 7 00 |
| Total..... | \$110 00 |

Federalburg—T. F. Beauchamp, Pastor.

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| Church, 5; School, 125..... | Total \$130 00 |
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Felton—E. C. Sunfield, Pastor.

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| Felton Church, 15; School, 107..... | 122 00 |
| Masten's Church..... | 6 00 |
| Manship Church..... | 12 00 |
| Total..... | \$140 00 |

Frederica—William Cashmore, Pastor.

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| Frederica..... | 113 00 |
| Milford Neck..... | 6 00 |
| Total..... | \$119 00 |

Galestown—J. A. Buckson, Pastor.

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| Galestown Church, 18; School, 13..... | 31 00 |
| Wesley Church, 25; School, 7..... | 32 00 |
| Cokesbury Church, 6; School, 22..... | 28 00 |
| Woodland Church, 10; School, 11..... | 21 00 |
| Total..... | \$112 00 |

Greenwood—L. W. Layfield, Pastor.

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|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Greenwood Church, 10; School, 50..... | 60 00 |
| Trinity Church, 75; School, 25..... | 100 00 |
| St. Johnstown School..... | 15 00 |
| Chapel Church, 20; School, 5..... | 25 00 |
| Total..... | \$200 00 |

Georgetown—H. T. Quigg, Pastor.

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| Church, 228; School, 32..... | Total \$260 00 |
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Georgetown Circuit—Harry Taylor, Pastor.

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| St. John's Church, 18; School, 5..... | 23 00 |
| Cokesbury Church, 18; School, 5..... | 23 00 |
| Reed's Chapel Church, 11; School, 5..... | 16 00 |
| Bethesda Church, 11; School, 2..... | 13 00 |
| Total..... | \$ 75 00 |

Harrington—J. H. Beauchamp, Pastor.

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|---------------------|----------|
| Sunday School..... | 160 00 |
| Epworth League..... | 5 00 |
| Total..... | \$165 00 |

Houston—J. F. Anderson, Pastor.

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|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Church, 11; School, 22..... | 33 00 |
| Laws Church, 18; School, 7..... | 25 00 |
| Millwood Church, 13; School, 10..... | 23 00 |
| Williamsville Church and School..... | 15 00 |
| Mrs. Thistlewood's Class..... | 9 00 |
| Total..... | \$105 00 |

Hurlock—G. W. Townsend, Pastor.

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| Church, 80; School, 65..... | 145 00 |
| McKendree Church..... | 20 00 |
| Total..... | \$165 00 |

Lakesville—E. W. McDowell, Pastor.

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| Churches, Schools and Epworth League..... | \$ 45 00 |
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Leipsic—L. B. Morgan, Pastor.

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| Churches, 10; Schools, 10..... | Total \$ 20 00 |
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Lewes—T. A. H. O'Brien, Pastor.

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| Church, 124; School, 176..... | 300 00 |
| Special Holder Up's..... | 30 00 |
| India Famine Fund..... | 2 00 |
| Total..... | \$332 00 |

Lincoln—J. W. Prettyman, Pastor.

Church and School.....\$ 80 00

Little Creek—J. C. B. Hopkins, Pastor.

Church, 13; School, 12.....Total \$ 25 00

Magnolia—I. G. Fosnocht, Pastor.

Magnolia School..... 70 00
 Epworth League..... 5 00
 Barrett's School..... 8 00
 Saxton's..... 4 00
 Other sources..... 3 00
 Total.....\$ 90 00

Milford—G. P. Jones, Pastor.

Avenue Church, 145; School, 300..... 445 00
 Chapel School..... 45 00
 Bishop McCabe's work in South America..... 34 00
 Total.....\$524 00

Milton—R. T. Coursey, Pastor.

Churches, 28; Schools, 132..... 160 00
 Epworth League..... 10 00
 Total.....\$170 00

Nassau—W. P. Compton, Pastor.

Churches, 26; Schools:—Whites, 12; Conleys, 23..... 61 00
 Rehobeth..... 18 00
 Ebenezer..... 31 00
 Total.....\$110 00

Preston—W. C. Stone, Pastor.

Churches and Schools.....\$ 75 00

Salem—W. N. Conaway, Pastor.

Salem Church..... 20 00
 Linkwood Church, 12; School, 13..... 25 00
 Thompson's Church..... 12 00
 Griffin's Church..... 8 00
 Total.....\$ 65 00

Seaford—W. A. Wise, Pastor.

Church, 125; Schools, 125.....Total \$250 00

Seaford Circuit—J. L. Johnson, Pastor.

Bethel Church, 62; School, 20..... 82 00
 Wesley Church, 41; School, 43..... 84 00
 Brown's School..... 34 00
 Concord School..... 33 00
 Total.....\$233 00

Vienna—C. W. Moore, Pastor.

Schools: Vienna, 30; Manship, 5; Wainwright's, 5..... 40 00
 Reed's Grove, 20; League, 5..... 25 00
 Total.....\$ 65 00

Williamsburg—H. B. Kelso, Pastor.

Williamsburg Church, 20; School, 30..... 50 00
 Hynson Church, 11; School, 8..... 19 00
 Friendship Church, 7; School, 3..... 10 00
 St. Paul's Church, 4; School, 2..... 6 00
 Total.....\$ 85 00

Williston—C. W. Strickland, Pastor.

Concord Church, 40; School, 25..... 65 00
 Bloomery Church, 30; School, 12..... 42 00
 Other Churches..... 58 00
 Total.....\$165 00

Willis—R. S. Stephens, Pastor.

Church and School.....\$ 16 00

Wyoming—G. P. Smith, Pastor.

Churches, 60; Schools, 20.....Total \$ 80 00

Zoar—T. S. Barrett, Pastor.

Zoar Church, 5; School, 6..... 11 00
 Pepper's Church, 5; School, 7..... 12 00
 Asbury Church, 5; School, 6..... 11 00
 St. Thomas Church, 5; School, 6..... 11 00
 Total.....\$ 45 00

Easton District.**Betterton—D. J. Ford, Pastor.**

Church, 10; School, 5; Special, 19 Total \$ 34 00

Bozman—Milton McCann, Pastor.

Church, 20; School, 50..... Total \$ 70 00

Cecilton—W. F. Dawson, Pastor.

Cecilton School..... 125 00

St. Paul's School 75 00

Total.....\$200 00

Centreville—H. G. Budd, Pastor.

Church, 41; School, 169..... Total \$210 00

Chestertown—W. L. White, Pastor.

Church and School.....\$290 00

Cheswold—A. W. Goodhand, Pastor.

Schools.....\$140 00

Church Hill—W. C. Poole, Pastor.

Churches, 25; Schools, 75..... Total \$100 00

Clayton—V. P. Northrup, Pastor.

Churches, 12; Schools, 48..... Total \$60 00

Crumpton—O. T. Baynard, Pastor.

Crumpton..... 37 00

Union..... 36 00

Double Creek..... 10 00

Total.....\$ 83 00

Easton—E. P. Roberts, Pastor.

Church, 100; School, 150 Total \$250 00

Fairlee—W. E. Hubbard, Pastor.

Church, 25; School, 60..... Total \$ 85 00

Galena—T. C. Smoot, Pastor.

Galena..... 85 00

Locust Grove..... 30 00

Sassafras..... 25 00

Total.....\$140 00

Golt—L. W. Long, Pastor.

Church and School.....\$ 20 00

Greensboro—S. P. Shipman, Pastor.

School.....\$150 00

Henderson—W. V. Harris, Pastor.

Church, 16; School, 20.....\$ 36 00

Hillsboro—D. J. Givan, Pastor.

Hillsboro..... 65 00

Ebenezer 40 00

Harris Chapel..... 20 00

Total.....\$125 00

Kent Island—F. C. MacSorley, Pastor.

Stevensville Church, 70; School, 30..... 100 00

Kingsly Church, 12; School, 23..... 35 00

Trinity School, 5; Junior League, 15..... 20 00

Total.....\$155 00

Marydel—E. H. Collins, Pastor.

Templeville School..... 27 00

Miss Cora Smith's Class, 8; William Perkins, 10 18 00

Marydel School..... 29 00

Mr. Hether's Class, 9; Epworth League, 2 11 00

Hartly School. 35 00

E. L. Nickerson's Class..... 10 00

Thomas Church and School 15 00

Total.....\$145 00

Kenton—D. F. McFaul, Pastor.

Churches, 55; Schools, 35.....Total \$90 00

Middletown—A. W. Lightbourne, Pastor.

Church, 100; School, 350.....Total \$450 00

Millington—Edwin Gardner, Pastor.Asbury Church, 18; School, 67..... 85 00
Massey's School..... 5 00
Total.....\$ 90 00**Odessa—W. E. Gunby, Pastor.**

Church, 30; School, 100.....Total \$130 00

Oxford—W. T. Lewis, Pastor.

Church, 25; School, 20.....Total \$ 45 00

Piney Neck—G. S. Conaway, Pastor.

Piney Neck School, 21; Skinner School, 4.....Total \$ 25 00

Pomona—E. B. Taylor, Pastor.

Bond School; 70; Mowbray School, 10.....Total \$ 80 00

Queenstown—E. W. Jones, Pastor.Perry's Corner Church, 21.93; School, 4.07..... 26 00
Queenstown School, 20.77; Church, 5.23 .. 26 00
Winchester Church, 2.27; School, 23.73..... 26 00
Total.....\$ 78 00**Ridgely—G. R. Ellis, Pastor.**Church, 40; School, 50. 90 00
Junior League..... 10 00
Total.....\$100 00**Rock Hall—Warren Burr, Pastor.**

Church, 10; School, 90Total \$100 00

Royal Oak—J. C. McCoy, Pastor.

Church and School.....\$ 40 00

St. Michaels—G. W. Bounds, Pastor.

Church, 17; School, 238Total \$255 00

Smyrna—Robert Watt, Pastor.Asbury Church, 170; School, 344; Epworth League, 35 549 00
Smyrna Landing, 21 21 00
Total.....\$570 00**Smyrna Circuit—Albert Chandler, Pastor.**Friendship Church, 45; School, 40..... 85 00
Severson's Church, 18; School, 4..... 22 00
Jerman Chapel, 15; School, 8..... 23 00
Total.....\$130 00**Still Pond—T. S. Holt, Pastor.**

School.....\$130 00

Sudlersville—W. O. Bennett, Pastor.

Churches, 43; Schools, 82.....Total \$125 00

Tilghman's Island—J. D. Reese, Pastor.

Church and School\$ 50 00

Townsend—J. W. Jones, Pastor.Townsend Church, 42; School, 74..... 116 00
Blackbird Church, 9; School, 11; Epworth League, 20..... 40 00
Union Church, 3; School, 5; Junior League, 5..... 13 00
Total.....\$169 00**Trappe—Robert Roe, Pastor.**

Churches and Schools\$ 76 00

Wye Mills—Daniel Wilson, Pastor.

Churches and Schools.....\$ 60 00

Salisbury District.**Annamessex—F. I. Mumford, Pastor.**

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| St. Peters Church, 20; School, 20..... | 40 00 |
| Rehoboth Church, 10; School, 10..... | 20 00 |
| Total | \$ 60 00 |

Asbury—H. S. Dulaney, Pastor.

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| Church, 95; School, 250..... | Total \$345 00 |
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Berlin—C. G. Williams, Pastor.

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| Church, 24; School, 81..... | Total \$105 00 |
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Berlin Circuit—J. L. Derrickson, Pastor.

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| Synepuxent School..... | 10 00 |
| Friendship Church, 4; School, 1..... | 5 00 |
| St. Martins Church, 4; School, 1..... | 5 00 |
| Total..... | \$ 20 00 |

Bethel—W. E. Matthews, Pastor.

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| Bethel Church, 48; School, 12..... | 60 00 |
| Mt. Zion Church, 12; School, 10; Epworth League, 8..... | 30 00 |
| Total..... | \$ 90 00 |

Bishopville—W. S. Epperson, Pastor.

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| Bishopville..... | 36 00 |
| Showell..... | 14 00 |
| Total..... | \$ 50 00 |

Cape Charles—J. P. Outten, Pastor.

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| School..... | \$ 85 00 |
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Chesconessex—J. F. Ayres, Pastor.

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| Church and School..... | \$ 40 00 |
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Crisfield—S. N. Pilchard, Pastor.

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| Immanuel, 5; School, 295; Mission School, 5..... | Total \$305 00 |
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Chincoteague—D. H. Willis, Pastor.

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| Christ Church, 14; School, 54..... | 68 00 |
| Goodwill Church, 5; School, 7..... | 12 00 |
| Total..... | \$ 80 00 |

Deals Island—W. W. Sharp, Pastor.

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| Church, 125; School, 110..... | Total \$235 00 |
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Delmar—Z. H. Webster, Pastor.

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| Church, 41; School, 159..... | Total \$200 00 |
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Fairmount—E. L. Hoffecker, Pastor.

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| Church, 10; School, 240..... | Total \$250 00 |
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Frankford—G. W. Hastings, Pastor.

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| Frankford Church, 51; School, 46..... | 97 00 |
| St. Georges Church, 82; School, 15..... | 97 00 |
| Houston Church..... | 8 00 |
| Omar Church, 20; School, 3..... | 23 00 |
| Total..... | \$225 00 |

Fruitland—W. W. White, Pastor.

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| Fruitland School..... | 68 00 |
| Siloam School..... | 9 00 |
| Total..... | \$ 77 00 |

Girdletree—J. W. Fogle, Pastor.

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| Churches and Schools, 170; for India sufferers, 10..... | Total \$180 00 |
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Gumboro—C. H. Williams, Pastor.

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| Gumboro School..... | 40 00 |
| West Woods Church, 17; School, 6..... | 23 00 |
| Carey's Church and School..... | 20 00 |
| Bethel Church, 13; School, 4..... | 17 00 |
| Total..... | \$100 00 |

Holland's Island—L. T. McLain, Pastor.

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| Church and School..... | \$ 45 00 |
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Laurel—T. E. Terry, Pastor.

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| School..... | \$266 00 |
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Mardela Springs—J. W. Hardesty, Pastor.

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| Church, 20; School, 10..... | Total \$ 30 00 |
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Millsboro—W. B. Guthrie, Pastor.

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| Millsboro Church, 9; School, 5..... | 14 00 |
| Central Church, 7; School, 3..... | 10 00 |
| Dagsboro School..... | 13 00 |
| Unity Church..... | 3 00 |
| Total..... | \$ 40 00 |

Mt. Pleasant—G. E. Wood, Pastor.

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| Mt. Pleasant Church and School..... | 65 00 |
| King's Church and School | 33 00 |
| St. Georges Church and School..... | 22 00 |
| Total..... | \$120 00 |

Mt. Vernon—V. E. Hills, Pastor.

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|------------------------------------|----------|
| Wesley Church, 40; School, 20..... | 60 00 |
| Asbury Church, 30; School, 30..... | 60 00 |
| Total..... | \$120 00 |

Nanticoke—G. R. Neese, Pastor.

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| Churches and Schools | \$210 00 |
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Newark—L. R. Janney, Pastor.

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| Church, 30; School, 30..... | Total \$ 60 00 |
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Onancock—L. I. McDougal, Pastor.

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| Churches and Schools..... | \$ 91 00 |
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Ocean View—J. B. Conaway, Pastor.

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| Church, 61; School, 35; Epworth League, 4..... | Total \$100 00 |
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Parsonsbury—F. N. Faulkner, Pastor.

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| Churches and Schools..... | \$100 00 |
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Pocomoke Circuit—J. W. Briscoe, Pastor.

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| Holland's, 9; Williams, 14..... | 23 00 |
| Emmanuel, 16; Cokesbury, 16..... | 32 00 |
| Total..... | \$ 55 00 |

Pocomoke City—L. E. Poole, Pastor.

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| Church and School | \$100 00 |
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Powellville—Howard Davis, Pastor.

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| Churches, 41; Schools, 39..... | Total \$ 80 00 |
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Princess Anne—J. W. Colona, Pastor.

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| Church and School | \$100 00 |
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Quantico—J. H. Goeghegan, Pastor.

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| Rockawalking Church and School..... | 50 00 |
| Quantico Church and School..... | 25 00 |
| Hebron Church and School | 20 00 |
| Messick Church and School..... | 5 00 |
| Total..... | \$100 00 |

Riverside—W. F. Atkinson, Pastor.

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| Church, 5; School, 5..... | Total \$ 10 00 |
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Roxana—W. H. Kenney, Pastor.

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| Churches and Schools..... | \$ 90 00 |
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St. Peters—E. H. Derrickson, Pastor.

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| Churches, 75; Schools, 165..... | Total \$240 00 |
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Salisbury—C. A. Hill, Pastor.

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| Church, 128; School, 372..... | Total \$500 00 |
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Sharptown—J. H. Wilson, Pastor.

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| Church, 33; School, 50..... | Total \$ 85 00 |
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Selbyville—E. N. Cantwell, Pastor.

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| Salem Church, 13; School, 79..... | 92 00 |
| Ebenezer Church..... | 6 00 |
| Total..... | \$ 98 00 |

Stockton—M. D. Nutter, Pastor.

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| Stockton School, 41; Epworth League, 10..... | 51 00 |
| Franklin City Church and School | 185 00 |
| Remson's School | 10 00 |
| Total..... | \$246 00 |

Smiths Island—F. E. Bloxton, Pastor.

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| North End Church, 47; School, 53..... | 100 00 |
| Drum Point Church, 25; School, 54..... | 79 00 |
| Rhodes Point Church, 20; School, 23 | 43 00 |
| Total..... | \$222 00 |

Snow Hill—G. T. Alderson, Pastor.

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| Church, 37; School, 163..... | Total \$200 00 |
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Somerset—O. L. Martin, Pastor.

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| Churches and Schools..... | \$ 80 00 |
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Tangier—T. R. VanDyke, Pastor.

School.....\$400 00

Westover—R. H. Lewis, Pastor.

Churches and Schools.....\$ 50 00

Whitesville—G. L. Hardesty, Pastor.

Line Church, 65; School, 15..... 80 00

Melsons Church, 26; School, 29..... 55 00

Jones Church, 30; School, 10..... 40 00

Bethesda Church, 20; School, 5..... 25 00

Total.....\$200 00

Wilmington District.**Bethel and Summit—W. P. Taylor, Pastor.**

Bethel Church, 21; School, 19..... 40 00

Summit School..... 40 00

Total.....\$ 80 00

Charlestown—J. A. Arters, Pastor.

Churches..... 18 00

Charlestown School..... 18 00

Principio School..... 7 00

Total.....\$ 43 00

Cherry Hill—T. B. Hunter, Pastor.

Churches, 15; Easter offering, 6..... 21 00

Cherry Hill School..... 50 00

Baldwins School..... 5 00

Big Elk School..... 10 00

Total.....\$ 86 00

Chesapeake City—W. T. Hammond, Pastor.

Church and School.....\$ 80 00

Chester—Bethel—J. T. Prouse, Pastor.

Church, 55; School, 45; Epworth League, 10.....Total \$110 00

Christiana—J. M. Collins, Pastor.

Christiana Church and School..... 30 00

Salem Church and School..... 20 00

Total.....\$ 50 00

Claymont—T. H. Harding, Pastor.

School.....\$ 25 00

Delaware City—E. E. White, Pastor.

Church, 41; School, 19.....Total \$ 60 00

Ebenezer—J. H. Mitchell, Pastor.

Wesley School..... 25 00

Ebenezer..... 46 00

Milford Crossroads..... 4 00

Total.....\$ 75 00

Elk Neck—W. R. McFarlane, Pastor.

Churches and Schools.....\$ 32 00

Elkton—T. E. Martindale, Pastor.

Church, 32; Epworth League and Schools, 373.....Total \$405 00

Hockessin—G. W. Burke, Pastor.

Church, 5; School, 71.....Total \$ 76 00

Hopewell—F. X. Moore, Pastor.

Asbury Church, 12; School, 58..... 70 00

Hopewell Epworth League..... 15 00

Total.....\$ 85 00

Marshallton—E. H. Miller, Pastor.

Church, 10; School, 30.....Total \$ 40 00

Mt. Lebanon—G. W. Dawson, Pastor.

Church, 90; School, 10.....Total \$100 00

Mt. Pleasant—J. M. Lindale, Pastor.

Mt. Pleasant Church, 40; School, 60..... 100 00

Newark Union Church, 10; School, 40..... 50 00

Total.....\$150 00

Newark—E. C. Atkins, Pastor.

School..... \$150 00

New Castle—C. W. Prettyman, Pastor.

Church, 15; School, 120.....Total \$135 00

Newport—W. O. Hurst, Pastor.

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| Church, 28; School, 122..... | 150 00 |
| A Friend for Africa..... | 15 00 |
| Total..... | \$165 00 |

North East—E. H. Dashiell, Pastor.

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| School..... | \$100 00 |
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Perryville—W. E. Greenfield, Pastor.

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| Church, 1; School, 64..... | Total \$ 65 00 |
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Port Deposit—V. S. Collins, Pastor.

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| Church; 68.25; School, 191.75..... | Total \$260 00 |
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Port Penn—A. C. Jones, Pastor.

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| Church, 10; School, 11..... | Total \$ 21 00 |
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Red Lion—F. E. McKinsey, Pastor.

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| Lebanon Church, 12; School, 23..... | 35 00 |
| Glasgow Church, 6; School, 12..... | 18 00 |
| Eden School..... | 12 00 |
| Total..... | \$ 65 00 |

Rising Sun—J. P. Otis, Pastor.

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| Rising Sun Church, 70; School, 60..... | 130 00 |
| Sylmar Church, 14; School, 6; Special Gift, 15..... | 35 00 |
| Total..... | \$165 00 |

St. Georges—J. A. Brewington, Pastor.

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| Church, 32; School, 28; Easter offering, 20..... | Total \$ 80 00 |
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St. John's—O. E. Jones, Pastor.

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| Church, 17; School, 48..... | Total \$ 65 00 |
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Stanton—C. D. Sharpless, Pastor.

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| School..... | \$ 25 00 |
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Town Point—W. G. Harris, Pastor.

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| Church..... | \$ 10 00 |
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Zion—J. M. Mitchell, Pastor.

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| Churches; 100; Schools, 90..... | Total \$190 00 |
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Asbury—H. A. G. Westerfield, Pastor.

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| Church, 178; School, 207; Special Gift, 15..... | Total \$400 00. |
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Brandywine—H. C. Turner, Pastor.

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| Brandywine Church, 52; Schools, 153..... | 205 00 |
| Edgemoor School..... | 15 00 |
| Total..... | \$220 00 |

Cookman—C. N. Jones, Pastor.

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| Church and School..... | \$ 86 00 |
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East Lake—J. H. Gray, Pastor.

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| School..... | \$ 20 00 |
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Elsmere—W. H. Billany, Pastor.

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| School..... | \$ 11 00 |
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Epworth—L. P. Corkran, Pastor.

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| School..... | \$ 75 00 |
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Grace—W. W. King, Pastor.

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| Church, 550; School, 1,150..... | Total \$1,665 00 |
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Harrison Street—C. T. Wyatt, Pastor.

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| Church, 100; School, 240..... | Total \$340 00 |
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Kingswood—J. M. S. VanBlunk, Pastor.

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| School..... | \$ 40 00 |
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Madeley—J. M. Arters, Pastor.

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| Church, 10; School, 65..... | Total \$ 75 00 |
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Mt. Salem—F. F. Carpenter, Pastor.

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| Mt. Salem Church, 62; School, 200..... | 262 00 |
| Chapel..... | 170 00 |
| Total..... | \$432 00 |

St. Paul's and Washington Heights—W. L. S. Murray, Pastor.

Churches; 320; Schools, 350; Special Gift, 30.....Total \$700 00

Scott—R. K. Stephenson, Pastor.

Church; 105; School, 175.....Total \$280 00

Silverbrook—H. S. Thompson, Pastor.


Church, 5; School, 65.....Total \$ 70 00

Union—R. H. Adams, Pastor.

Church, 121; School, 419.....Total \$540 00

Wesley—Asbury Burke, Pastor.

Church and School.....\$ 75 00

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