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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	I. 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.
39	" 20, '07	Smyrna	J. F. Berry	W. A. Wise.
40	" 18, '08	Wilmington—Asbury	D. A. Goodsell	W. A. Wise.
41	" 17, '09	Milford	D. H. Moore	W. A. Wise.
42	" 16, '10	Salisbury	J. W. Hamilton	W. A. Wise.
43	" 15, '11	Wilmington—Asbury	T. B. Neely	W. A. Wise.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES.

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. Brown. 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 Hulburt, L. E. Barrett, Alfred Smith, W. F. Corkran. Reserves—W. E. Avery, V. S. Collins.	
1900.	Robert Watt, T. E. Martindale, W. F. Corkran, C. S. Baker. Reserves—A. S. Mowbray, J. D. C. Hanna.	
1904.	A. S. Mowbray, W. F. Corkran, Adam Stengle, C. S. Baker. Reserves—C. T. Wyatt, W. G. Koons.	
1908.	A. S. Mowbray, Adam Stengle, W. G. Koons, S. M. Morgan. Reserves—C. T. Wyatt, Robert Watt.	

In Memoriam.

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

ENTERED MINISTRY	NAME	TIME OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	AGE	YEARS EFFECTIVE
1859	John E. Elliott.....	Nov. 8, 1868..	Snow Hill, Md.....	30	10
1886	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
1882	Wesley Kenney.....	June 24, 1875..	Smyrna, Del.....	70	42
1885	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
1887	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
1868	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
1882	Wm. Urie.....	Nov. 13, 1880..	Smyrna, Del.....	67	43
1860	Thomas F. Plummer.....	Feb. 2, 1881..	Wilmington, Del.....	44	8
1883	Elijah Miller.....	Apr. 15, 1881..	Sudlersville, Md.....	71	49
1886	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
1887	Lucius C. Matlack.....	June 24, 1883..	Cambridge, Md.....	67	46
1884	I. T. Cooper.....	Apr. 12, 1884..	Camden, Del.....	78	26
1829	Henry Colclazer.....	Dec. 18, 1884..	Philadelphia, Pa.....	75	55
1883	John L. Taft.....	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
1889	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
1855	George Parton.....	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	38
1868	James Conner.....	Sept. 10, 1896..	Selbyville, Del.....	59	28

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1862	Merritt Hulburd.....	Oct. 10, 1896..	Wilmington, Del.....	54	34
1873	Newton McQuay.....	May, 1887..	St. Michaels, Md.....	57	21
1896	William G. Chance.....	Sept. 13, 1897..	Quantico, Md.....	33	2
1848	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. Hyson.....	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
1886	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 Sypherd.....	Sept. 8, 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.....	52	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	43
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.....	43	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
1858	S. T. Morris.....	Apr. 18, 1906..	Roselle Park, N. J....	73	45
1879	C. A. Grise.....	Apr. 12, 1907..	Berlin, Md.....	51	28
1868	W. R. MacFarlane.....	Feb. 18, 1908..	Hockessin, Del.....	71	40
1898	F. E. Bloxton.....	Mar. 5, 1908..	Nanticoke, Md.....	40	10
1869	W. R. Gwinn.....	Mar. 13, 1908..	Baltimore, Md.....	67	34
1876	Albert Chandler.....	June 22, 1908..	Bethel, Del.....	58	32
1870	E. H. Nelson.....	Oct. 27, 1908..	Delaware City, Del..	62	39
1860	H. W. Bolton.....	Jan. 8, 1909..	Camden, Del.....	69	39
1859	J. T. VanBurkalow.....	Feb. 8, 1909..	Dover, Del.....	81	48
1869	E. H. Miller.....	Jan. 22, 1911..	Sharptown, Md.....	66	42
1876	W. L. P. Bowen.....	Mar. 11, 1911..	Newark, Md.....	77	17

CONFERENCE ROSTER.

1853 William M. Warner
 1858 William W. Redman
 1858 Henry S. Thompson
 1862 George S. Conaway
 1864 Thomas E. Martindale
 1865 George W. Burke
 1865 James Carroll
 1866 Elijah E. White
 1866 James Esgate
 1868 Cornelius W. Prettyman
 1868 Isaac G. Fosnocht
 1869 Thomas B. Hunter
 1869 Philip H. Rawlins
 1870 Joseph A. Artlers
 1870 John W. Poole
 1870 Adam Stengle
 1871 William E. Tomkinson
 1871 Levin W. Layfield
 1871 Thomas H. Harding
 1871 Franz O. B. Wallin
 1872 William L. S. Murray
 1872 Richard H. Adams
 1872 John P. Otis
 1873 Robert Roe
 1873 Frank C. MacSorley
 1873 William M. Greene
 1875 Walter W. White
 1876 George W. Townsend
 1876 Theo. A. H. O'Brien
 1876 Edwin C. Macnichol
 1876 Louis E. Barrett
 1876 Wilbur F. Corkran
 1876 John M. Collins
 1876 Levan R. Janney
 1876 Thomas E. Terry
 1876 Edmund L. Hoffecker
 1878 Charles A. Hill
 1878 Robert K. Stephenson
 1878 Howard T. Quigg
 1879 Olin S. Walton
 1879 Alfred Smith
 1879 Joshua M. Lindale
 1879 Gordon R. Neese
 1880 John R. Cannon
 1881 Frederick J. Cochran
 1881 Louis P. Corkran
 1881 Sewall N. Pilchard
 1882 Allison P. Prettyman
 1882 Charles H. Williams
 1883 William B. Guthrie
 1883 George L. Hardesty
 1883 Vaughan S. Collins
 1884 William A. Wise
 1884 Emerson P. Roberts
 1884 Edmund H. Derrickson
 1884 Thomas N. Given
 1884 Daniel F. McFaul
 1884 Wilmer Jaggard
 1884 William F. Dawson
 1885 James M. Mitchell
 1885 James W. Easley
 1885 Robert Watt
 1885 James D. Reese
 1885 George W. Bowman
 1885 Daniel H. Willis
 1885 Alfred E. Craig
 1885 Oscar L. Martin
 1885 Ellenzie C. Sunfield
 1886 George E. Wood
 1886 Asbury Burke
 1886 William W. Sharp
 1886 William R. Mowbray
 1886 Henry S. Dulany
 1886 William G. Koons
 1886 Clinton T. Wyatt
 1886 James T. Prouse
 1886 Benjamine F. Jester
 1886 William P. Taylor
 1887 Stephen M. Morgan
 1887 Ralph T. Coursey
 1887 Zach H. Webster
 1887 James H. Wilson
 1887 Isaiah F. Lusk
 1888 George T. Alderson
 1888 John F. Anderson
 1888 Frank F. Carpenter
 1888 William P. Compton
 1888 Wesley W. Chaires
 1888 Warren Burr
 1888 Joshua W. Gray
 1889 Vinal E. Hills
 1889 Truston C. Smoot
 1889 James W. Fogle
 1889 Leonidas W. McDougal
 1889 George W. Stallings
 1890 George W. Bounds
 1890 Melvin D. Nutter
 1890 Julius A. Brewington
 1891 Henry C. Turner
 1891 Edwin Gardner
 1891 Joseph H. Geoghegan
 1891 George A. Cook

1891 George P. Jones
 1891 Van P. Northrup
 1892 William S. H. Williams
 1892 William O. Hurst
 1892 Theodore F. Beauchamp
 1892 Clarence W. Strickland
 1893 Harry A. G. Westerfield
 1893 William L. White
 1893 John P. Outten
 1893 James T. Richardson
 1894 Henry G. Budd
 1894 John H. Beauchamp
 1894 Charles W. Moore
 1894 Edward H. Dashiell
 1895 Edward H. Collins
 1895 Thomas R. VanDyke
 1895 Daniel J. Givan
 1896 Luther E. Poole
 1896 George P. Smith
 1896 Leolan Jackson
 1897 John W. Prettyman
 1897 James W. Talley
 1897 Thomas S. Holt
 1897 William O. Bennett
 1897 Harry Taylor
 1898 Omer E. Jones
 1898 John W. Jones
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 1900 John A. Hudson
 1901 Raymond H. Lewis
 1901 William H. Kenney
 1902 Milton McCann
 1902 John H. Mitchell
 1902 William E. Matthews
 1902 George C. Williams
 1902 James H. Gardner
 1902 Oram T. Baynard
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 1902 Edward H. Marshall
 1903 Arthur W. Goodhand
 1903 George S. Thomas
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 1905 Isaac S. Whittaker
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 1905 Joseph H. Gray
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 1906 Daniel Wilson
 1906 William G. Harris
 1906 John L. Sparklin
 1906 Emory W. McDowell
 1907 William H. Briggs
 1907 Tilghman Smith
 1907 Oden E. James
 1907 John R. Bicking
 1907 Ernest A. Gillespie
 1907 Cyrus P. Keen
 1907 William H. Revelle
 1908 John W. Sutton
 1908 Leonard White
 1908 James T. Price
 1909 Blanchard L. McFarland
 1909 John J. Bunting
 1909 Edgar C. Prettyman
 1910 John C. B. Hopkins
 1910 Melvin E. Wheatley
 1910 Thomas J. Sard
 1910 Harry C. Shipley
 1910 William M. McCann
 1910 Harry E. Reed
 1911 Oran B. Rice
 1911 David J. Moore
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Salisbury District—District Superintendent, G. P. Jones; Ministerial: T. E. Martindale, C. W. Prettyman; Lay: W. J. Downing, R. D. Jones.

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Salisbury District—District Superintendent, G. P. Jones; Ministerial: C. W. Prettyman, V. E. Hills; Lay: T. H. Williams, F. G. Elliott.

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Easton—S. S. Superintendent, A. E. Sudler; Lay, A. G. Cox.

Salisbury—S. S. Superintendent, J. E. Ellegood; Lay, L. E. P. Dennis.

Wilmington—S. S. Superintendent, A. R. Spaid; Lay, H. S. Goldey.

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DISTRICT MISSIONARY SECRETARIES.

Dover District—G. W. Bounds.

Easton District—J. H. Gray.

Salisbury District—T. E. Martindale.

Wilmington District—W. E. Greenfield.

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L. E. Barrett; Alternate, W. L. White.

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1912—W. G. Koons, I. E. Perry, Mrs. M. R. Lincoln.

1913—V. P. Northrup, J. W. Coley, Mrs. J. B. Quigg.

1914—E. L. Hoffecker, J. H. Bartlett, Mrs. C. W. Weldin.

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President, V. S. Collins; Vice President, C. T. Wyatt; Secretary, C. W. Prettyman; Treasurer, W. L. S. Murray.

Term expires—1912: W. L. S. Murray, P. H. Rawlins, C. T. Wyatt; 1913: Adam Stengle, T. E. Martindale, R. T. Coursey; 1914: V. S. Collins, C. W. Prettyman, L. E. Barrett.

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T. A. H. O'Brien, T. E. Terry, R. T. Coursey, J. P. Otis, F. F. Carpenter.

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Lay—1912—W. H. Jackson, J. S. Collins, A. E. Sudler, Wm. P. Jackson, Harry Mayer. 1914—G. A. Cox, Geo. W. Todd, E. W. Cooper, G. E. Magee. 1916—S. S. Andrews, G. M. Jones, Joseph Mallelieu, J. S. Mullin. 1918—Wm. Saulsbury, G. W. Tebo, Joseph Smithers, H. P. Cannon.

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Term expires 1913—Ministers, F. F. Carpenter, V. S. Collins; Lay, A. B. Magee, J. B. Tawes.

Term expires 1914—Ministers, F. J. Cochran, W. O. Hurst, F. C. MacSorley; Lay, Joseph Smithers, Harry Mayer, F. W. Hiesler.

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Public Worship—E. C. Macnichol, E. L. Hoffecker, C. A. Hill, C. T. Wyatt, A. E. Craig.

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Bible—J. C. McCoy, Warren Burr, J. W. Sutton, E. H. Dashiell.

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Sabbath Observance—C. H. Williams, J. A. Brewington, H. S. Thompson, Leolan Jackson.

Periodicals—T. E. Terry, F. X. Moore, W. W. Sharp, L. I. McDougal.
Epworth League—J. W. Colona, J. H. Mitchell, E. H. Derrickson, W. G. Harris.

Temperance—T. A. H. O'Brien, E. C. Sunfield, G. L. Hardesty, W. L. White.

Stewards Endowment—C. T. Wyatt, V. S. Collins, E. P. Roberts, W. L. S. Murray, Henry S. Goldey, W. O. Hoffecker, T. N. Rawlins, J. E. Ellegood.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society—L. E. Barrett, E. W. McDowell, E. H. Marshall, Asbury Burke.

Woman's Home Missionary Society—R. T. Coursey, Harry Taylor, L. P. Corkran, G. W. Stallings.

Freedman's Aid Society—J. W. Fogle, C. W. Moore, L. B. Morgan, Wilmer Jaggard.

Missionary Statistics, Local Preachers and Post Offices—J. T. Price, I. S. Whittaker, J. M. Mitchell, Tilghman Smith.

Ministerial Qualifications—1911—W. L. White, M. D. Nutter, G. T. Alderson; 1912—H. S. Thompson, C. T. Wyatt, E. C. Macnichol; 1913—S. M. Morgan, J. W. Colona, H. T. Quigg.

Conference Relations—T. A. H. O'Brien, T. E. Martindale, W. R. Mowbray, R. T. Coursey, F. F. Carpenter, J. P. Otis, C. W. Prettyman, E. P. Roberts, Edwin Gardner, S. N. Pilchard, R. H. Adams, D. J. Givan, R. H. Lewis, W. G. Koons.

Philadelphia Hospital—W. E. Greenfield, T. C. Smoot, W. F. Dawson.

Auditing—W. C. Poole, O. T. Baynard, J. H. Gray, G. W. Bounds.

Memoirs—W. F. Corkran, T. E. Martindale, L. I. McDougal.

CONFERENCE VISITORS.

Dickinson College—R. T. Coursey, S. M. Morgan.
 Drew Seminary—J. W. Prettyman, W. O. Hurst.
 Conference Academy—I. G. Fosnocht, L. W. Layfield.
 Goucher College—E. P. Roberts, L. E. Barrett.
 Morgan College—E. C. Sunfield, F. F. Carpenter.
 Philadelphia Hospital—E. B. Taylor, J. T. Richardson.
 Princess Anne—W. L. S. Murray, G. W. Dawson.

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).

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 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."

Resolutions 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 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 63, section 2, and paragraph 64, section 1 of the Appendix of Discipline, (1908).

Resolution Adopted March 17, 1909.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee shall hold a meeting annu-

ally on the first Wednesday of February, at such place as the President and Registrar may agree upon. At which meeting all certificates (as far as possible) shall be presented and acted upon by the Executive Committee for the Board of Examiners."

In accordance with the above Resolution all certificates should be in the hands of the Registrar not later than February the First.

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

SCHEME OF STUDIES.

(Discipline 1908).

1. Elementary English C. A. Hill
Reading, Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar, Spelling: Admission.
2. History T. F. Beauchamp
Outlines of History (Swinton), Admission. Student's American History (Montgomery), 1st year. Short History of English People (Green), 2nd year. Outlines of Universal History (Fisher), 3rd and 4th years.
3. Belles Letters J. W. Colona
Principles of Rhetoric (Hill), Admission. Lessons in Logic (Jevons), 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 J. T. Richardson
The Governing Conference in Methodism (Neely), 3d year. Discipline (1908), Admission and Local. Digest of Methodist Law (Merrill), Local. Theological Compend (Binney), Local.
7. Methodist History W. O. Bennett
Wesley and His Century (Fitchett), Admission. One Thousand Questions on Methodism (Wheeler), Local. A History of Methodism (Abridged. Stevens), Local.
8. Ethics J. M. Arters
Studies in Ethical Principles (James Seth), 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
Divine Library of the Old Testament (Kirkpatrick), 1st year. The Ancestry of our English Bible (Price), 2nd 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
System of Christian Doctrine (Sheldon), 1st and 2nd years. Systematic Theology (Raymond), Local.
13. Doctrinal Theology J. W. Jones
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. Homiletics V. E. Hills
Lectures on Homiletics (Kern), 1st year and Local Elders. Sermons of 1st and 3d years.
15. Practical Theology G. C. Williams
A Plain Account of Christian Perfection (Wesley), Admission and Local. Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience (Merrill), Local. Sermons for Admission and Local Deacons.

V. P. NORTHROP,

Registrar.

St. Michaels, Md.

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, but shall, ad interim, upon the unanimous request of the District Superintendents, furnish a copy of any paper or document in his possession to be used for the best interest of our work; he shall produce the journals and papers at each annual session, and see that the same be forwarded to the General Conference.

3. In an appendix prepared for that purpose, he shall record all reports and documents ordered upon record by the Conference, and all documents so recorded shall be referred to on the journal.

III. DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS.

1. Each member of the Conference will be expected and required to be present at the opening of each session to participate in the devotional exercises, unless unavoidably detained; and no member may absent himself, without leave, from the seat of the Conference.
 2. When a member would speak on any question, he shall arise in his place and respectfully address the President; refrain from all personalities and discourteous language; and no member shall speak more than once on the same question until every other member who so desires shall have spoken (except, simply to explain when misrepresented), nor shall any one speak longer than fifteen minutes without the consent of the Conference.
 3. When a member is called to order by the President, or by any member through him, he shall take his seat until the point of order is decided by the President.
 4. Any member may call for the division of the question, which shall be granted when, in the judgment of the President, the same will admit of it.
 5. When a question has been decided by a vote of Conference, any member who may 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).

1872	Adams, R. H.	E	Sharptown, Md.	1
1888	Alderson, G. T.	E	Newark, Del.	3
1888	Anderson, J. F.	E	Kenton, Del.	2
1870	Arters, J. A.	Sd	Middletown, Del.	3
1900	Arters, J. M.	E	Newark, Md.	1
1876	Barrett, L. E.	E	Chestertown, Md.	3
1902	Baynard, O. T.	E	Chincoteague, Va.	2
1892	Beauchamp, T. F.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1894	Beauchamp, J. H.	E	Still Pond, Md.	3
1897	Bennett, W. O.	E	Bridgeville, Del.	1
1907	Bicking, J. R.	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1890	Bounds, G. W.	E	Frederica, Del.	2
1885	Bowman, G. W.	Sd	5123 Ludlow St., Phila., Pa.	4
1890	Brewington, J. A.	E	Boothwyn, Pa.	2
1907	Briggs, W. H.	E	Zion, Md.	2
1904	Buckson, J. A.	D	Dover, Del.	4
1894	Budd, H. G.	E	Dover, Del.	1
1909	Bunting, J. J.	D	Marion, Md.	2
1865	Burke, G. W.	Sd	Smyrna, Del.	4
1886	Burke, Asbury	E	Pivot, Md.	1
1888	Burr, Warren	E	Greensboro, Md.	1
1880	Cannon, J. R.	E	Tangier, Va.	3
1888	Carpenter, F. F.	E	Port Deposit, Md.	3
1865	Carroll, James	Sd	Milford, Del.	12
1888	Chaires, W. W.	E	Fairlee, Md.	1
1881	Cochran, F. J.	E	Magnolia, Del.	2
1876	Collins, J. M.	Sd	Wilmington, Del.	6
1883	Collins, V. S.	E	Middletown, Del.	3
1895	Collins, E. H.	E	Parsonburg, Md.	2
1902	Colona, J. W.	E	Georgetown, Del.	1
1891	Cook, G. A.	E	Chance, Md.	2
1888	Compton, W. P.	Sy	Pottstown, Pa.	4
1862	Conaway, G. S.	Sd	Smyrna, Del.	5
1876	Corkran, W. F.	E	Wilmington, Del.	3
1881	Corkran, L. P.	E	Rock Hall, Md.	1
1887	Coursey, R. T.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1885	Craig, A. E.	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1894	Dashiell, E. H.	E	Federalsburg, Md.	2
1900	Davis, Howard	E	Cape Charles, Va.	2
1884	Dawson, W. F.	E	Camden, Del.	3
1899	Dawson, G. W.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1884	Derrickson, E. H.	E	Church Hill, Md.	3
1886	Dulaney, H. S.	Sy	Fruitland, Md.	5
1885	Easley, J. W.	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1898	Ellis, G. R.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1866	Esgate, James	Sd	Brockton, Mass.	25
1900	Faulkner, F. N.	E	Fairmount, Md.	2
1889	Fogler, J. W.	E	Onancock, Va.	1
1905	Ford, D. J.	E	Cherry Hill, Md.	1

1868	Fosnocht, I. G.	E	Clayton, Del.	2
1891	Gardner, Edwin	E	Chesapeake City, Md.	3
1902	Gardner, J. H.	E	Millsboro, Del.	3
1891	Geoghegan, J. H.	E	Ebenezer, Del.	2
1907	Gillespie, E. A.	E	Crumpton, Md.	1
1895	Givan, D. J.	E	Harrington, Del.	1
1884	Given, T. N.	E	Henderson, Md.	1
1903	Goodhand, A. W.	E	St. Peter's, Md.	2
1905	Gray, J. H.	E	Odessa, Del.	2
1888	Gray, J. W.	E	Bethel, Del.	1
1873	Greene, W. M.	Sd	124 N. 28th St., Phila., Pa.	7
1900	Greenfield, W. E.	E	Wilmington, Del.	6
1903	Gunby, W. E.	E	Princess Anne, Md.	5
1883	Guthrie, W. B.	E	Westover, Md.	2
1883	Hardesty, G. L.	E	Kent Island, Md.	2
1903	Habbart, W. E.	E	Crisfield, Md.	1
1871	Harding, T. H.	Sd	Wilmington, Del.	5
1906	Harris, W. G.	E	Bishopville, Md.	2
1900	Hastings, G. W.	E	Frankford, Del.	1
1878	Hill, C. A.	E	Wilmington, Del.	6
1889	Hills, V. E.	E	Selbyville, Del.	2
1876	Hoffecker, E. L.	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1897	Holt, T. S.	Sy	Federalsburg, Md.	5
1900	Hudson, J. A.	E	Beckwith, Md.	2
1869	Hunter, T. B.	Sd	324 W. 3rd St., Long Beach, Cal.	2
1892	Hurst, W. O.	E	Milton, Del.	1
1910	Hopkins, J. C. B.	P	Trappe, Md.	2
1884	Jaggard, Wilmer	E	Preston, Md.	1
1907	James, O. E.	E	Gumboro, Del.	1
1876	Janney, L. R.	E	Crapo, Md.	1
1896	Jackson, Leolan	E	Wyoming, Del.	2
1886	Jester, B. F.	Sy	Wilmington, Del.	2
1899	Johnson, J. L.	E	East Newmarket, Md.	5
1900	Jones, C. N.	E	Delaware City, Del.	1
1905	Jones, E. W.	E	Millville, Del.	2
1891	Jones, G. P.	E	Salisbury, Md.	3
1898	Jones, J. W.	E	Deal's Island, Md.	1
1898	Jones, O. E.	E	Seaford, Del.	1
1903	Jones, C. T.	E	Fruitland, Md.	1
1907	Keen, C. P.	E	Salisbury, Md.	1
1898	Kelso, H. B.	E	Rehoboth, Del.	1
1904	Kelso, J. M.	E	Queenstown, Md.	1
1901	Kenney, W. H.	E	Cecilton, Md.	1
1886	Koons, W. G.	E	Wilmington, Del.	3
1911	Latshaw, B. S.	P	Mt. Lebanon, Del.	1
1871	Layfield, L. W.	E	Felton, Del.	3
1901	Lewis, R. H.	E	Galena, Md.	2
1879	Lindale, J. M.	E	Hopewell, Md.	1
1887	Lusk, I. F.	Sy	Wilmington, Del.	1
1876	Macnichol, E. C.	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1902	Marshall, E. H.	E	Hebron, Md.	1
1885	Martin, O. L.	Sy	Salisbury, Md.	4
1864	Martindale, T. E.	E	Salisbury, Md.	6
1902	Matthews, W. E.	E	Smyrna, Del.	4
1902	McCann, Milton	E	Stockton, Md.	1
1910	McCann, W. M.	P	Pomona, Md.	1
1905	McCoy, J. C.	E	Galestown, Md.	1

1889	McDougal, L. I.	E	Townsend, Del.	1
1906	McDowell, E. W.	E	Mt. Pleasant, Del.	2
1909	McFarland, B. L.	D	Colora, Md.	1
1884	McFaul, D. F.	E	Farmington, Del.	2
1873	MacSorley, F. C.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1885	Mitchell, J. M.	E	Mt. Vernon, Md.	2
1902	Mitchell, J. H.	E	Newport, Del.	2
1894	Moore, C. W.	E	Greenwood, Del.	1
1898	Moore, F. X.	E	New Castle, Del.	4
1911	Moore, D. J.	P	Christiana, Del.	1
1887	Morgan, S. M.	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1905	Morgan, L. B.	E	Georgetown, Del.	1
1886	Mowbray, W. R.	E	Lewis, Del.	5
1872	Murray, W. L. S.	E	Pocomoke City, Md.	4
1879	Neese, G. R.	E	Marydel, Md.	2
1892	Northrup, V. P.	E	St. Michaels, Md.	1
1890	Nutter, M. D.	E	Hurlock, Md.	3
1876	O'Brien, T. A. H.	E	Lawsonia, Md.	5
1872	Otis, J. P.	E	North East, Md.	1
1893	Outten, J. P.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1881	Pilchard, S. N.	E	Delmar, Del.	3
1870	Poole, J. W.	Sd	311 N. 60th St., Phila., Pa.	10
1896	Poole, L. E.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1900	Poole, W. C.	E	Nanticoke, Md.	1
1882	Prettyman, A. P.	E	Galena, Md.	14
1868	Prettyman, C. W.	E	Snow Hill, Md.	6
1897	Prettyman, J. W.	E	Hillsboro, Md.	1
1909	Prettyman, E. C.	E	Red Lion, Del.	1
1908	Price, J. T.	D	Tilghman, Md.	1
1886	Prouse, J. T.	E	Claymont, Del.	1
1878	Quigg, H. T.	E	Milford, Del.	5
1869	Rawlins, P. H.	Sd	Seaford, Del.	1
1858	Redman, W. W.	Sd	Greenwood, Del.	10
1910	Reed, H. E.	P	At School	2
1885	Reese, J. D.	E	Wye, Md.	1
1907	Revelle, W. H.	E	Quantico, Md.	3
1911	Rice, O. B.	P	Powellville, Md.	1
1893	Richardson, J. T.	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1884	Roberts, E. P.	E	Elkton, Md.	1
1873	Roe, Robert	E	Elliott's Island, Md.	2
1886	Sharp, W. W.	E	Seaford, Del.	2
1879	Smith, Alfred	E	Dover, Del.	8
1896	Smith, G. P.	E	St. Johns, Md.	2
1907	Smith, Tilghman	E	Girdletree, Md.	1
1889	Smoot, T. C.	E	Whitesville, Del.	2
1906	Sparklin, J. L.	E	Sudlersville, Md.	1
1911	Spry, C. W.	P	Marshallton, Del.	1
1889	Stallings, G. W.	E	Roxana, Del.	2
1870	Stengle, Adam	Sy	Wilmington, Del.	3
1878	Stephenson, R. K.	E	Smyrna, Del.	2
1892	Strickland, C. W.	E	Bozman, Md.	1
1885	Sunfield, E. C.	E	Perryville, Md.	3
1908	Sutton, J. W.	D	Nassau, Del.	1
1910	Shipley, H. C.	P	Williamsburg, Md.	1
1910	Sard, T. J.	P	Burrsville, Md.	2
1897	Talley, J. W.	E	Edgemooore, Del.	1
1894	Taylor, E. B.	E	Charlestown, Md.	1

1897	Taylor, Harry	E	St. Georges, Del.	2
1886	Taylor, W. P.	E	Lincoln, Del.	2
1876	Terry, T. E.	E	Easton, Md.	4
1903	Thomas, G. S.	E	Concord, Md.	1
1858	Thompson, H. S.	E	Millington, Md.	1
1871	Tomkinson, W. E.	Sd	Ocracoke, N. C.	12
1876	Townsend, G. W.	E	Cheswold, Del.	1
1891	Turner, H. C.	E	Ridgely, Md.	1
1905	VanBlunk, J. M. S.	E		3
1895	VanDyke, T. R.	E	Berlin, Md.	1
1871	Wallin, F. O. B.	Sd	Stockholm, Sweeden	12
1879	Walton, O. S.	Sd	Red Lion, Del.	5
1853	Warner, W. M.	Sd	Millington, Md.	11
1885	Watt, Robert	E	Smyrna, Del.	2
1887	Webster, Z. H.	E	Rising Sun, Md.	1
1893	Westerfield, H. A. G.	E	Denton, Md.	1
1910	Wheatley, M. E.	P	Blades, Del.	2
1866	White, E. E.	E	Oxford, Md.	3
1893	White, W. L.	E	Dover, Del.	2
1875	White, W. W.	E	Vienna, Md.	2
1908	White, Leonard	D	Cordova, Md.	1
1905	Whittaker, I. S.	E	Houston, Del.	2
1882	Williams, C. H.	E	Ocean View, Del.	1
1902	Williams, G. C.	E	Laurel, Del.	1
1892	Williams, W. S. H.	Sy	Georgetown, Del.	2
1885	Willis, D. H.	E	Bayside, Md.	1
1887	Wilson, J. H.	E	Laurel, Del.	5
1906	Wilson, Daniel	E	Smith's Island, Md.	1
1884	Wise, W. A.	E	Centreville, Md.	5
1886	Wood, G. E.	Sy		1
1898	Wright, E. C.	E	Hockessin, Del.	1
1886	Wyatt, C. T.	E	Cambridge, Md.	1

LOCAL PREACHERS DIRECTORY.

Local Elders.

Barrett, T. S.	Leipsic, Del	Donoho, S. M.	Cambridge, Md.
Brooks, A. G.	Newark, Del.	Faries, Wm.	Smyrna, Del.
Cassaboom, A. P.	Elsmere, Del.	Stimmil, W. E.	Wilmington, Del.
Conoway, W. N.	Rock Hall, Md.	Strickland, W. G.	Wilmington, Del.

Local Deacons.

Conaway, J. B.	Hoopers Is., Md.	Rogers, R. L.	Wilmington, Del.
Green, Daniel	Newport, Del.	Scott, J. T.	Wilmington, Del.
Hamilton, Wm.	Wilmington, Del.	Wiley, J. H.	Laurel, Del.
McLain, L. T.	Phoebus, Va.		

Licentiates.

Ake, T. J. Millsboro, Del.	Kirk, C. A. Elkton, Md.
Allen, G. S. Church Creek, Md.	Leach, James Dover, Del.
Atkins, C. H. Viola, Del.	Long, R. W. Delmar, Del.
Atwell, Alexander Newport, Del.	Low, W. A. Selbyville, Del.
Beauchamp, J. H., Upper Fairmount, Md.	Lowe, Lafayette Laurel, Del.
Benson, Claud Royal Oak, Md.	McLaughlin, J. F. Wilmington, Del.
Betts, Henry Millsboro, Md.	Miles, D. J. Upper Fairmount, Md.
Biddle, Isaiah North East, Md.	Moffit, C. L. Oriole, Md.
Brittingham, Otto Dagsboro, Del.	Moore, J. H. Trinity, Md.
Brown, A. K. Rising Sun, Md.	Nelson, W. C. Lawsonia, Md.
Buckson, W. C. Lakesville, Md.	Nicholson, W. G. Willards, Md.
Cantwell, R. D. Elkton, Md.	Northrup, C. L. Hurlock, Md.
Cathers, A. W. Childs, Md.	Owens, Guy Betterton, Md.
Clapham, C. W. Laurel, Del.	Owens, H. E. Betterton, Md.
Clark, D. S. Kenton, Del.	Phoebus, Wilbur Oriole, Md.
Clark, J. F. Delmar, Del.	Prouse, H. H. 1420 Arch St., Phila.
Cole, H. M. Holly Oak, Del.	Purnell, James Millington, Md.
Coleman, W. B. Chestertown, Md.	Pusey, S. B. Seaford, Del.
Cooper, L. T. Sharptown, Md.	Reed, O. R. Ellendale, Del.
Corkran, Clarence Dover, Del.	Robinson, J. O. Dover, Del.
Covington, Henry Centreville, Md.	Sebrings, Nelson, Richardson Pk., Del.
Cox, N. H. Maryland, Md.	Seibert, E. F. Carpenter, Del.
Davis, A. W. Wilmington, Del.	Sharpless, C. D. Wilmington, Del.
Deaknye, E. T. New Castle, Del.	Stephens, John Dover, Del.
Diffenderfer, C. C. Port Deposit, Md.	Stevens, R. S. Dover, Del.
Dryden, L. L. Crisfield, Md.	Sterling, G. E. Pittsville, Md.
Ellegood, J. A. Ellendale, Del.	Talley, N. L. Edgemooore, Del.
Ennis, H. T. Newark, Del.	Todd, B. R. Wingate, Md.
Fogle, S. J. Hayden, Md.	Todd, N. L. Wingate, Md.
Ford, Walter Smyrna, Del.	Thornton, John Wilmington, Del.
Galloway, W. K. Wilmington, Del.	Tindall, W. J. Seaford, Del.
Grant, W. S. Salem, Md.	Truitt, H. E. Pocomoke City, Md.
Gray, Frank Greenbank, Del.	Tomer, Hugh Wilmington, Del.
Gray, Henry Marshallton, Del.	Warren, H. B. Selbyville, Del.
Gore, C. C. Robbins, Md.	Weldin, G. W. Edgemooore, Del.
Hackett, L. K. Oak Grove, Del.	White, E. W. Wilmington, Del.
Hamilton, Samuel Madison, N. J.	Wilkinson, J. W. Newark, Del.
Hanby, L. S. Boothwyn, Pa.	Wilmot, A. A. Claymont, Del.
Hill, Matthew Delmar, Del.	Wilson, R. H. James, Md.
Horner, W. B. Deals Is., Md.	Wilson, G. W. Georgetown, Del.
Jones, G. W. Oak Grove, Del.	Wilson, W. D. Lewes, Del.
Jump, W. Lawson Wilmington, Del.	Wingate, Wm. Greenbank, Del.
Kane, J. F. Summit Bridge, Del.	Winder, E. J. Seaford, Del.
Kitchen, C. B. Sherwood, Md.	Wise, J. M. New Castle, Del.
	Wright, W. J. Choptank, Md.

APPOINTMENTS.

DOVER DISTRICT.

R. K. Stephenson, District Superintendent (P. O. Smyrna, Del.).

Armory and Asbury J. A. Buckson P. O. Dover, Del.	Hooper's Is., (Sup.) J. B. Conaway (P. O. Fishing Creek, Md.)
Beckwith, Md. J. A. Hudson	Houston, Del. I. S. Whittaker Assistant, C. B. Kitchen
Blades and Epworth, M. E. Wheatley P. O. Cornersville, Md.	Hurlock, Md. M. D. Nutter
Bridgeville, Del. W. O. Bennett	Lakesville, Md. (Sup.) W. C. Buckson P. O. Golden Hill, Md.
Burrsville, Md. T. J. Sard	Leipsic, Del. (Sup.) W. V. Harris
Cambridge, Md. C. T. Wyatt	Lewes, Del. W. R. Mowbray
Camden, Del. W. F. Dawson	Lincoln, Del. W. P. Taylor
Canterbury, Del. (Sup.) C. H. Atkins	Little Creek, Del. (Sup.) J. C. Norsk
Church Creek, Md. (Sup.) G. S. Allen	Magnolia and Barratt's Chapel, Del. F. J. Cochran
Concord, Md. G. S. Thomas	Milford, Del. H. T. Quigg
Crapo, Md. L. R. Janney	Milton, Del. W. O. Hurst
Denton, Md. H. A. G. Westerfield	Nassau, Del. J. W. Sutton
Dover, Del. W. L. White	Preston, Md. Wilmer Jaggard
East New Market, Md. J. L. Johnson	Rehoboth, Del. H. B. Kelso
Ellendale, Del. (Sup.) Thomas Pardee	Salem, Md. (Sup.) Stanley Grant
Elliott's Is., Md. Robert Roe	Seaford, Del. O. E. Jones
Farmington, Del. D. F. McFaul	Seaford Circuit, W. W. Sharp P. O. Seaford, Del.
Federalsburg, Md. E. H. Dashiell	Taylor's Is., Md. Daniel Prettyman
Felton, Del. L. W. Layfield	Vienna, Md. W. W. White
Frederica, Del. G. W. Bounds	Williamsburg, Md. H. C. Shipley
Galestown, Md. J. C. McCoy	Willis, Del. To be supplied P. O. Dover, Del.
Georgetown, Del. J. W. Colona	Wyoming, Del. Leolan Jackson
Georgetown Circuit, L. B. Morgan	Zoar, Del. (Sup.) J. L. Derrickson (P. O. Georgetown, Del.)
Greenwood, Del. C. W. Moore	Alfred Smith, Secretary Church Temperance Society, member Wesley Quarterly Conference, Dover, Del.
Harrington, Del. D. J. Givan	

EASTON DISTRICT.

Robert Watt, District Superintendent (P. O. Smyrna, Del.).

Bayside, Md. D. H. Willis	Chestertown, Md. L. E. Barrett
(P. O. Sherwood, Md.)	Cheswold, Del. G. W. Townsend
Bozman, Md. C. W. Strickland	Church Hill, Md. E. H. Derrickson
Cecilton, Md. W. H. Kenney	Clayton, Del. I. G. Fosnocht
Centreville, Md. W. A. Wise	Cordova, Md. Leonard White

Crumpton, Md.	E. A. Gillespie	Piney Neck, Md.	(Sup.) W. N. Conaway
Easton, Md.	T. E. Terry	Pomona, Md.	W. M. McCann
Fairlee, Md.	W. W. Chaires	Queenstown, Md.	J. M. Kelso
Galena, Md.	R. H. Lewis	Ridgely, Md.	H. C. Turner
	Assistant, A. P. Prettyman	Rock Hall, Md.	L. P. Corkran
Golt, Md.	(Sup.) Ollie Connelly	Royal Oak, Md. (Sup.)	Ivanhoe Willis
Greensboro, Md.	Warren Burr	Salem Circuit (Sup.)	H. Covington
Henderson, Md.	T. N. Given	P. O. Centreville, Md.	
Hillsboro, Md.	J. W. Prettyman	St. Michaels, Md.	V. P. Northrup
Kent Island, Md.	G. L. Hardesty	Smyrna, Del.	W. D. Parry
	P. O. Stevensville, Md.	Smyrna Circuit,	W. E. Matthews
Kenton, Del.	J. F. Anderson	P. O. Smyrna, Del.	
Marydel, Md.	G. R. Neese	Still Pond, Md.	J. H. Beauchamp
Middletown, Del.	V. S. Collins	Sudlersville, Md.	J. L. Sparklin
Millington, Md.	H. S. Thompson	Tilghman's Is., Md.	J. T. Price
Massey, Md.	To be supplied	Townsend, Del.	L. I. McDougle
Odessa, Del.	J. H. Gray	Trappe, Md.	J. C. B. Hopkins
Oxford, Md.	E. E. White	Wye, Md.	J. D. Reese
		Zion, Md. (Sup.)	Clifford Owens

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

G. P. Jones, District Superintendent (P. O. Salisbury, Md.).

Annamessex, (Sup.)	W. F. Atkinson	Mardela Springs, Md.	(Sup.) J. S. Bozman
	P. O. Crisfield, Md.	Marion, Md.	J. J. Bunting
Asbury	T. A. H. O'Brien	Millsboro, Del.	J. H. Gardner
	P. O. Crisfield, Md.	Millville, Del.	E. W. Jones
Berlin, Md.	T. R. VanDyke	Mt. Pleasant, Del.	J. H. Wilson
Bethel, Del.	J. W. Gray	P. O. Laurel, Del.	
Bishopville, Md.	W. G. Harris	Mt. Vernon, Md.	J. M. Mitchell
Cape Charles, Va.	Howard Davis	Nanticoke, Md.	W. C. Poole
Chincoteague, Va.	O. T. Baynard	Newark, Md.	J. M. Arters
Claremont, Va. (Sup.)	G. F. Newton	Ocean View, Del.	C. H. Williams
Crisfield, Md.	W. E. Habbart	Onancock, Va.	J. W. Fogle
Deal's Is., Md.	J. W. Jones		Assistant, J. F. Ayres
Delmar, Del.	S. N. Pilchard	Parsonburg, Md.	E. H. Collins
Epworth & Union (Sup.)	T. G. Owens	Phoebus, Va. (Sup.)	L. T. McLain
	(P. O. Lower Fairmount, Md.).	Pittsville, Md. (Sup.)	G. E. Sterling
Fairmount, Md.	F. N. Faulkner	Pocomoke City, Md.	W. L. S. Murray
Frankford, Del.	G. W. Hastings	Pocomoke Circuit (Sup.)	H. E. Truitt
Fruitland, Md.	C. T. Jones	P. O. Pocomoke City, Md.	
Girdletree, Md.	Tilghman Smith	Powellville, Md.	O. B. Rice
Gumboro, Del.	O. E. James	Princess Anne, Md.	W. E. Gunby
Hebron, Md.	E. H. Marshall	Quantico, Md.	W. H. Revelle
Holland's Is., Md.,		Roxana, Del.	G. W. Stallings
	(Sup.) Alonza Travers	St. Peters, Md.	A. W. Goodhand
Laurel, Del.	G. C. Williams	P. O. Oriole, Md.	

Salisbury, Md.	T. E. Martindale	Somerset, Md.	G. A. Cook
Salisbury Circuit (Sup.)	J. W. Hardesty		P. O. Chance, Md.
	P. O. Salisbury, Md.	Stockton, Md.	Milton McCann
Selbyville, Del.	V. E. Hills	Tangier Is., Va.	J. R. Cannon
Sharptown, Md.	R. H. Adams	Westover, Md.	W. B. Guthrie
Smith's Is., Md.	Daniel Wilson	Whitesville, Del.	T. C. Smoot
	P. O. Ewell, Md.	Snow Hill, Md.	C. W. Prettyman

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

E. L. Hoffecker, District Superintendent (P. O. Wilmington, Del.).

Bethel Circuit, Del.	Asbury Burke	St. John's, Md.	G. P. Smith
	P. O. Elkton, Md.		P. O. Lewisville, Pa.
Cedars, Del., (Sup.)	B. F. Jester	Zion, Md.	W. H. Briggs
Charlestown, Md.	E. B. Taylor		P. O. North East, Md.
Cherry Hill, Md.	D. J. Ford	Wilmington, Del.—	
Chesapeake City, Md.	Edwin Gardner	Asbury	E. C. Macnichol and
Chester-Bethel,	J. A. Brewington		J. M. S. VanBlunk
	P. O. Boothwyn, Pa.		Brandywine and Edgemoor,
Christiana, Del. (Sup.)	D. J. Moore	R. T. Coursey and Charles Hudson	
Claymont, Del.	J. T. Prouse	Cookman	J. T. Richardson
Colora, Md.	B. L. McFarland	Eastlake and Hillcrest,	
Delaware City and Port Penn,			J. R. Bicking
	C. N. Jones		Asst., W. L. Jump (Sup.)
Ebenezer,	J. H. Geoghegan	Elsmere	(Sup.) E. W. White
	P. O. Newark, Del.	Epworth	L. E. Poole
Elk Neck, Md. (Sup.)	T. S. Barrett	Grace	A. E. Craig
Elkton, Md.	E. P. Roberts	Harrison St.	G. W. Dawson
Hockessin, Del.	E. C. Wright	Kingswood	G. R. Ellis
Hopewell, Md.	J. M. Lindale	Madeley	J. P. Outten
	P. O. Port Deposit, Md.	McCabe	F. C. MacSorley
Marshallton, Del.	C. W. Spry	Mt. Salem	S. M. Morgan
Mt. Lebanon, Del.	B. S. Latshaw	Richardson Park,	
	P. O. Rockland, Del.		R. High Adams
Mt. Pleasant, Del.	E. W. McDowell	St. Paul	C. A. Hill
	Asst., J. W. Talley	Scott	W. G. Koons
	P. O. Bellevue, Del.	Silverbrook	W. E. Greenfield
Newark, Del.	G. T. Alderson	Trinity (Sup.)	John White, Sr.
New Castle, Del.	F. X. Moore	Union	W. F. Corkran
Newport, Del.	J. H. Mitchell	Wesley	T. F. Beauchamp
North East, Md.	J. P. Otis		C. P. Keen, Supt. Eastern Shore
Perryville, Md.	E. C. Sunfield		Dist. Anti-Saloon League, member of
Port Deposit, Md.	F. F. Carpenter		Grace Q. Conf.
Red Lion, Del.	E. C. Prettyman		J. W. Easley, Cor. Sec'y Wilming-
Rising Sun, Md.	Z. H. Webster		ton City Missionary and Ch. Ext. Soc.
Stanton, Del. (Sup.)	J. W. Williams		member of Scott Q. Conf.
St. Georges, Del.	Harry Taylor		H. E. Reed, left without appoint-
			ment to attend one of our schools.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Is this Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirements of the Discipline?
It is, under the laws of Delaware.
2. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?
Isaiah F. Lusk, New England Southern Conference; Alfred E. Craig, Ohio Conference; Everett C. Wright, North Nebraska Conference; W. D. Parry from the Baltimore Conference.
3. Who have been Readmitted?
None.
4. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?
None.
5. Who have been Received on Trial?
(a) In Studies of First Year.
Oran B. Rice, David J. Moore, Blair S. Latshaw, Charles W. Spry.
(b) In Studies of Third Year.
None.
6. Who have been Continued on Trial?
(a) In Studies of First Year.
Harry E. Reed.
(b) In Studies of Second Year.
John C. B. Hopkins, Melvin E. Wheatley, Thomas J. Sard, Harry C. Shipley, William M. McCann.
(c) In Studies of Third Year.
None.
(d) In Studies of Fourth Year.
None.
7. Who have been Discontinued?
None.
8. Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?
(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.
John J. Bunting, Blanchard L. McFarland.
(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.
Edgar C. Prettyman.
9. What Member are in Studies of Third Year?
(a) Admitted into Full Membership this year.
John J. Bunting, Blanchard L. McFarland.
(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.
None.

10. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?
John W. Sutton, Leonard White, James T. Price, Joseph A. Buckson.
11. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?
(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.
Edgar C. Prettyman, Daniel Wilson, Harry D. Stewart, Tilghman Smith, John R. Bicking, Cyrus P. Keen, Ernest A. Gillespie, Oden E. James, William H. Revelle.
(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously.
None.
12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?
(a) As Local Preachers.
None.
(b) Under Missionary Rule.
None.
(c) Under Seminary Rule.
None.
13. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?
(a) As Local Deacons.
None.
(b) Under Missionary Rule.
None.
(c) Under Seminary Rule.
Edgar C. Prettyman.
14. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?
This was strictly done as the name of each preacher was called in the open Conference.
15. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?
H. W. Kellogg to Ohio Conference; A. C. McGilton to New England Southern Conference; W. H. Hudson to Troy Conference; Harry D. Stewart to Baltimore Conference; James K. Easley to Newark Conference; A. S. Mowbray to the Baltimore Conference.
16. Who have Died?
E. H. Miller, W. L. P. Bowen.
17. Who have been Located at their own Request?
None.
18. Who have been Located?
None.

19. Who have Withdrawn?
None.
20. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?
None.
21. Who have been Expelled?
None.
22. What other personal Notation should be made?
None.
23. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?
Adam Stengle, W. S. H. Williams, B. F. Jester, T. S. Holt, H. S. Dulaney, O. L. Martin, W. P. Compton, G. E. Wood.
24. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?
James Carroll, J. A. Arters, James Esgate, G. W. Bowman, G. W. Burke, G. S. Conaway, J. W. Poole, W. E. Tomkinson, T. B. Hunter, W. M. Warner, W. W. Redman, W. M. Green, F. O. B. Wallin, O. S. Walton, J. M. Collins, T. H. Harding, P. H. Rawlins.
25. Who are the Triers of Appeals?
T. A. H. O'Brien, T. E. Terry, R. T. Coursey, J. P. Otis, F. F. Carpenter.
26. What is the Statistical Report for this year?
See Tables.
27. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?
\$41,061.00.
28. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?
\$19,398.00.
29. What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?
\$11,900.00.
30. What is the Amount of the Five Per Cent. of Collections for the Conference Claimants' Connectional Fund paid by the Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants?
\$452.25.
31. Where are the Preachers Stationed?
See list of Appointments.
32. Where shall the Next Conference be held?
St. Paul's, Wilmington, Del.

JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY—MARCH 15th, 1911.

OPENING—The Forty-Third Session of the Wilmington Annual Conference convened in Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware, March 15, 1911, at 9 A. M. E. L. Hoffecker conducted the administration of the Lord's Supper, assisted by other members of the Conference. The Roll was called by the Secretary of the last Conference, one hundred and twenty-nine members and probationers answering to their names.

ORGANIZATION—On motion of C. W. Prettyman, the Conference proceeded to organization with E. L. Hoffecker in the chair. W. A. Wise was re-elected Secretary and named as his assistants, W. R. Mowbray, L. E. Pool and W. E. Greenfield. H. G. Budd was re-elected Treasurer and named as his assistants, J. M. Arters, J. W. Prettyman, G. C. Williams, T. R. VanDyke, V. E. Hills, J. T. Richardson, E. B. Taylor, C. T. Jones, O. E. Jones, A. E. Gillespie. H. A. G. Westerfield was re-elected Statistical Secretary, and named as his assistants, J. H. Geoghegan, J. L. Johnson, W. E. Gunby, A. W. Goodhand, H. B. Kelso, G. R. Ellis, J. R. Bicking, W. H. Briggs, G. S. Thomas, C. P. Keen, E. W. Jones, H. C. Shipley, W. M. McCann. J. T. Prouse was appointed Conference Postmaster. The Bar of the Conference was ordered so as to include the rear of the third window from the front. The hours for opening and closing were fixed at 8.30 and 12 M., the first half hour for devotional services. The Rules of Order governing the last session were adopted for the government of this session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION—On motion of V. S. Collins, an Executive Session was ordered for Friday morning immediately after the reading of the Journal, for the purpose of hearing all reports concerning character.

MEMORIAL SERVICE—On motion of R. H. Adams, the time for the Memorial Service was fixed for tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

MARRIAGE BILL—J. M. Arters presented the following resolution: which on motion of V. S. Collins, and by a count vote of 76 to 32, was referred to a committee of three, as follows: V. S. Collins, J. M. Arters, C. W. Prettyman.

Whereas, on yesterday the Delaware House of Representatives passed with but one dissenting vote the Gillis Marriage Bill, designed to place very necessary restrictions upon the otherwise deplorable marriage customs of this City and State, and

Whereas, the immediate enactment of such Bill into Law is an imperative necessity in order to save this State from additional marriage abuses, therefore,

Be it Resolved, That with thanks to Representative Gillis, the sponsor for this measure, and to the House of Representatives for prompt and fav-

orable action upon it, we urgently petition the Delaware Senate to take similar speedy action upon this measure and respectfully suggest to His Excellency, Governor Pennewill, that his executive approval of such measure will greatly please this Conference, and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be at once sent by our Secretary to the Presiding Officer of the Senate and to Governor Pennewill, and the House of Representatives.

BISHOP NEELY—At 10:15 o'clock Bishop Thomas B. Neely of New Orleans, La., assumed the chair and addressed the Conference. R. T. Coursey presented the following resolution, which was adopted by a standing vote.

Whereas, by the appointment of his Episcopal colleagues, Bishop H. W. Warren was assigned to preside over this session of the Wilmington Conference, and

Whereas, Bishop Warren for some reason has not been able to come to us, requesting Bishop Thomas B. Neely, to preside in his stead, therefore be it

Resolved, That while we regret the enforced absence of our effective Bishop, that we heartily welcome our own Bishop Neely, and assure him of our heartiest support.

STANDING COMMITTEES—G. P. Jones presented and read nominations for the Standing Committees and they were approved (See list).

STEWARDS—The District Superintendents nominated the ministerial members of the Board of Stewards as follows: Dover District: L. W. Layfield; Easton District, J. P. Otis; Salisbury District, G. W. Townsend; Wilmington District, W. G. Koons, and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot.

QUESTION 16—The Sixteenth Question, "Who have died?" was taken up. E. H. Miller, W. L. P. Bowen.

QUESTION 15—The Fifteenth Question, "Who have been Transferred and to what Conferences?" was taken up. Hiram W. Kellogg to the Ohio Conference, Adam C. McGilton to the New England Southern Conference, William H. Hudson to the Troy Conference. James K. Easley to the Newark Conference. Harry D. Stewart to the Baltimore Conference.

G. C. Williams offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we regret the transfer of the Rev. Harry D. Stewart from this Conference, and express the hope that his ministry may be continuously successful, and should he desire to return to us again we will give him a hearty welcome among us.

QUESTION 2—The Second Question, "Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?" was taken up. Isaac F. Lusk from the New England Southern Conference, Alfred E. Craig from the Ohio Conference. Everett C. Wright from the N. Nebraska Conference.

QUESTION 1—The First Question, "Is this Annual Conference Incorporated according to the requirements of the Discipline?" was taken up. It is, under the laws of the State of Delaware.

ORDER OF THE DAY—On motion of J. M. Arters, the call for Statistics was made the Order of the Day at 11 o'clock.

EPISCOPAL FUND AND FREEDMAN'S AID—The Secretary read communications giving the apportionments of \$1267, to this Conference for the Episcopal Fund and \$3180 for the Freedman's Aid and the latter was referred to the District Superintendents.

METHODIST REVIEW—C. N. Jones was appointed to canvas the Conference for subscriptions to the Methodist Review.

REPORT OF BOOK COMMITTEE—The Secretary read the Annual Report of the Book Committee.

MARRIAGE BILL—On motion of V. S. Collins, the Rev. R. L. Jackson, pastor of Hanover Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, Del., was introduced and explained to the Conference the merits of the Marriage Bill. The representation of Mr. Jackson was received as the report of the Special Committee and on motion of J. M. Arters, the report was approved and the resolutions adopted as read.

INTRODUCTIONS—Dr. L. T. Widerman of the Maryland Bible Society; Dr. George P. Mains of the New York Book Concern; Dr. J. D. Martin of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital in the city of Philadelphia, were introduced and addressed the Conference respecting the interests which they represent.

DRAFTS—Bishop Neely announced drafts on the Chartered Fund for \$25.00, and on the Book Concern for \$2057., and they were ordered in favor of the Board of Stewards.

TIME EXTENDED—The time was extended.

CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE—Dr. James M. Buckley, editor of the New York Christian Advocate, was introduced and addressed the Conference respecting that paper.

EXCUSED—Harry Taylor was excused to attend a funeral.

ADJOURNMENT—Announcements were made, the doxology was sung and Conference adjourned, Dr. J. M. Buckley pronouncing the benediction.

SECOND SESSION—THURSDAY MORNING.

OPENING—Conference convened at 8.30 o'clock, Rev. L. Milton Williams conducting the devotions. At nine o'clock Bishop Neely assumed the chair.

JOURNAL—The Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

ABSENTEES—The roll of absentees was called, and, on motion of W. E. Tomkinson, its further calling was dispensed with.

BISHOP WARREN—Bishop Neely presented the following letter from Bishop Warren, which was read by the Secretary.

March 13, 1911.

To The Wilmington Conference:

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—

Two things in our Conference interest me exceedingly:

First: that we are permitted on such favorable terms to cooperate in the endowment of Morgan College. Our Lord's spirit and mission were clearly revealed in his first recorded text "The spirit of the Lord is upon me—because he anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor. He hath sent me to proclaim release to the captives, the recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." He has signally honored the Methodist Church by taking it into partnership in a like work. In no field has the parallel been closer. In no field more fruitful of results.

Second: I have heard with exceeding joy of marked revivals resulting in the conversion of many souls. This is evidence that God is with us in the same old power. We do not have to invent new ways to meet the new times. God chooses the best ways the first time. He wastes none in useless experiments. Hence we know that the means he honored in the past he still honors.

I pray that you may all be greatly blessed and endowed with power from on high at this Conference.

Affectionately yours,

Henry W. Warren.

DELINQUENTS—The Statistical Secretary and Treasurer reported the names of delinquents.

GREETINGS—Greetings from the Philadelphia and New Jersey Conferences were announced and on motion of Robert Watt, the Secretary was requested to make suitable response thereto. On motion of J. M. Arters, greetings from this Conference were directed to be sent to the Central Pennsylvania Conference.

QUESTION 14—The Fourteenth Question, "Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?" was taken up. The four District Superintendents, R. K. Stephenson, Robert Watt, G. P. Jones and E. L. Hoffecker, together with the Effective Elders of their respective Districts, were called, their characters passed, and they reported having presented the Benevolent interests, and taken the collections.

INTRODUCTIONS—Dr. Alfred E. Craig and Isaiah F. Lusk, recently transferred to this Conference, were called and introduced.

ORDER OF THE DAY—The Order of the Day was called, and after singing an appropriate hymn, the Secretary announced the names of those who had died during the year. W. F. Corkran presented and read the memoir of W. L. P. Bowen, T. E. Martindale that of E. H. Miller. In the

absence of the memoir of Mrs. E. H. Miller, and upon motion of C. W. Prettyman, the Secretary was instructed to secure it for publication in the Minutes. The name of Mrs. O. L. Martin was called and it was announced that no memoir was to be presented. After the singing of another hymn, Bishop Neely led the Conference in prayer.

QUESTION 14—The Fourteenth Question was resumed. The names of R. K. Stephenson, Superintendent of Dover District, and Robert Watt, Superintendent of Easton District, were called, and they read reports of their work.

MORGAN COLLEGE—Dr. J. O. Spencer, President of Morgan College, was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interest of that institution. Wilmer Jaggard presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we reaffirm and apply to this year the action of this Conference of last year as found on page 36 of the Minutes, namely:

"That in the crisis now on Morgan College because of the liberal offer of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, we, the Wilmington Annual Conference, pledge ourselves to present this great cause to our people during the months of April and May, and take an offering for this important cause; that we will try to make it equal to at least 10 cents per member.

Resolved, That the District Superintendents be instructed to call the attention of all Quarterly Conferences to this action on their first round of visits, and to assist the pastors in the taking of this offering and in forwarding the same without delay to Dr. Spencer."

ADDRESS—On motion of R. T. Coursey, Bishop Neely was requested to deliver to this Conference tomorrow afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, the address which he recently gave before the Boston preachers meeting, and the Bishop announced his willingness so to do.

TIME EXTENDED—On motion of E. L. Hoffecker, the time was extended.

INTRODUCTIONS—Dr. John Krantz, of the New York Book Concern, Dr. W. W. Youngson, representing the Board of Education, Dr. J. B. Hingely, Secretary of the Board of Conference Claimants, Rev. Walter H. Waygood, of the Atlantic Agency, American Bible Society, and Hon. William H. Anderson, of the Maryland Anti-Saloon League, were introduced, and spoke with reference to the several interests which they represent.

DRAFT—Dr. Hingely announced a draft of \$400. in favor of this Conference, from the Board of Conference Claimants.

EDUCATION—On motion of E. L. Hoffecker, the name of H. C. Turner was added to the Committee on Education.

ADJOURNMENT—Announcements were made, and on motion of W. E. Tomkinson, Conference adjourned, Dr. Hingely pronouncing the benediction.

THIRD SESSION—FRIDAY MORNING.

OPENING—Conference convened at 8.30 o'clock. After devotions, Bishop Neely assumed the chair. The Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

EXCUSED—M. D. Nutter was excused from further attendance upon this session of Conference on account of sickness in his family.

BISHOP WARREN—The Secretary read the following letter received from Bishop Warren:

Denver, Colo., March 8, 1911.

To The Wilmington Conference:

Dear Fathers and Brothers:—

I received my assignment to the superintendency of your Conference with sincere pleasure. I have endeavored to co-operate with you for its advancement along both temporal and spiritual lines. That I cannot be with you in your present session is a source of keen regret.

Last November a fierce fire drove Mrs. Warren out of our house in scanty night apparel into the chilly night air. The destruction of our beautiful home and the providing of an abiding place elsewhere devolved on her a severe labor. At the same time she was renovating and refurnishing The Iliff School of Theology at great expense. These labors so told upon her strength that she has been severely ill for months past. This made me greatly regret to leave home.

And then, just about the time for me to get ready to leave I had a severe attack of the grippe which has confined me to the house and reduced my voice to such a condition that I would not willingly afflict it upon any audience.

In this exigency Bishop Neely has kindly consented to take my place in the presidency of your Conference. And to his sound judgment and kindly heart I can confidently commit the welfare of the Conference.

Trusting that you will have a truly prosperous and highly spiritual session,

I am

Cordially yours,

Henry W. Warren.

FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY—Dr. P. J. Maveety, Corresponding Secretary of the Freedman's Aid Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY—V. S. Collins presented and read the report of the Wilmington Conference Education Society. On motion of S. M. Morgan, the report was amended by striking out the words "one per cent." and inserting the words "½ of one per cent.", and the report was approved as amended. T. A. H. O'Brien presented nominations for vacancies occurring in the Board of Managers as follows: Ministers, F.

J. Cochran, W. O. Hurst, F. C. MacSorley; Lay, Joseph Smithers, Henry Mayer, F. W. Hiesler, and they were elected, the Secretary of the Conference casting the ballot.

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY—Frederick M. Stone, representing the American University at Washington, D. C., was introduced and addressed the Conference.

QUESTION 8—The Eighth Question, "Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?" was taken up. John J. Bunting, Edgar C. Prettyman, and Blanchard L. McFarland were called. After a most instructive and impressive address by Bishop Neely, the usual Disciplinary Questions were asked and they reported having presented the Benevolent interest and taken the collections.

TIME EXTENDED—The time was extended.

EXTRA SESSION—On motion of W. E. Tomkinson, it was agreed that when we adjourn it be to meet this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

BARRATT'S CHAPEL—Judge Norris S. Barratt of Philadelphia, was presented to the Conference, and spoke with reference to the proposed Endowment for Barratt's Chapel. The Bible used in the chapel by Thomas Coke, Francis Asbury, Richard Whatcoat, Ezekiel Cooper and others was exhibited for Conference examination.

LAYMEN'S ASSOCIATION—Prof. H. S. Goldey was introduced and presented greetings from the Wilmington Conference Laymen's Association. H. T. Quigg, W. E. Tomkinson and T. E. Martindale were made a committee to bear return greetings, and, on motion of R. K. Stephenson, the Laymen were invited to meet in session with the Conference this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock to hear the address of Bishop Neely.

VISITORS—J. C. Wood and W. H. Aspril, of the Philadelphia Conference, were introduced.

EXECUTIVE SESSION—At 12.15 o'clock Conference entered upon an Executive Session. J. W. Fogle, W. P. Taylor, C. W. Strickland, G. S. Thomas, and J. H. Wilson were named as doorkeepers.

QUESTION 8—The Eighth Question was resumed. John J. Bunting, Edgar C. Prettyman and Blanchard L. McFarland were called. The Registrar and Committee reported, the District Superintendents represented, and John J. Bunting was Admitted into Full Membership and Elected to Deacon's Orders. Edgar C. Prettyman was Admitted into Full Membership and Elected to Elder's Orders under the Seminary Rule. Blanchard L. McFarland was Continued on Trial in Studies of the Second Year.

QUESTION 5—The Fifth Question, "Who have been Admitted on Trial?" was taken up. Recommendations in due form of, Oran B. Rice, David J. Moore, Charles W. Spry, Blair S. Latshaw and George E. Sterling were presented and announced and after due representation by the District Superintendents, Oran B. Rice, David J. Moore, Charles W. Spry and Blair S. Latshaw were Admitted on Trial. The District Superintendent was per-

mitted to withdraw the application of George E. Sterling and to give him employment, the Conference recommending that he attend one of our schools.

CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—On motion of E. C. Macnichol, the report of the plan for future entertainment of the Conference was made the Order of the Day for tomorrow following the reading of the Journal.

ADJOURNMENT—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, S. M. Morgan pronouncing the Benediction.

FOURTH SESSION—FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING—Conference convened at 3.45 P. M. The Wilmington Conference Layman's Association being present in a body, V. S. Collins conducted the Devotions.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS—Bishop Neely delivered his address upon the subject: "Some Features of Our Church Polity", at the conclusion of which, and, on motion of R. T. Coursey, Bishop Neely was tendered a rising vote of thanks.

RESOLUTION—S. M. Morgan presented the following resolution which was adopted:

Whereas, The bill to repeal the bottle law was lost in the House of Representatives yesterday by only two votes, the vote being 16 for, to 10 against, with several members present, but not voting, and,

Whereas, We believe that a Majority of the best citizens of this Commonwealth favor the repeal of the Bottle law, on the ground that it is a menace to youth and makes drunkenness and violence possible in districts without police protection, therefore, be it,

Resolved, That we, the Wilmington Annual Conference, call upon the House of Representatives to reconsider the action of yesterday and that we call upon all members of the said House of Representatives to record their votes either for or against this bill; further, be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions signed by the President and Secretary of the Conference be sent to the Speaker of the House and the Chairman of the Committee on Temperance.

ADJOURNMENT—On motion, Conference adjourned, L. R. Janney pronouncing the Benediction.

FIFTH SESSION—SATURDAY MORNING.

OPENING—Conference convened at 8.30 o'clock. After Devotions, conducted by Rev. L. M. Williams, Bishop Neely assumed the chair.

JOURNAL—The Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

QUESTIONS—Questions 3, 4, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21, were called and answered in the negative.

QUESTION 11—The Eleventh Question, "What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up. Daniel Wilson, Tilghman Smith, Harry D. Stewart, John R. Bicking, Cyrus P. Keen, Ernest A. Gillespie, Oden E. James, and William H. Revelle, were called. The Registrar reported, the District Superintendents represented, and on motion they were Discharged from the Course of Study and Elected to Elder's Orders.

QUESTION 13—The Thirteenth Question, "What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?" was taken up. Edgar C. Prettyman was called and on motion he was Discharged from the Course of Study and Elected to Elders Orders under the Seminary Rule.

QUESTION 10—The Tenth Question, "What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?" was taken up. John W. Sutton, Leonard White, James T. Price and Joseph A. Buckson were called and answered that they had presented the Benevolent interests and taken the collections. The Registrar reported, the District Superintendents represented, and they were Advnced to Studies of the Fourth Year, Joseph A. Buckson being conditioned on one study.

QUESTION 6—The Sixth Question, "Who have been Continued on Trial?" was taken up. John C. B. Hopkins, Melvin E. Wheatley, Thomas J. Sard, Harry C. Shipley, William M. McCaan and Harry E. Reed were called, the Registrar reported, and the District Superintendents represented. V. S. Collins moved that this class be Continued in the Studies of the First Year. W. F. Corkran offered as a substitute that they be Advanced to Studies of the Second Year, and conditioned one study, after debate, G. A. Cook called for the previous Question. The substitute prevailed and they were Advanced and conditioned, except Harry E. Reed, who was continued in Studies of the First Year.

QUESTIONS 12 AND 13—The Twelfth and Thirteenth Questions were taken up and answered in the negative.

INTRODUCTIONS—Dr. C. M. Boswell, Assistant Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, Dr. S. J. Herben, Editor of The Epworth Herald, and Dr. Ezra Tipple of Drew Seminary, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

QUESTION 23—The Twenty-Third Question, "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" was taken up. Adam Stengle, W. S. H. Williams, B. F. Jester, T. S. Holt, H. S. Dulany, O. L. Martin, W. W. Chaires, W. P. Compton, J. W. Talley and T. N. Given were called, and their relations continued, except J. W. Talley and O. L. Martin, who were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations. The relation of T. N. Given was made Effective and his case, together with that of B. F. Jester, was referred to the Board of Stewards.

RELATIONS—On motion of G. P. Jones, the relation of G. E. Wood was changed from Effective to Supernumerary, at his own request and his case was referred to the Board of Stewards; on motion of R. K. Stephenson, the Relation of P. H. Rawlins was changed from Effective to Supernumate at his own request.

QUESTION 24—The Twenty-Fourth Question, "Who are the Superannuated Preachers?" was taken up. James Carroll, J. A. Arters, James Esgate, G. W. Bowman, G. W. Burke, G. S. Conaway, J. W. Poole, W. E. Tomkinson, T. B. Hunter, W. M. Warner, W. W. Redman, W. M. Green, F. O. B. Wallin, O. S. Walton, J. M. Collins, T. H. Harding were called and their relation continued.

ORDER OF DAY—The Order of the Day was called. E. C. Macnichol addressed the Conference with reference to the Plan of Conference Entertainment. E. L. Hoffecker presented the following paper:

Plan for Conference Entertainment.

There shall be a Bureau of Conference Sessions, to which shall be committed the charge of providing for the entertainment of the Annual Conference. This Committee shall consist of nine members, two from each District and one at large. The term of office shall be three years, except for those first elected; they shall be divided into three classes and to serve one, two and three years, so that three members shall retire each year.

This Committee shall be elected by the Conference, and shall equitably assess all the charges in some just proportion, shall collect and disburse all moneys, and shall present a detailed report of receipts and expenditures to the Annual Conference.

This Committee shall have power to fix the place for the holding of the Conference sessions and to secure rates from the railroads leading to the seat of the Conference.

On motion of V. S. Collins, the Emergency plan was adopted for this year. E. C. Macnichol, W. G. Koons, H. C. Turner, A. E. Craig and E. L. Hoffecker were instructed to carry out the plan. W. E. Greenfield being appointed Treasurer of the Commission.

EXTENSION OF TIME—The time was extended.

QUESTION 8—The Eighth Question was resumed. Blanchard L. McFarland was called and after the usual Disciplinary Questions were propounded, the Registrar and Committee reported, and, on motion of the District Superintendent, he was Admitted into Full Membership and Elected to Deacon's Orders.

SPECIAL SESSION—On motion, it was agreed that when we adjourn it be to meet this afternoon at 2 o'clock, Bishop Neely requesting L. E. Barrett to preside.

CONFERENCE PAPER—J. M. Arters presented the following resolution, pending the adoption of which, Rev. C. M. Levister, Editor of the Baltimore Methodist, was introduced and addressed the Conference relative to

the paper proposed by the resolution. After considerable debate, further consideration was postponed until this afternoon's session.

Resolved, That we, the undersigned committee appointed by Wilmington Preachers Meeting to consider the advisability of certain propositions made for the circulation of a religious newspaper within the bounds of The Wilmington Conference and to serve the interests of said Conference, respectfully recommend to the Wilmington Annual Conference the circulation of "The Baltimore Methodist" according to plans proposed by its Published and Editor, Mr. W. V. Guthrie and Rev. C. M. Levister.

(Signed)

C. A. Hill,
S. M. Morgan,
C. T. Wyatt,
W. G. Koons,
J. M. Arters,

Absent or not voting:

E. L. Hoffecker,
Adam Stengle.

THANKS—T. E. Martindale, H. T. Quigg and S. M. Morgan were appointed a Committee on Thanks.

CONF. EP. LEAGUE OFFICERS—On motion of C. P. Keen, a committee was ordered for the purpose of nominating Conference Epworth League Officers.

ORDER OF DAY—On motion of T. E. Martindale, the consideration of the interests of the Wilmington Conference Academy was made the Order of the Day for Monday morning at 10 o'clock, and the following were named a committee to nominate for vacancies occurring in the Board of Academy Trustees: S. M. Morgan, W. W. Sharp, V. S. Collins, S. N. Pilchard.

ADJOURNMENT—Notices were given and Conference adjourned, J. A. Arters pronouncing the Benediction.

SIXTH SESSION—SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING—Conference convened at 2 o'clock, with L. E. Barrett in the chair. T. A. H. O'Brien conducted the Devotions. The reading of the Journal was deferred until Monday morning.

DISCUSSION—The discussion postponed at the morning session relative to a Conference paper was resumed.

GREETINGS—Return Greetings from the Central Pennsylvania Conference were read by the Secretary.

QUESTION 32—The Thirty-Second Question, "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was taken up. C. A. Hill extended an invitation from the St. Paul's Quarterly Conference of Wilmington, Del., upon the old plan of entertainment. The Secretary read the following communication from the Philadelphia Conference:

"The Philadelphia Conference will meet in its one hundred and twenty-fifth consecutive session in 1912 in the city of Philadelphia, and

Whereas, The New Jersey and the Wilmington Conferences were formally located within the territory of the old Philadelphia Conference,

Resolved, That we respectfully request the New Jersey Conference, if possible to arrange to hold its session in Camden, N. J., and the Wilmington Conference, if possible, to arrange to hold its session in Wilmington, Del., in 1912, to the end that there may be held a great reunion love-feast of these three Conferences, in 1912.

Resolved, That we respectfully request the Board of Bishops to arrange their episcopal plan for the Conferences in 1912 so as to hold these three Conferences on that date.

Resolved, That the Secretary of our Conference is hereby instructed to convey to the Secretaries of the bodies concerned this action of our Conference."

The invitation to St. Paul's Church was unanimously adopted by rising vote. The letter from the Philadelphia Conference was endorsed and the Secretary instructed to communicate our concurrence in whatever plan the Philadelphia Conference may devise for their Anniversary occasion. A committee of five, one from each District and one at large, was ordered for the purpose of arranging for the proposed reunion, V. S. Collins being named the one at large.

EXCUSED—E. H. Dashiell was excused from further attendance at this session of the Conference.

QUESTION 14—The Fourteenth Question was resumed. G. P. Jones and E. L. Hoffecker, Superintendents of Salisbury and Wilmington Districts, were called and they read reports of their work.

CHANGE OF RELATION—The Committee on Conference Relations recommended in the case of O. L. Martin, that he be continued in the Supernumerary relation and a notice sent him that one year hence he should either become Effective or Locate. In the case of J. W. Talley, the Committee recommended that he be made Effective, and on motion of E. L. Hoffecker his case, together with that of W. P. Compton, was referred to the Board of Stewards.

INTRODUCTIONS—Judge Robley D. Jones of Snow Hill, Maryland, and Dr. G. Heber Jones, representing the Board of Foreign Missions, were introduced, and the latter addressed the Conference.

NOMINATIONS—J. W. Colona, W. E. Habbart, W. E. Gunby and J. R. Bicking were made a committee to nominate Conference Epworth League Officers.

DISCUSSION—The discussion of a Conference paper was resumed, after lengthy debate, J. W. Prettyman offered as a substitute for the original motion, that we defer action on the endorsement of the Baltimore Methodist and allow H. G. Budd to publish the official paper of the Wilmington

Conference for the purposes explained by him. V. S. Collins moved that further consideration of the matter be deferred until Monday morning. J. W. Easley moved to adjourn. The motion to adjourn prevailed, S. M. Morgan pronouncing the Benediction.

SEVENTH SESSION—MONDAY MORNING.

OPENING—Conference convened at 8.30 o'clock, L. M. Williams conducting the Devotions. At 9 o'clock Bishop Neely assumed the chair.

JOURNAL—The Journals of Saturday's sessions were read and approved.

I. F. LUSK—On motion of R. K. Stephenson, the relation of I. F. Lusk was changed from Effective to Supernumerary.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS—C. A. Hill tendered the resignation of the following members of the Board of Examination: C. A. Hill, V. S. Collins, J. M. Arters, J. T. Richardson, H. C. Turner, V. E. Hills, T. F. Beauchamp, G. C. Williams, V. P. Northrup, W. O. Hurst, J. W. Colona, J. W. Jones. On motion of C. T. Wyatt, Conference declined to accept the resignation.

INTRODUCTION—Dr. Samuel W. Thomas, of the Philadelphia Conference, was introduced and made a brief address.

REUNION COMMITTEE—E. L. Hoffecker nominated the following committee to carry out the plans of the Philadelphia Conference respecting the proposed reunion: W. G. Koons, W. A. Wise, W. L. White, W. L. S. Murray, and they were approved.

COMMISSION—G. T. Alderson presented and read a report of the Commission on Membership, which was adopted, and the commission was continued.

CONFERENCE PAPER—The consideration of the endorsement of a Conference paper was resumed. Robert Watt moved the Previous Question, which was lost by failure of two-thirds vote, the vote being 66 for, to 50 against. The substitute was withdrawn and the original resolution was adopted as read.

ORDER OF DAY—The Order of the Day was called. Prof. E. L. Cross was introduced and spoke in the interest of the Wilmington Conference Academy. T. E. Martindale presented the following resolution, which was adopted. The District Superintendents being requested to apportion the sum of \$1800. for the Conference Academy.

Whereas, in the interests of the Conference Academy an endowment has become necessary, and consequent adjustments have been made in the management of the school therefore by the election of H. G. Budd, Principal,

Resolved, That we, the Trustees of the Conference Academy, hereby express our admiration for the faithful service and heroic self-sacrifice of Prof. Cross in the splendid work he has done for the Academy in the work of the past 10 years, and that we express our pleasure in the outcome of

this arrangement in that the newly elected principal consented to accept the principalship only on condition that Prof. Cross should consent to remain in the school as its head teacher.

S. M. Morgan presented the following nominations for Trustees of the Academy: C. A. Hill, A. S. Mowbray, G. L. Hardesty, H. T. Quigg, W. L. White, G. P. Jones, F. J. Cochran, R. T. Coursey. The vote was ordered. G. W. Bounds, C. W. Strickland, W. W. Sharp and G. S. Thomas were appointed tellers, the vote was taken and the tellers retired.

BARRATT'S CHAPEL—F. J. Cochran presented the following resolutions:

Whereas, it has been predicted time and again that Barratt's Chapel would be abandoned as a place of worship on account of its proximity to other churches which have been erected during the Nineteenth Century; we, the trustees of said chapel, desiring to provide for the future prosperity and continuance of public worship at this place, made sacred by the pioneers of Methodism, the meeting place of Bishops Thomas Coke and Francis Asbury, the place in America where the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was first administered by a regularly ordained minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the place at which announcement was made of the **First General Conference of Methodist ministers** (now called the "Christmas Conference") to meet, which they did on Friday, December 24, 1784, at Baltimore, Maryland.

Resolved, That acting on the advice of our pastor, Rev. F. J. Cochran, we endeavor to obtain an endowment for Barratt's Chapel and kindly request of friends and the Church at large their approval and cheerful assistance for this worthy object.—James W. Grier, Wm. E. Davis, Caleb B. Williams, Robert J. Russell, Walter L. Cawper, Luther R. Robbins, Trustees of Barratt's Chapel.

We, the members of the Quarterly Conference of Magnolia Charge, (of which Barratt's Chapel is a part), in Quarterly Conference assembled, Dec. 19, 1910, heartily endorse the action of the Trustees of Barratt's Chapel, Dec. 2, 1910, concerning the endowment for the Chapel, and earnestly recommend the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its next session in Wilmington, Delaware, March 15th, 1911, to favorably recommend the endowment of this historic place to the Methodist Episcopal Church and to American Methodism in general.—R. K. Stephenson, Dist. Supt.; H. C. Johnson, Sec. Q. Conf.

Resolved, That the Pastors be requested to bring before each congregation Barratt's Chapel Endowment, and secure free-will offerings; and

Resolved, That we request the District Superintendents to present this matter to at least one of the Quarterly Conferences of each charge during the year.

On motion of R. K. Stephenson, the resolution was adopted as read, and on motion of W. E. Tomkinson, the funds were ordered deposited with the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

L. M. WILLIAMS—W. F. Corkran presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure the Bible readings of Brother L. Milton Williams and hold him in high esteem as a minister of the Gospel of Christ, and bid him God-speed in his blessed work.

OFFICIAL JOURNAL—On motion of W. E. Tomkinson, the Secretary was authorized to edit the proceedings of Conference and that edition be made the Official Record.

TREASURER AND STATISTICAL REPORTS—The Treasurer and Statistical Secretary made their reports.

QUESTION 27—The Twenty-seventh Question, "What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference as reported by the Conference Treasurer?" \$41,061.00.

QUESTION 30—The Thirtieth Question, "What is the amount of the five per cent. of collections for the Conference Claimants Connectional Fund paid by the Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants?" \$452.25.

TIME LIMIT—G. A. Cook presented the following resolution, which, on motion of H. C. Turner, was laid on the table.

Resolved, To amend Chapter X, Paragraph 194, Section 3, No. 1, which now reads: "He shall appoint the Preachers to the pastoral charges annually," so it shall read, "He shall appoint the Preachers to the pastoral charges annually, but no preacher shall be assigned to the same charge for more than three years in succession; provided, if in any case the term of three years shall expire in the interval between the sessions of the Annual Conference he may continue him until the next session, provided the term shall not be more than six months."

COLLECTION—A collection was ordered in behalf of the Sexton, Conference Postmaster, and the expenses of the Statistical Secretary, Registrar and Membership Commission.

EXTRA SESSION—On motion, it was agreed that when we adjourn it be to meet this afternoon at 2 o'clock for the purpose of receiving reports and other business, Bishop Neely requesting T. E. Martindale to preside.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION—Bishop Neely presented the following Certificate:

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This is to certify, that on the Nineteenth day of March, Nineteen Hundred and eleven, I ordained John J. Bunting, and Blanchard L. McFarland, Deacons; and Daniel Wilson, Harry D. Stewart, Tilghman Smith, John R. Bicking, Cyrus P. Keen, Ernest A. Gillespie, Oden E. James, William H. Revelle, Elders in the Church of Christ, they having been duly elected to the above orders respectively by the Wilmington Annual Conference.

Done at
Wilmington, Del.

THOMAS B. NEELY,
Bishop Presiding.

At 11.35 o'clock Bishop Neely retired, calling H. T. Quigg to the chair.

INTRODUCTION—Dr. J. M. Meeker, President of the Centenary Collegiate Institute, Hackettstown, N. J., was introduced and addressed the Conference.

TELLERS REPORT—The Tellers returned and the result of the vote was announced as follows: Whole number of votes cast, 139; necessary for a choice, 70; W. L. White received 115, G. P. Jones 96, G. L. Hardesty 89, C. A. Hill 79, A. S. Mowbray 60, R. T. Coursey 59, H. T. Quigg 40, F. J. Cochran 22. The first four named having received the required number, were declared elected.

STEWARD'S ENDOWMENT—C. T. Wyatt presented the report of the Committee on Steward's Endowment, which was adopted.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES—C. A. Hill presented the following nominations for Conference Trustees: V. S. Collins, C. W. Prettyman, L. E. Barrett, and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot.

CONFERENCE EPWORTH LEAGUE—J. W. Colona presented nominations for Conference Epworth League Officers as follows: For President, Milton McCann; Secretary and Treasurer, J. H. Gray, and they were confirmed.

PHILADELPHIA HOSPITAL—A. S. Mowbray read the report of the Committee on Hospital and it was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT—On motion Conference adjourned, L. E. Barrett pronouncing the Benediction.

EIGHTH SESSION—MONDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING—Conference convened at 2 o'clock, T. E. Martindale in the chair, T. E. Terry conducting the devotions.

JOURNAL—The Journal of the morning session was read and approved.

RECONSIDERATION—On motion of C. W. Prettyman, the action of the morning session apportioning \$1800. for the Conference Academy was reconsidered, and the amount was made \$3,000.

COLLECTION—J. M. Arters announced \$60.63 as the result of the collection taken this morning, and Conference proceeded to make up the full amount needed, the result making a total of \$88.00.

REPORT—Report from the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension was read and adopted.

INTRODUCTION—Dr. Alfred Smith, Assistant Field Secretary of the Temperance Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was presented and addressed the Conference. G. C. Williams presented and read the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas, The Methodist Episcopal Church to which we belong, and which has spoken so clearly and strongly, by General Conference action, against the liquor traffic, has seen proper to organize what is known as "The Temperance Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," and

Whereas, One of the men best fitted to carry forward the work of the said Society, which is "to create sentiment and crystallize the same into successful opposition to the organized traffic in intoxicating liquors," was found in the person of Rev. Alfred Smith, D. D., of the Wilmington Conference,

Resolved, 1st, That we have listened with pleasure and profit to the able and eloquent presentation of the cause of temperance and prohibition by Dr. Smith, and that our prayers and best wishes shall follow him as he takes up the work for which he is so thoroughly prepared and to which we believe he is called of God.

2d, That we pledge our sympathy and support to the Temperance Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and recommend that the plan of the Society for raising an emergency fund of not less than one dollar from each pastoral charge be endorsed.

CITY MISS. AND CH. EXT. SOC.—J. W. Easley presented the report of the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society, which was adopted.

REPORTS—Reports from the Committees on Freedman's Aid, Temperance, Sabbath Observance, Sunday Schools, Inter-Church Federation, Bible, Epworth League, Periodicals, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Thanks, and Auditing, were presented and adopted.

EDUCATION—The report of the Committee on Education was presented and adopted, the visiting committees therein named were approved (See List). G. A. Cook offered a supplementary report, which, on motion of H. T. Quigg, was laid on the table.

ANTI-SALOON—J. M. Arters presented his report of the Anti-Saloon League work, which was received without reading.

WIL. CONF. TRUSTEES—V. S. Collins presented and read a report of the Trustees of the Wilmington Annual Conference, which was adopted.

CONF. DEACONESS BD.—W. G. Koons presented and read a report from the Conference Deaconess Board.

DIRECTORS—C. P. Keen nominated the following for Anti-Saloon Directors: Maryland Bd., J. M. Arters, J. E. Ellegood; Delaware Bd., J. W. Colona, Geo. W. Tebo, and they were confirmed.

SERMON—On motion of Robert Watt, the Sermon preached by Bishop Neely on yesterday morning was authorized published.

CHANGED RELATION—On motion of Robert Watt, the relation of W. W. Chaires was changed from Supernumerary to Effective.

TRUSTEES CONF. CLAIMANT FUNDS—The following were appointed trustees for Conference Claimant Funds: for Mrs. Annie D. Chatham, Rob-

ert Watt; for Mrs. Ruth B. Fisher, S. M. Morgan; for James Connor, the Hon. Jay Williams; for Hamline Miller, G. P. Jones.

STEWARDS—W. G. Koons read the report of the Board of Stewards, which was adopted.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS—Bishop Neely was requested to appoint Alfred Smith, Field Secretary of the Temperance Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Cyrus P. Keen, Superintendent of the Eastern Shore District of the Anti-Saloon League; and to leave Harry E. Reed without appointment to attend one of our schools.

NOMINATIONS—G. P. Jones presented nominations for the following Boards and Societies: Home Missions and Church Extension, Conference Board of Church Location, Board of Foreign Missions, Conference Deaconess Board, Conference Historical Society, Domestic Missionary Secretaries, and they were confirmed (See List).

MISSIONARY SERMON—L. E. Barrett was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon, W. L. White alternate.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—V. S. Collins presented the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved that in securing funds for Conference Claimants we do so in the following order:

1. The sum equal to 9½ per cent. of the pastor's salary, which is to be placed undivided in the column marked Conference Claimants; it being understood that this 9½ per cent. is all the Discipline requires from us for this fund.

2. That after the 9½ per cent. is raised the Steward's Endowment Fund shall be considered.

3. After the full apportionment for Steward's Endowment Fund is raised, any brother may raise any amount he desires to secure as a free-will offering for the Connectional Fund or the Connectional Permanent Fund.

CLOSING—On motion, it was agreed that after the reading of the Journal and the announcement of the Appointments, Conference stand adjourned without day.

W. A. WISE,
Secretary.

THOMAS B. NEELY,
President.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

DOVER DISTRICT.

Twelve months ago, the writer of this report, was transferred from Easton District, to Dover District, after having served the former one year, and the new work was undertaken with questioning, but not hesitation.

It is a pleasure to record grateful recognition of the Heavenly Father's goodness, to the pastors and their families, as well as to myself and mine. Death has not invaded any parsonage home on this District during this year.

In the early fall, Bro. Asbury Burke, in charge of Nassau, was stricken with typhoid fever and detained in his home for two months. He afterwards resumed his work, which had been so well cared for by Bro. W. D. Wilson, a local preacher of great acceptability.

In November, Bro. R. H. Adams, pastor at Harrington, was taken so seriously ill, that the aid of a hospital became necessary. A serious operation was performed and after about four weeks he returned to his home, where with the aid of that consecrated and gifted local preacher, Brother Amos Brown, he was able to complete the work of the year in good shape.

Very early in the year announcement came of the transfer of Bro. A. C. McGilton of Milton, to the New England Southern Conference, and of Bro. I. F. Lusk, of the New England Southern, to this Conference, and his appointment to Milton. At about the same time Bro. W. H. Hudson, stationed at Nassau, wrote stating that he had been transferred, by whom, and to what Conference, I have not been able to learn. In the absence of any instructions from Bishop Hamilton, I appointed Bro. Asbury Burke to take charge of the work at Nassau.

The good people of Lewes, under the leadership of the pastor, W. R. Mowbray, began a new church enterprise. The people were so enthusiastic, that a site was soon selected, contracts let, and the building began. The pastor, a man with much practical experience in building, carefully supervised every stage of the enterprise. He has been energetic in securing money to pay bills as they came due, to see that proper materials were used and everything done according to plan and contract. The building is of Port Deposit granite, consists of six rooms, the auditorium seating 350. It is a thoroughly modern structure, well suited to the needs of a growing and progressive community. The dedicatory services are likely to take place next month.

Early Sunday morning, July 31, our beautiful two-story stone church at Cambridge, Md. was destroyed in a fire that swept away the main business section of the city. Nothing was saved, and the church valued at \$37,000, on which there was an insurance of \$10,000, was a total loss, except some of the stone which is being used in the foundation of the new

church now begun. The discouraged people rallied under the energetic and skillful leadership of the pastor, Bro. R. T. Coursey, and began at once plans for a new church. A more desirable location was purchased, plans perfected, foundation laid and work suspended until Spring. Already the work is resumed under the guidance of a competent building committee, who are planning to erect a structure that will compare favorably with the best churches of our Conference.

It is a pleasure to make honorable mention of some of the heroic Local brethren laboring on Dover District.

W. V. Harris of Lakesville, has wrought for two years and accomplished important results. In the village of Robbins, he found the people sadly in need of a church and no one willing to undertake its construction, while many prophesied that a church could not be built. The pastor solicited trees in the forest, men to cut and haul, and not until these were converted into lumber and on the ground did the people believe they would have a church. With such leadership, a neat and comfortable church structure has been erected, to which the people point with pride as a monument of the zeal and faith of their pastor. The church was dedicated on an early Sunday in August, Bros. R. T. Coursey, J. W. Prettyman, J. A. Buckson, E. H. Collins assisting the pastor. Building cost \$2800. \$2100 was paid before dedication and the balance was provided for that day. This was done by a pastor who receives a salary of \$326, and that not promptly paid.

J. L. Derrickson, another supply, now closing his fifth year at Zoar, has been urgently invited to return. Last year the church at Zoar was burned. Under the most discouraging circumstances the pastor led a movement for a new church. With his well known skill in several trades, he applied himself personally to the work of manufacturing concrete blocks, and the construction of the walls. The unsatisfactory mechanics were discharged and the pastor turned carpenter and completed the wood work. It is a building 30x40 feet, finished with metal-sides and ceiling, circular pews, elevated floor, which is entirely covered with carpet and linoleum. The gothic windows are of stained glass. The cost of the church is \$2300, of which \$1900 has been paid. The pastor was assisted by Bros. G. L. Hardesty, J. H. Gardner and the writer hereof in the services of dedication, which were held Feb. 19th last.

The popular and successful young preacher at Blades has built a parsonage this year, and has it ready for occupancy. The growth and development of this charge, the erection of this parsonage, is due in large measure to the zeal and devotion of the pastor.

The Benevolences are the matters that cause the pastor more concern than anything in the work, unless it be the salvation of the souls of the people.

We begin with an early apportionment and lay plans for work all through the year. There is no one work that receives the pastor's attention more continuously than the raising of the Benevolences. When stormy Sundays come late in the year, the pastor is distressed. Up to the hour

of going to Conference he is hunting for money for the benevolences. It is a mistake to postpone the Sunday School and Church Missionary Anniversaries and collections until March. This is not the pastor's choice when it is done.

Our Discipline provides, and our Secretaries insist, that every cause shall have a separate presentation, and the collection put on its merits. Every pastor knows, if he faithfully carries out that plan, he will surely fail to get his collections. Twenty-one (21) collections means two a month, one every other Sunday in stations, and at every service on a Circuit.

Some Official Boards pass resolutions and advise that no collections be taken in the public congregation except for coal and missions. The faithful pastor in a large majority of charges on the District spends weeks of his time using all diplomacy, going from house to house, collecting monies. They are often refused, and some times abused, and frequently discouraged by those who ought to encourage them. Sometimes they come to the Conference with collections below apportionment, but not until they have worn out soul, and sole leather, trying to do their best to meet their apportionment. Many of them out of their too meager salary put to shame their most able and liberal laymen in their contribution.

I feel free to say if the report should show that there is a dollar below the apportionment asked on this District, it is after the preacher has swept every corner, exhausted every means, given all he could and more than he felt able. These things are not said as an apology for any deficiencies on Dover District. I do not think there will be any, surely not in the aggregate, but they are said as an emphasis on what it costs to be a Methodist preacher and get the collections. While many give regularly and well, the greater majority of our people are making the pastor work as hard for the benevolences as he does for his salary.

The League on the District is receiving attention. The Cabinet is planning for Sub-District or Institute work during the next year, beginning with the early Spring and running on through the Summer and early Fall to culminate in a rousing Convention. The work among the Juniors is receiving more attention than that among the Senior Chapters. The Mission Study classes are receiving considerable attention in many Leagues.

Our Sunday Schools are introducing quite generally the graded lessons. Organized Bible Classes and Teacher Training Classes are engaging the attention of the Schools. This is bringing in many men. This is notably so in East New Market Charge, which takes the lead with four Teacher Training Classes, four Organized Bible Classes, one far beyond a hundred members. Every church in the Charge, three in number, use graded lessons with good success. Frederica follows close on with a large and enthusiastic men's Bible Class, of which the pastor is the teacher. The Sunday School work on the District is receiving marked attention. The graded lessons are being adopted in very many of the schools and the teachers find them interesting to scholar and teacher. It is an encouraging fact that every School on Dover District is using our own publications except one.

It has been the effort of the District Superintendent to examine the church and parsonage property. I find the property generally insured. With nearly a half million dollars worth of church and parsonage property, we have less than fifteen thousand dollars of debt.

The church at Lincoln, W. P. Taylor, pastor, has paid \$900 on their \$2500 church debt. Wesley Church, Dover, W. L. White, pastor, has paid \$800 of the debt of \$1850 and next year will pay the balance.

The fourth Quarterly Conference was well attended, business promptly dispatched, a spirit of harmony prevailed and the reports made showed the condition of Wesley Church most prosperous. Class Leaders reported the Classes well attended and spiritual. Pastor reported congregations large and the attendance growing continually, while the prayer meetings partake of the same spirit, attended by sixty or more people. The collections have had attention and will show the same marked growth. The Treasurer reported \$75.00 paid on Parsonage improvement, \$800 on the debt and every obligation met in full and absolutely paid. The pastor reports further that he was never happier in his work than now, and the people say, "He just suits me".

There is a matter of denominational interest claiming our attention. At the Third Quarterly Conference of Magnolia Charge, the pastor, Bro. F. J. Cochran, presented the following:

"Whereas it has been predicted time and again that Barratt's Chapel would be abandoned as a place of worship on account of its proximity to other churches which have been erected during the Nineteenth Century,

We, the Trustees of said Chapel, desiring to provide for the future prosperity and continuance of public worship at this place, made sacred by the pioneers of Methodism, the meeting place of Bishop Thomas Coke and Francis Asbury, the place in America where the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was first administered by a regularly ordained minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the place at which announcement was made of the First General Conference of Methodist ministers now called the "Christmas Conference" to meet, which they did on Friday, Dec. 24, 1784, at Baltimore, Md.

Resolved, That acting on the advice of our pastor, Rev. F. J. Cochran, we endeavor to obtain an endowment for Barratt's Chapel, and kindly request of friends and the church at large their approval and cheerful assistance for this worthy object.—Signed: James W. Grier, Wm. E. Davis, Caleb B. Williams, Robt. J. Russell, Walter S. Camper, Luther R. Bobbins, Trustees for Barratt's Chapel and Cemetery, Dec. 2, 1910.

On hearing this, the Quarterly Conference took the following action:

We, the members of the Quarterly Conference of Magnolia Charge (of which Barratt's Chapel is a part) in Quarterly Conference assembled, Dec. 19, 1910, heartily endorse the action of the Trustees of Barratt's Chapel, Dec. 2, 1910, concerning the endowment for the Chapel, and earnestly recommend the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its next session in Wilmington, Delaware, March 15, 1911, to

favorably recommend the endowment of this historic place to the Methodist Episcopal Church and to American Methodism in general.—(Signed) H. C. Johnson, Sec.; R. K. Stephenson, Dist. Supt.

The pastor with the endorsement of the Quarterly Conference and District Superintendent took up the matter with Judge Barrett of Philadelphia, a lineal descendant of Philip Barrett, who has shown a very great interest in this matter and is willing to give his support to this endowment. We desire to ask this Annual Conference to hear Judge Barrett on this matter on Friday at 11 A. M. and on the same day have him speak to the Laymen's Association in session in this church. He also has agreed to present the matter to the Philadelphia Conference now in session.

It may be said to the credit of Dover District that fourteen (14) Charges have advanced the salary of their pastors, in amounts ranging from \$12. to \$150.00, making a total increase of \$860. The average salary of the pastors on Dover District on the basis of last year's fixing is \$719. The Charges advancing in pastor's salary are Burrsville, Canterbury, Church Creek, Ellendale, Elliott's Island, Federalburg, Felton, Galestown, Hooper's Island, Little Creek, Lincoln, Salem, Vienna, Milton. Some raise their salary to get a better preacher and others to make a better preacher more comfortable.

The work at the Academy this year has shown improvement and success. The Principal reports a larger attendance than for some years past, larger number of young men studying for the ministry (19), and three young ladies preparing for the mission field. Thus the decorum has shown a marked improvement. The Principal says "We stand for things and not against things." An anti-tobacco society has been formed and all the young men boarding in the school are members, except three. Dr. Cross has been untiring to keep the school at its high standard. The graduating class this year is not large, and the outlook for the return of the larger part of the student body with new scholars coming in indicate even a larger enrollment next year.

The spiritual condition has been good for several years and not less this year. The young men and young ladies each have their weekly prayer meeting.

The institution has helped to educate a large part of our Conference membership and others who have gone to Conferences East and West, and given a good account of themselves.

It costs something to maintain this institution of learning, but we are giving training to our boys near at home under Christian influences, under the management of the ministry and laity of our church. They go out into all walks of life with the stamp of Christian training, whether for sacred or secular pursuits to make good citizens and conservators of the church and her doctrines. We earnestly desire that our school shall have the patronage of our Methodist people, and the support of the church in meeting the needs of our young people in securing a good liberal education and at as reasonable a cost as possible. The President of the Board of Trustees

or someone representing the Board will report the financial condition of the school to the Conference.

The cause of Temperance has the loyal support of our people. The channel through which our church seeks to express its opposition to the drink evil is the Anti-Saloon League, which is endorsed by this Conference and in part manned by its members. The Headquarters of the Delaware division of this organization have been established in Dover. The work will be reported by the President, Dr. E. L. Hoffecker. The newly elected Superintendent, Rev. S. J. Cleeland, has been busy of late seeking needed legislation at Dover. The Maryland part of our territory is under the skillful and experienced care of Rev. J. M. Arters, who will doubtless report to this body.

Public sentiment is gradually, but certainly, closing in on the saloon, and bringing the day when it will no longer have a legal existence.

It would seem but fair that the contributions of our churches to this important work aggregating a large sum should be reported in our statistical tables.

There has been a very earnest desire, and I believe, honest effort, this year on Dover District to have a revival. We have no patience with the oft repeated and by some accepted statement that we cannot have revivals as in the years gone by. So long as human hearts and needs remain as they are and the conditions laid down in the Word are the same and God does not recall or modify his invitation or promises, we can have them today as in days gone by. The pastors of the District determined they would believe it and go to work. They did. Not all reaped as they hoped. Some very devoted, earnest pastors sorrow more over the failure to win souls they see perishing than any other disappointment. True the church is quickened, souls have been strengthened, people have come to a larger conception of privilege and duty and a richer christian experience, and a capability for a more efficient service, and who can tell the good this accomplished.

Some charges have had gracious revivals, and have rejoiced in the same. Our pastors realize that there is no work more important than winning souls. No song sweeter than that which contains the sentiment—

“Come to Jesus, Come to Jesus,
Come to Jesus now.
He will save you, He will save you,
He will save you now.”

What a wonderful message to take to sinners and well we may grow enthusiastic and confident. Our pastors generally have been their own evangelists, and have done splendidly, tho' not what they wished.

The reports as they have come to me are: Lincoln, 164; Seaford Ct., 100; Greenwood, 88; Frederica, 70; Rehoboth, 55; Ellendale, 48; Crapo, 43; Zoar, 30; E. New Market, 109; Houston, 90; Concord, 65; Farmington, 50; Beckwith, 45; Hurlock, 40; Preston, 25; and others small num-

ber. So far as I am able to learn the number of conversions for the District this year is 1223.

The work of the year is done. It has been marked by the kindness of our Heavenly Father. It has been an honor and a joy to be workers together with Him in any and all fields. As we lay our work at His feet, our heart repeats—

“One more year's work for Jesus,
One less of life for me;
But Heaven is nearer and Christ is dearer
Than yesterday to me”.

R. K. STEPHENSON.

EASTON DISTRICT.

In our annual review of the work on Easton District, the feeling uppermost is one of gratitude unfeigned that our ranks remain unbroken. At one period of the year all hearts were made anxious by the serious illness of three of our brethren. The first to fall under the stroke of what seemed to be a fatal malady, was Dr. V. S. Collins, pastor at Middletown. Later brother W. A. Wise, our courteous and efficient secretary, was seized with typhoid fever, complicated with rheumatism. For several months he was near the gates of the grave. In the early fall brother J. C. McCoy of Tilghman's Island, went down under the same disease that had prostrated brother Wise. It is with peculiar joy that we see these brethren among us today, for they were all dangerously ill. But prayer was made unceasingly to God for them, and those prayers were heard. Last August the pastor of our church at Henderson, brother Ivanhoe Willis, underwent a delicate and difficult operation at our Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia, for a deformed knee. So well did the surgeons perform their task that for the first time in over 30 years this good man walks without artificial aid. This is not only high praise for our own institution, but places us as a Conference under renewed obligation to give it a more generous support.

I desire to give public expression to my appreciation of the brotherly responses of the men on the district in aiding in caring for the pulpits made temporarily vacant by the disability of their brethren. How well they stood by their brethren in distress will be seen in the fact that during a period of four months but one supply failed to report, and that because of a slight misunderstanding. It is worthy of note that all the churches deprived for months of the services of their ministers extended to them tangible tokens of esteem. Middletown official board promptly deposited a

generous sum to their pastor's credit, and in addition presented a substantial purse to J. A. Arters, who had charge of the work during the protracted absence of the pastor. The good folks at Henderson raised a purse to aid brother Willis in his extremity, and the peculiar gracious treatment accorded brother Wise by the Centreville people has greatly endeared them to their pastor. One act of the Centreville official board greatly touched my heart, and I cannot refrain from making mention of it. The third Quarterly Conference was held at the parsonage because of the condition of brother Wise's health. Though his ultimate recovery, to the extent of enabling him to continue in the work, was by no means assured, the brethren by a unanimous vote, invited brother Wise to remain as pastor for the fifth year, the longest time any minister has served this appointment. And let it be added that though the illness of these pastors entailed considerable additional expense on these churches, not one interest of the general church was permitted to suffer. The loyalty of these good folks speaks for itself. It seemed to me at one period of the year that our district had more than it could bear, but to Him whose grace is always sufficient we did not cry in vain.

The most notable achievement in church improvement on the district, was the erection of a neat, and commodious parsonage at Henderson. Brother Ivanhoe Willis has performed the seemingly impossible, for when the project was first mooted the people smiled incredulously, but this man of faith and grit, but recently from under the knife of the surgeon, determined to put the thing through. The writer promised assistance, but is free to confess that his faith in the practicability of this venture was not large. But to his delight the parsonage was built, and is now ready for occupancy. A modern heating plant has been installed in the Smyrna parsonage at a cost of \$600. The church at Crumpton has been literally transformed. The exterior repainted, pews renewed, the old unsightly wooden steps replaced by handsome concrete one, making the church at Crumpton one of the most attractive on the district. And last, but not least, by the wise oversight of brother Daniel Wilson, pastor, the cost did not exceed \$1,000. Brother John Beauchamp preached at the reopening service, and raised the entire amount necessary to meet all bills. After undergoing a thorough renovation, the Kenton church was reopened in the early fall, brother Clinton Wyatt preached on that occasion and more money than was needed was secured. Brother J. F. Anderson, the pastor, led what at first looked like a forlorn hope, but he went at his task, and won out. The parsonage at Ridgely has been greatly improved at a cost of \$300, the Ladies Aid footing the bills. The church at Marydel has undergone a much needed change by the addition of a neat tower, that serves as a vestibule, thus adding materially to the comfort of the people. The expense of \$500 is paid. The parsonage at Still Pond has been renewed at a cost of \$400, and a tidy sum in hand for the erection of a new church at Betterton.

Other improvements reported are as follows: Middletown \$500; Millington \$280; Bozman \$400; Trappe, Rock Hall, and Queenstown \$125

each; Clayton \$110; Cheswold and Cordova \$100 each; Centreville \$205; Galena \$235; Cecilton \$70; St. Michaels \$50; Greensboro \$600; Golt \$70.

Of the total indebtedness on church property in the conference of \$88,500, but \$7,000 of that amount is on Easton District, and some of that disappears this year. The longstanding debt on the Bayside parsonage has been paid, and the debt of \$600 on the Clayton parsonage has through the wise foresight of brother I. G. Fosnocht, the pastor, been provided for. The Clayton people think they have the best preacher in the conference. At St. Michaels, largely through the medium of the Anti Meroz Society, organized by the pastor, brother H. S. Thompson, \$750 have been paid on their troublesome debts. Middletown pays the last of its debt, \$1170. Centreville has paid the balance of its debt, and now has an attractive church, and a commodious and comfortable parsonage with all the modern equipments, without a dollar of encumbrance. Trappe has paid \$116, Queenstown \$120, and Millington, Cecilton, Fairlee, Royal Oak, and Galena have paid substantial sums on old debts. The total on the district for debts and improvements is about \$12,000.

The matter of a better support for the minister has not been neglected. This is a living question in more senses than one. For not alone the continued high cost of living, but the fact that the only legacy a Methodist minister can bequeath his family is a good name, and a fair education for his children, and the added fact that upon him unusual financial demands are made, conspire to render the salary he receives vitally important. It has been my pleasure to direct attention to the importance of this question. Ten charges have advanced the ministers salary this year, in one instance the new salary estimate is not in effect till the beginning of the new fiscal year. Easton goes from \$1000 to \$1200; Chestertown from \$1100 to \$1200; Smyrna from \$1200 to \$1400; Royal Oak advances \$125; Ridgely by the addition of a country church went from \$800 to \$1000, this year, and if the present pastor remains, it has determined to become a \$1200 station, an advance of \$500 during brother Habbart's pastorate of three years. This pastorate has been phenomenally successful. Clayton, Queenstown, Henderson, Tilghman's Island, and Galena add \$50 each to pastoral support. Galena not only took a forward step at the beginning of the conference year, but it has assumed \$127 paid hitherto by Locust Grove, which will be closed next year, and in addition make the salary for the new conference year not less than \$900, and probably \$1000. The pastorate of R. H. Lewis was a success from the start. No sooner had he and his good wife, herself the daughter of one of our superannuate ministers, the Rev. G. W. Bowman, reached the scene of action than they threw themselves into the work with such vigor and enthusiasm that this charge is enjoying a red letter day. The optimistic leadership of A. P. Prettyman, the assistant pastor, who not only preaches every Sabbath without compensation, but is the largest given in the charge, and his cheery optimism has had not a little to do with the results just mentioned.

Speaking of the subject of ministerial support it is gratifying to note

that more and more our laymen are seeing that it is not only fair and just to provide larger things in the way of pastoral support, but that such a course is in the interest of the churches that do it.

I am constrained to here make mention of the victory for moral and civic righteousness won under the fearless leadership of T. E. Terry at Easton. I have been in close touch with the situation all the year, and can unhesitatingly testify to the courage and bravery of this man of God under trying and delicate circumstances. God has not only vindicated His servant, but the benevolences reach by far the highest point in the history of the charge.

Chestertown, under the care of L. E. Barrett, has had the most remarkable year in its history. Last year marked the highest point ever reached in the benevolent offerings, but this year sweeps far beyond, and with the increase of \$60 in the Missionary offering, and \$225 contributed to the Methodist Hospital, surpasses last years record by \$400, and makes a total of over \$1100, thus making Chestertown one of the three charges, all of which are on Easton District, that contribute nearly as much for the benevolences as for pastors salary; Smyrna, and Middletown being the other two.

It would be a real pleasure to speak of all the men who have labored on Easton District this year, but it is not given to us all to win every year special honors for the King. Suffice it to say that in all instances where a forward step has been taken the man who is more responsible for that step than any other is the pastor. The people look to him for leadership that is undismayed by adverse circumstances, and that sees victory in spite of obstacles. As a whole the district has never been better manned by loyal, able ministers than during the year now closed.

Our Connectional interests have for the most part received diligent attention. In all my communications with my brethren the wisdom of an early canvass in order to get the best results, has been emphasized. In all the requests made of my brethren I have not asked any one of them to do what I did not do myself when in the pastorate. That the pastor is not without his difficulties, however faithful or painstaking his efforts, is apparent, when we remember that it takes a discouragingly long time for the majority of our members to learn that the church best serves itself that honors God by serving others; that the reflex influence of a generous spirit is a real spiritual asset. In time our people will learn that while God does not operate on the basis of a quid pro quo, nor measure the service rendered Him by the dollar mark, yet it is eternally true that unpaid vows are a poor foundation on which to build expectations of divine favor. The heart that is open to the cry of need, especially when in that cry is heard the voice of Jesus Christ, has found the open sesame to spiritual power. It is important, very important, that the people be informed as to those needs. Our church is not poor. The day of her poverty is past. Never was money for useless luxuries as freely spent as now. When Christian America spends more for confections than to maintain the world

wide kingdom, we can scarcely plead poverty. When the church honors God with its substance, the life of the church will be enriched and deepened, and giving be a delight instead of a sacrifice.

It is but just to say that in their efforts to care for the benevolences the pastors are much embarrassed by the multitude of outside calls. It is both unjust and unreasonable to berate the pastor when, in the exercise of his judgment, he elects to give our connectional and local interests the first place. The church has placed upon the pastor the responsibility, and he must be allowed the liberty of selecting which cause shall have preference.

The subjoined charges excel last year in their contribution to the cause of missions: Chestertown, Easton, and Odessa head the list with the largest advance, and Church Hill, Marydel, Cordova, Queenstown, Trappe, Wye, Piney Neck, Cheswold, Pomona, St. Michaels, Smyrna Circuit, Crumpton, Galena, Royal Oak, all report an increase. In addition to these the following have increased the total amount contributed last year: Oxford, Cecilton, Rock Hall, Smyrna, Bayside, Clayton and Centreville. Only four charges so far as I know have fallen behind.

It is gratifying to be able to report that an increasing number of the charges on the district are getting the good habit of paying as they go, notably Easton, Middletown, Ridgely, Cecilton, Galena, Odessa, Still Pond, and Smyrna. In the last named case, beginning with the pastorate of Dr. C. A. Hill, 13 years ago, all obligations have been met at the end of the month, and for many years the treasury has shown a goodly balance with which to begin the new year. During this period several church enterprises of an extensive character have been carried to a successful conclusion, without the loss of a dollar to the benevolences, indeed the benevolences have been increased. What this church is doing others can do. And a word is due Middletown in this connection where the church was remodeled last year at a cost of several thousand dollars, all paid for, yet with the pastor out of his pulpit for four months the contributions to the benevolences equal last year. What more eloquent testimony to the loyalty of this noble church can be furnished?

The spiritual fruitage of the year is not all that we had hoped and planned for. Some of the most promising revival services were brought to an untimely end by the first real touch of winter in December. For days in the country the roads were impassable in many places, and though the pastors made repeated efforts to reawaken interest, the uncertain weather conditions, and bad roads greatly interfered. Then, too, various forms of sickness acted as an embargo, even the Sabbath services in many places being maintained with difficulty. But blind indeed must he be who is unconscious of deeper and more potent causes that operated to our spiritual detriment. The blight of a deadly formalism; the lack of our former enthusiasm, for in too many instances Methodists like the Israelites pray "make us like unto the others round about us"; a tide of worldliness; the gradual decline of convictions, in the efficacy of the only remedy for sin; together with the putting of personal convenience and mere gratifica-

tion before the claims of Jesus Christ—are some of the reasons which made impossible a larger spiritual ingathering. As long as Methodists indulge in forms of pleasure so called that are seriously questionable from the standpoint of our church, as long as sinful indulgence is practiced, and sin nursed at the altars of the heart, just that long will Pentecost delay its coming. There will be exceptions here and there. Under the wizard eloquence of some fiery evangelist, or the efforts of some peculiarly gifted evangelistic pastor, the surface may be stirred, and unusual results be seen; but even in these cases it is the fearless, faithful declaration of the naked truth, coupled with the denunciation of recreant shepherds, and members that account for these exceptions. More and more I am convinced that the next real awakening in Methodism will come by the way of the altars of the church. The Spirit is infinitely sensitive to cherished sin in the heart of believers. God is the same. The truth is the same. The human heart apart from the influence of the Gospel is the same. Pentecost has no new price, it comes on the old conditions. The conditions met, the price paid, and Pentecost is OURS. God grant that in humility and honesty of spirit the church may cry,

“O that it now from heaven might fall,
And all our sins consume,
Come Holy Ghost for thee we call,
Spirit of burning come”.

On the district at large there have been some gracious seasons of refreshing. In some places to my own knowledge the pastors labored as faithfully as men could labor, “going forth weeping”, but for some unexplained reason they were denied the joy of harvest. The most remarkable revival on the district was at Marydel, under the ministry of brother G. R. Neese, in which 91 souls were added to the church, and had not an untimely storm come on the number of conversions, would have been much larger. At Queenstown, brother O. B. Rice, pastor, the most extensive revival that has visited this charge for many years was held, the visible outcome being 49 conversions, and all the churches quickened in their spiritual life. From Smyrna Circuit brother W. E. Matthews, pastor, 26 conversions are reported, making for his pastorate of three years, more than 200 conversions.

At Middletown brother V. S. Collins would not be denied, but held on until a blessed revival rewarded his efforts and souls were added to the church. Of the 23 conversions at Galena more than half were men. At Odessa, brother J. H. Gray, pastor, Dr. Smith, the Presidents of the large and enthusiastic brotherhood, sent a special message to each member to stand by the pastor in the extra services. The brotherhood was an important factor in sustaining the week-night meetings, 14 conversions gladdened all hearts. Successful services were held at Cecilton, Church Hill, Wye, Smyrna, Cheswold, Tilghman's Island, Millington, Henderson, Ridgely, Royal Oak, Rock Hall, Trappe, Sudlersville, St. Michaels, Piney Neck,

Kenton, Bayside, Clayton, Kent Island, Crumpton, Golt, and Townsend.

Rural New Castle is still under the domination of the saloon. Politics were as usual more potent than love of righteousness. The fear of losing a United States Senatorship was more influential than a desire to exercise the whiskey devil. Let us not be too hard on the political boss. This particular breed exists by the permission of the voters, many of whom are, nominally, at least, professing Christians. I have found myself wondering of late just how far we are justified in depending on the non partisan method as a means of solving this problem of all problems. Methodism should be too big to take the orders of a party boss. The campaign in Rural New Castle was carried on with great vigor and ability, the brethren of the Anti-Saloon League did as far as can be seen as well as any could have done. They were up against an impossible proposition, for, for tricks that are dark, and ways that are vain the politician who is for party first and last and all the time, has us in the expressive words of a somewhat well known American citizen, “beaten to a frazzle”. The time worn fallacy, “keep the saloon out of politics”, is fooling a goodly number of the saints. We would be more than glad to get it out of politics by repealing all license and revenue measures as they pertain to this traffic, thus making the manufacture and sale of intoxicants unlawful under the Federal constitution. The deliverances of our church are straight and clear on the main issue, it but remains for her ministers and members to vote as they talk.

A word personal before this report closes. It has been a year of almost ceaseless toil. Because of the peculiar geographical arrangement of the district, necessitating the use of five different branches of railroad, with long waits for lack of connecting trains, it demands almost double the time to properly care for the work. A glance at my itinerary shows that I was away from home 200 days, preached 150 times, and gave lectures and addresses to the number of 30. My health has been good as will be seen by the fact that I did not miss a single service through illness. I am fully aware that whatever of success has been achieved has been due to the favor of God, and the unremitting labors of my brethren. They have treated me with brotherly regard, and have not denied me their confidence. We have had no official secrets from each other. In this respect I have pursued the same policy that I followed on Wilmington district. Again and again as burdens were made light, and labor sweet by mutual confidence and esteem did I find my heart singing,

“And if our fellowship below,
In Jesus be so sweet,
What height of rapture shall we know,
When round His throne we meet.”

ROBERT WATT.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

"Life is the torrid day
Burned by the wind and sun;
And death the calm, cool evening hour
When the weary day is done."

On Sunday evening, Jan. 22nd, our brother and co-laborer E. H. Miller passed under the lifted curtain, into realms supernal, where "the day breaks and the shadows flee away." The already enfeebled body could not longer bear the greater affliction imposed by the unexpected departure of his companion, who had placed herself upon the altar of sacrifice, to successfully nurse back into life, the two fever stricken children of their heart and home, by giving her own life as a mother's tribute to love and duty. Mrs. Miller, also entered into promised rest, Sunday, Aug. 28th. "She hath done what she could," is a fitting application to one so faithful.

On Friday, March 25th, Mrs. Jennie K. Martin, wife of the Rev. O. L. Martin, and sister to V. S. Collins of our Conference fellowship, laid aside the earthly tabernacle to enter the "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." For twenty years, she had faithfully joined her husband in the toils incident to the itinerancy, but on account of the frailties of the flesh, she, with her loved ones chose Salisbury, Md. as her home, from which she heard her Master's call to come up higher. What her hands found to do, she did with all her might. Funeral services were held at her late home, Monday, Mar. 28th; her pastor, Dr. Martindale and the District Superintendent, officiating. The body was taken to Dover for interment in the family burial lot, Wesley Cemetery. She leaves a husband, son and daughter to mourn her loss.

On Saturday last, 11th inst., W. L. P. Bowen, passed from earthly scenes to fairer worlds on high. Services were held at his late home, Monday afternoon, W. F. Corkran and J. W. Gray, his pastor, officiating.

We would omit a sacred duty if in this report we would fail to remind ourselves of the loss of that stalwart friend of Church and minister, Levin S. Melson, who departed this life the fifth day of last January. An active member of the Church for more than 60 years; a long time lay member of the Board of Trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy; a faithful representative in the General Conference of 1888; a devoted man full of faith and good works, and a strong foe of the licensed liquor evil; honored and respected wherever known, and no less in his own home and Church at Bishopville, Md.,—for which he made provision in his will that the property belonging to him, used for a long time as a Parsonage, should at his death become the property of the Church. The Rev. G. T. Alderson, a personal friend and former pastor of the deceased, delivered the funeral sermon. The pastor, W. G. Harris, and E. L. Cross, of the Conference Academy, made appropriate addresses.

At the beginning of the Conference year, each pastor went willingly to

his field of labor. These servants of the Church in unbroken column, report to this Conference, humbly presenting their hard-won trophies to the Great Head of the Church.

Annessex charge and W. F. Atkinson are continuously happy. He reports six conversions, \$250 paid on debts, \$130 paid on improvements, salary paid in full, benevolences increased 10 per cent. over last year.

T. F. Beauchamp closes a successful pastorate of three years at Berlin, in which the church has been active all the time maintaining a healthy temperance sentiment, while looking after other important items of Church work. Pastor and people have worked in harmony. A new church is greatly needed and this question will be favorably considered in the near future. The salary for this charge will be increased to \$1200 next year, by adding Synepuxent Church, Newark Charge, leaving the latter with one church less but no diminution in salary. Bro. Beauchamp reports benevolences slightly in advance of last year, and four conversions.

Bethel has had an unsettled and somewhat unsatisfactory year,—lack of co-operation with pastor, on the part of a few persons, an epidemic of diphtheria, including a part of the pastor's family, necessitating a quarantine of parsonage, church and public schools for a long period; all of which afforded sufficient ground-work for hindrance to a pastor's plans, however well formulated. Brother Fogle has worked hard, and should have had more enthusiastic support.

W. G. Harris comes to Conference with a good account of his work on Bishopville Charge. Paid on improvements \$225; salary advanced \$75; benevolences increased 31 per cent. over last year, and 52 accessions to the churches. Showells, one of the churches of this charge, has a splendidly equipped Sunday School with O. M. Shockley as a most excellent superintendent.

Cape Charles bears record of a successful year under the pastorate of Howard Davis. Large congregations, a well equipped Sunday School, collections advanced, and twenty conversions, are some of the evidences that this church is destined to grow.

O. T. Baynard has wrought well at Chincoteague. Salary advanced to \$900; benevolences up to the high standard of last year, 5 conversions.

Claremont was left to be supplied at the last session of Conference. Soon after adjournment, G. F. Newton, at that time in Connecticut, but formerly of Dorchester County, was asked to take the work. He has proved himself the man for the time and place. He has labored patiently, with a difficult situation, and closes the year with good results.

G. W. Dawson closes his second year, strongly entrenched in the hearts of his magnanimous parishioners. He has won his way to success in that pastorate, and is invited to return. Delmar enjoyed the best year of her history. At the beginning of his pastorate, two years ago, the pastor began to pray, preach, and plan for a revival—good results followed. 147 accessions, and 95 per cent. of last year's probationers were received into full connection in the church. This was accomplished by aid of organized

class work under the oversight of the pastor. The Sunday School has grown to such proportions, as to compel action for enlarging the church. Delmar is happy in her church activities, and ranks as one of the best charges of the District. The return of the pastor is enthusiastically desired, with \$100 additional increase in salary.

Frankford, and Fruitland have had faithful service rendered by hard working pastors.—J. P. Outten reports 16 conversions, and O. E. James, 13 accessions to the church.

C. T. Jones concludes a three year pastorate at Gumboro. He keeps the churches in revival atmosphere throughout the year. The net increase in membership is more than 100, and collections have more than doubled during his term of service.

Girdletree continues to struggle in maintaining her usual good standing as a charge. W. H. Kenney and wife are held in high esteem, and reports the hardest year of his ministry. A continuous failure in the oyster trade will have its effect upon the benevolences this year.

Hebron, Holland's Island, Mardela Springs, Millsboro, Mt. Pleasant, and Mt. Vernon, are supplied with pastors instant in season and out of season. Each pastor is invited to return. Millsboro is still in revival spirit with large class meetings and congregations.

Grace Church, Marion Charge, has witnessed this year, the first far-reaching revival in her history. The entire town has been quickened with religious zeal. Pastors and people of the sister churches joined in praise together. It was a Pentecost to the community. Our consecrated brother, J. F. Clark, as always, proving himself a man used of the Lord, assisted the pastor to bring about these blessed results. Quindocqua, the other church of the charge, was also visited with a great out-pouring of the Spirit. The two services resulted in 107 professions of faith with 47 accessions to our churches, most of the remainder joining other churches in town and vicinity. J. J. Bunting, the popular pastor, has a splendid following at Marion.

Laurel remains in the valley of indecision in reference to the proposed new church. It is not a question of need or ability, but when and who will be able to begin the enterprise. Z. H. Webster has toiled faithfully and reports 48 conversions.

J. W. Gray comes to Conference with the best report that Newark has ever had. The charge will now consist of three, instead of four churches, with pastoral support remaining the same. Collections are reported in advance of last year and 11 conversions.

Nanticoke has had three years of faithful service in G. W. Hastings. His report this year is in advance of all previous ones. A steady and substantial advance along all lines has marked his pastorate with that intelligent and large hearted body of Methodists.

Parsonburg and E. H. Collins have had a successful year. No friction anywhere; paid on improvements \$325, collections 19 per cent. in advance of last year, and 82 conversions.

Ocean View, Phoebus, Pocomoke Circuit, Quantico, each reports progress in Church activities. H. E. Truitt, one year at Pocomoke Circuit, submits his work to the Conference, showing 42 per cent. increase in benevolences, salary advanced \$100, all paid, and 21 professions of faith.

Pittsville Circuit, has been supplied by H. B. Warren, a recent graduate of the Conference Academy. A great revival has marked the first year of his ministry. He reports \$56 for benevolences, \$245 paid on improvements, and 45 accessions to the church.

Pocomoke City closes another year with a gracious revival spirit. The pastor was ably assisted by Miss Anna Neal Dryden, of Crisfield, Md., who rendered valued assistance in evangelistic song and work. Dr. Murray writes in behalf of his church, "And best of all we are blessedly united." The Official Board unanimously resolves to pay \$2000 on their church debt by the first of next August, pledging themselves for half of that amount.

Princess Anne charge enjoys the best experience ever known to these churches. W. E. Gunby, the pastor, was fortunate in having the assistance of the Rev. C. H. Babcock for a week in revival work. Their united work stirred the town, and the church was greatly benefitted.

St. Peters, with A. W. Goodhand, pastor, evolves from long existing strife and discord to a solidly united Christian organization; a deep revival spirit has prevailed all the year; \$600 paid on improvements; total benevolences advanced 50 per cent. over last year, and 88 precious souls brought into the Master's Kingdom. They are feeding on strong meat and pastor is giving them on unadulterated Gospel.

L. I. McDougle, Sharptown, has demonstrated the practicability of conducting camp-meetings without the "nickel at the gate" feature, and needless desecration of the Lord's Day. Expenses were met by subscriptions arranged for privately and voluntary offerings. Nothing sold on Sunday. The people came and worshipped in song, prayer, and sermon. All expenses were met, leaving a balance in the treasury. It was called by some "a Holiness Camp". O, that there were more of that kind!

Smith's Island, Somerset, Stockton, Whitesville, are reporting all claims having been met as usual. The latter appointment at the last Conference, was made a three point circuit, placing Melson's Church with Parsonburg, with the salary at the same figure as before. T. C. Smoot has rendered very acceptable service, and returns to Conference with benevolences 35 per cent. in advance of last year's report of four churches and 28 conversions.

W. B. Guthrie comes up from Westover with collections 80 per cent. in advance of last year. He has rendered very efficient and satisfactory service at each of the two churches of this charge. There may be a small deficiency in salary, owing to failure in Mt. Olivet Church meeting her proportionate part, with nothing whatever alleged against pastor. Westover Church has done more than could be reasonably expected.

Tangier sends J. R. Cannon to Conference assuring us that the old church of their heart and life is still dear to them. Dreaded diphtheria

found its way into the parsonage home and three of the pastor's family were stricken and therefore quarantined for a number of weeks. With this exception the year has been phenomenal in the amount of money raised and work done. The church has installed its own electric lighting plant at a cost of \$1500, paid \$600 on old debts, 30 souls have professed saving faith, and pastor brings to this Conference the largest budget of benevolences known in the history of this church.

Snow Hill and Salisbury, are replete with good deeds and faithful service, demonstrating faith in the ministerial efficiency by enthusiastically asking the return of their respective pastors, each, closing his fifth year. Dr. Prettyman has advanced benevolences each year. The last Quarterly Conference, renewing an invitation for his return, stated that salary would be advanced \$100 next year. A gracious revival closed with 20 professing saving faith and the pulse of the church happily quickened. Salisbury continues to advance everywhere, all the time, notwithstanding the east and west gates of the city are diligently guarded by two other Methodist Episcopal churches under the pastorate of J. W. Hardesty, who supplies Salisbury Circuit. The beautiful and commodious auditorium is not large enough for the crowding congregations that come every Sunday to hear the Word; and the Sunday School has outgrown its capacious meeting place, until, as in the case of Delmar, a committee has been appointed to ascertain how their needs may be met by the enlargement of the Church. There have been 43 professions of faith, and the sum total benevolences far in advance of former years. The facts justify the statement that from the treasury of this Church more than \$1000 have gone out for the several Missionary interests and the sum total budget for all benevolent causes, exceed the amount paid for pastoral support.

Selbyville has had a profitable year moving cautiously but surely in reference to the new Church. The old church has been moved to make room for the new building, and new parsonage on the same lot, advantageously located, occupying an entire square in the centre of the town. The systematic plan of the Official Board this year to "pay as we go" has worked admirably and pastor receives money in full each month; an object lesson to other finance committees without a plan. Salary was easily advanced \$200 this year. V. E. Hills, the pastor, is doing splendid work.

Great achievements have been wrought this year on Millville Charge, E. W. Jones, pastor, 40 conversions, \$750 paid on improvements for Omar Church, benevolences in advance of last year, and salary increased \$100. Furthermore the debt of \$1950 on the beautiful new church at Millville was met by cash and reliable subscriptions to the amount of \$2170. This last achievement was made possible by generous giving on the part of the small membership and friends and the assistance of that master of finance, Dr. John Krautz of the Book Concern, New York City.

Another remarkable record of deeds glorious comes from Roxana. It seems like a dream. Poor and slow financial system, and lack of interest in any plan had relegated the church to the column of the "supply" class.

\$550 has been their limit for several years. They had a vision of better things and sent a committee to Conference last year with instructions to pay \$800 next year. G. W. Stallings was assigned them. A year has passed. Salary paid in full; benevolences beyond apportionment, and \$117 or nearly 100 per cent. in advance of last year; seven conversions and a committee at Conference requesting his return.

Asbury, (Crisfield), rejoices with a song of triumph in the feast of good things connected with the Centennial services held last August. The pastor, T. A. H. O'Brien, distinguished himself as a historian, by compiling, all available data pertaining to Asbury Church. For two weeks at different periods including Sabbaths, all available ex-pastors were present and greeted their many friends. Joyous shouts were heard in all quarters. Bro. O'Brien knows how to bring about results. He comes to Conference reporting 10 conversions, collections advanced \$72 over last year's good record; and the best the church has ever reported; collected and paid \$4833 in four years on church and parsonage; a beautiful Church, with not a penny of indebtedness; reserve funds in the Sunday School and the Ladies Aid Treasuries. These items demonstrate a splendid piece of financing, as well as the hand and heart of a wise Master builder with a consecrated church spiritually equipped for great service.

Four churches have been dedicated this year. Lower Fairmount was planned, and built without suggestion, or consent of any Quarterly Conference and against the advise of the District Superintendent and others. A small company of worshippers became desirous of a Church on a more eligible site, decided to assume the entire responsibility, and erected a well planned house at the cost of about \$1200, title held by their own building committee. When ready to dedicate, they offered their building to Fairmount Quarterly Conference, which was accepted, (all provisions of the Discipline having been conceded and complied with), provided, that they would continue in peace and harmony with each other and those related thereto. The Church was dedicated Oct. 16, T. A. H. O'Brien and E. H. Collins assisting the pastor, F. N. Faulkner.

The new churches at Chesconnessex and at Salisbury referred to in my last report were dedicated, Sunday, June 19th; L. E. Barrett, H. S. Dulaney rendered the pastor, G. E. Wood, valuable assistance. The District Superintendent had charge of the dedicatory services at the former place, and T. E. Martindale had charge of the services at the Chapel, and witnessed the presentation of a beautiful building for worship to the new Society of Salisbury Circuit at an approximate cost of \$6000, five-sixths of which sum was borne by Mr. W. H. Jackson, of that town. J. W. Hardesty has been the active and efficient pastor for five years and is happy in his work.

The culmination of a long looked for desire was effected Sunday, Feb. 5th, when the large congregation of the new Immanuel beheld the beauty of their new edifice. The day was all that could be desired. Dr. Krantz had prepared for the morning service. In his own inimitable style he at once won the hearts of that responsive people. Dr. E. L. Hubbard ad-

dressed the afternoon congregation; Dr. H. W. Ewing, preached at night and the District Superintendent conducted the dedicatory service at the close of an eventful day, and witnessed the greatest achievement ever known to Crisfield Methodism. The Church speaks for itself; as handsome as any and better adapted to all modern demands in church equipment than any in the Conference; beautiful for location, and best of all, it was dedicated without the Board of Trustees, as such, assuming any balance of money unprovided for. The amount received during the day in cash and subscription was \$12,000 as a balance on a \$40,000 edifice—\$28,000 having been provided for previously. This property, including the commodious parsonage, on the lot adjoining, worth \$50,000, will ever stand as a monument, not only to the noble, generous, and sacrificing Methodism of Crisfield, but also as a never-to-be-forgotten tribute, to the indefatigable labor and almost indescribable zeal of H. G. Budd, the pastor, who seemed to be called there for that arduous task, and gave four years of his life for that enterprise. Special services for two weeks, conducted by the pastor, immediately after the dedication, resulted in 28 professions of faith. The total claims against the entire property, including the parsonage are \$14,500, covered by \$11,000 reliable subscriptions.

The following charges have advanced in ministerial support as follows:—Chincoteagle, Millville, Pocomoke City, Deals Island, Delmar each, \$100; Bishopville, \$75; Nanticoke, \$50; Parsonburg, \$150; Roxana, and Salisbury City, \$250 each; and Selbyville \$200, including Pittsville, which pays, \$500, is \$2075.

The general departmental interests of the work have been looked after, and the many other acts of labor and love, of these our co-laborers,—like unto the Acts of the Apostles, which cannot be tabulated in any material book, are unmistakably inscribed upon the pages of the Book of Life, and to the bountiful Giver of every good and perfect gift, Who will reward accordingly, we ascribe all honor and praise.

G. P. JONES.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

The year has been one of incessant labor.

We were met when we entered upon our duties with receptions and kindly words in a large number of Churches, and were made to feel at home among a generous Methodist public and loyal hardworking pastors. We were given Godspeed in the heartiest manner.

We have not followed in the footsteps of our predecessors in holding four Quarterly Conferences in each pastoral charge, but have taken advan-

tage of the Statute in the Discipline which provides for holding the Second and Third Quarterly Conferences jointly.

We found a number of charges ready to increase the salaries of their pastors; we gave the fullest encouragement to them in this very laudable purpose. The following charges have increased their salaries:—Rising Sun, Elkton, St. Johns, Mt. Pleasant and Epworth, each \$100; St. Georges and Trinity each \$50. Some of our brethren are doing great service for the Church upon hard fields with small pay. Salaries should be increased in many other charges at least 25 per cent.

There has been but one change in pastors during the year: in October last, the brotherly and affable Dr. H. W. Kellogg of Grace Church was transferred to the Ohio Conference. We follow him with our prayers. He was succeeded by the courtly and scholarly Dr. A. E. Craig, to whom we give the glad hand of Christian fellowship, and bid him welcome to our ranks as a worthy successor of the distinguished men who have filled the pulpit of Grace Church.

We secured the services of Bishops Berry and Anderson of the Commission of Aggressive Evangelism to be with us on December 13th, 1910. Three meetings were held during the day; the first at 10:30 A. M. in St. Paul's Church and was for men only. Bishop Berry delivered one of the greatest addresses of his life. From 1 to 2 P.M. an old fashioned Methodist prayer meeting was held in the lecture room in St. Paul's, and was open for all members of the Church. At 2 P. M. services began in the audience room of St. Paul's, Bishops Berry and Anderson giving timely addresses. At 6 P. M. the Bishops Banquet was given in the Assembly Rooms of Grace Church.

Then followed the closing services of the day in Grace Church. Mr. James E. Ingram of Baltimore spoke first, and he was followed by Bishops Anderson and Berry.

The Bishops were greatly pleased with the large and enthusiastic audiences, and with the spirit and serious purpose which prevailed, and remarked that it was the best of the series of services of the kind held to that date.

The fire has fallen, salvation from the Lord has come to many of our Churches. The wonderful works of God have been seen in Rising Sun, Calvert Church, Zion Charge, North East when 116 were converted, and the Church quickened beyond all former years. Cherry Hill, Elk Neck, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Lebanon, and Charlestown have seen the salvation of our God. The last named place has not witnessed in forty years such manifestations of saving power.

Souls have been converted in Newport, Delaware City, Elkton, Newark and Cedars Churches. Madely, Mt. Salem, St. Pauls, Grace, Epworth, Cookman, Harrison St., Scott, Wesley, Eastlake and Richardson Park have been centres of spiritual life, and the tides of salvation have swept into

them. Brandywine Church is an example of the persistent, as distinguished from the sporadic revival. Souls are converted at the altars of this Church at the regular services. And 35 have been added to the Church by conversion this year.

Revival began in Asbury Church January 1st, the pastor, E. C. Macnichol, was assisted by brother L. M. Williams, a man mighty in the Scriptures, with a soul set on fire by the Holy Spirit, whose preaching of the Word reveals the secrets and intents of the heart. God greatly honored the Word. Sinners were converted, backsliders reclaimed, and believers sanctified, and this old Mother Church rejoices that her former glory has returned.

Special meeting began in Union Church in this city, W. F. Corkran, the pastor, being assisted by brother Williams, the same doctrines were preached as at Asbury Church, and even greater displays of saving grace were witnessed. Verily, the Lord was present. Hundreds of souls have been converted and many believers sanctified, and our cause in this city quickened and strengthened. May the good work go on!

The Epworth League Convention was held in Rising Sun, Md., September 28th, 29th, and was an event full of interest. The Epworth League in this District is by no means in a moribund condition. The Rev. J. H. Mitchell, the District President, is a genius in providing a program for such occasions.

Early in the Conference year a chapel at Providence Mills in Cecil County, Maryland, built by the Missionary Alliance of this city was deeded to the Methodist Episcopal Church, by our assuming a debt of \$200. The Chapel cost, exclusive of the lot \$1,600. We thought it a good piece of business to take over the Chapel. We have attached it to St. Johns, and it is now a part of that charge.

The City Missionary and Church Extension Society has had a remarkable year. The Corresponding Secretary, J. W. Easley, has been most diligent in planning and in executing plans for the benefit of the work. An Italian pastor has been employed and is at work among his countrymen in this city, and 23 have expressed a desire to join our Church.

We have noted the absence of children in many of our Churches at public worship. The Sunday School reports are generally full of encouragement, but the lack of children at public worship is not to be encouraged. Is it possible that we are educating a generation of non-church goers?

We have paid \$492.25 on the District Parsonage indebtedness, reducing the mortgage to \$1687.75. When all the apportionments are paid the property will be free of debt. On the District Parsonage debt Mt. Lebanon has paid \$20, Grace Church \$150, St. Paul's \$168.75, Zion Ct. \$18.50, St. Georges \$75, Colora \$5, New Castle \$50, Christiana \$15, Marshallton, \$10. The outside wood work of the District Parsonage has been painted and the bill of \$42.50 paid.

St. Paul's Church in this city is one of the most virile organizations that we have. Their support of the benevolences is worthy of emulation.

The trustees have sold their property on Market Street, with a view to re-invest the proceeds in a new edifice at 10th and Jackson Streets. Ground has been broken and the building will be erected during this year.

Bethel Circuit has retained the services of J. M. Lindals for four years; the affection of the people for him is charming. He has done well.

Charlestown is situated on an estuary of the Chesapeake, among the red clay hills of Cecil. The most remarkable Sunday School, of which the writer has any knowledge, is at Principio on this charge, and has five-sixths of the enrollment as an average attendance for the year. At Charlestown where there has been a dearth of spiritual things for many years there has come a gracious revival and forty-seven souls have found the Lord. J. T. Price is the happy pastor. Paid on old debts \$280.

Cherry Hill has been blest this year. The Lord has visited his people, and more than 30 souls have been saved, and J. D. Reese, the pastor, rejoices in the prosperity of his Church.

Chesapeake City has had a prosperous year, and Bro. Edwin Gardner is popular with all classes. Chester-Bethel has had a quiet year. The pastor, J. A. Brewington, has been diligent in his work.

The Church at Christiana is under the pastoral care of C. W. Spry, who comes to us seeking admission on trial. He has wrought wonders. An old debt on the parsonage of \$540 for 27 years has disappeared before the persistent efforts of this timid young man; every dollar has been paid, and the District Superintendent had the pleasure to be present when the mortgage was offered up as a burnt offering.

Claymont has been supplied by G. E. Sterling for the past year, and done quite well considering the difficulties.

Colora is beautiful for situation, and Bro. W. M. McCann has been faithful, caring for all the interests. Improvements have been made on the property, and to his great joy eleven souls have been converted. \$100 paid for improvements.

Delaware City is an ancient town, but with many attractive modern buildings. The people have carried a mortgage of \$1,000 on their Church for 24 years. They have paid \$1,200 interest money. The pastor took up the matter with characteristic energy, and the claim has been extinguished. The pastor, H. D. Stewart, and his people are happy. No other man than Stewart need cast wistful eye toward Delaware City.

Ebenezer has had a good year and the pastor, Bro. J. H. Geoghegan, is greatly loved by his flock.

Elk Neck is the most beautiful and romantic appointment in the District, where the devotees of the quiet life will find physical conditions exactly suited to their taste. D. J. Moore, the pastor, has had a great year. He has repaired Hart's and Wesley Churches at a cost of \$272, paid it all, and has witnessed the conversion of 29 souls—a year's work of great magnitude.

Elkton Church under H. A. G. Westerfield has had an era of prosperity. Every interest is served with rare faithfulness, and the Church has

before it an open door of opportunity. Eighteen persons have been converted this year.

B. L. McFarland has served Hockessin for the year. September last he entered Drew Seminary, returning each week to preach on Sunday.

Hopewell with C. W. Moore for pastor has done well. The Gospel has been preached, and some have profited by it. Collections in advance of last year.

Brother J. T. Prouse has served Marshallton this year and six souls have found the Lord. \$100 have been paid on old indebtedness and \$53 on improvements, and \$10 on the District Parsonage debt.

B. S. Latshaw has made proof of his ministry at Mt. Lebanon. Forty-eight souls have been converted.

Mt. Pleasant has had a good year under the ministry of E. W. McDowell. He has delighted in the conversion of 24 souls.

Newark is enjoying an unusual degree of prosperity under G. T. Alderson's ministry. His influence in this college town is cumulative, congregations grow, membership of the Church increases, and finances are easy. The conditions point towards a blessed revival that will sweep many into the Kingdom. Under Alderson, Methodism is regnant in Newark. The Missionary collection is the largest in the history of the Church and 25 per cent. of the membership have joined the last two years.

New Castle prospers. The anniversary week was a blessed season; old pastors returned with messages of love and cheer and encouraged the good people. F. X. Moore is to be congratulated upon the success of his ministry in this Church. He closes the year with all bills paid and money in the treasury. \$50 have been paid on the apportionment for District Parsonage debt.

J. H. Mitchell at Newport has made improvements in the Church and parsonage property and has seen souls saved this year. His labor has not been in vain. Sixteen persons have accepted the Saviour. The Newport Church has suffered a great loss in the death of Brother W. R. Flinn, who for many years was a faithful Methodist, and a great and good citizen. His memory is cherished by many members of this Conference.

North East has one of the most desirable Church and parsonage properties in the District. Warren Burr has served this people three years and has had the joy of seeing 116 souls converted this year. The spiritual life is at flood in this Church, all the people are happy. \$340 have been paid on old indebtedness this year.

At Perryville Brother Sunfield has won the esteem of all classes, and commands universal respect because of his integrity as a man, and his ability as a preacher. He has had a good year.

Port Deposit and Brother F. F. Carpenter are joined together in the bonds of mutual regard. It is most charming to hear the good people express their affection for this true minister of Jesus Christ. The Church prospers, and in one year more the last installment of the debt will be paid, and this imposing and commodious Church will be free. \$1,000 have been paid on the debt this year.

Red Lion has done very well under E. B. Taylor. Steps have been taken to repair Glasgow Church. The work would have been completed but for inclement weather.

At Rising Sun, J. W. Jones is the happy pastor. He is a workman who does things. He has spent \$761 beautifying his Church; metal ceiling and decorations make audience room a thing of beauty. Bills all paid and \$37 surplus. Benevolence paid in full. More than 20 souls have found the Lord.

H. T. Ennis, a student in Delaware College, has served Stanton with great success. The people regret that his duties in College will prevent his serving them another year.

St. Georges has had a good year. Harry Taylor, the pastor, has been faithful. Plans are maturing for extensive repairs on the Church. The apportionment of \$75. for District Parsonage debt has been paid.

St. John's with G. P. Smith as pastor has made encouraging progress. Bro. Smith has done faithful work, and the good people appreciate it.

W. H. Brgigs has served Zion Circuit for one year. He has grown steadily and the work prospers along all lines, no interest is slighted. The parsonage property has been improved, and concrete walks laid for Church and parsonage. \$200 have been paid for these improvements. Conversions have crowned his labors.

Asbury Church and E. C. Macnichol are suited to each other; peace and prosperity abound. Drs. J. M. Buckley, and John Krantz were the preachers at the 121st Anniversary. Dr. Krantz handled the finances with skill and success.

Brother Turner at Brandywine was never more successful nor better beloved. The pastor is closing the 7th year of his service in that field and grows in popularity and in efficiency, and his return is greatly desired by his loyal people.

J. T. Richardson has had a happy year at Cookman, and 18 converts have been made.

Eastlake with J. R. Bicking has been prosperous. Eighteen have been converted and \$405 paid on old indebtedness.

T. H. Harding has served Elsmere amid discouragements, but has been most faithful.

Epworth under the leadership of G. C. Williams has had a prosperous year. He is beloved by the congregation. 40 souls have been converted and the Church faces the future with hope. Extended improvements in the Church property is under consideration, and if carried out, will make Epworth a splendid church property. \$356 have been paid on improvements and old debts.

Grace Church under Dr. A. E. Craig's pastor oversight retains her rank among us. The congregations are large and souls have been converted at her altars.

C. T. Wyatt is a fit at Harrison Street Church. His ministry has never been more acceptable than at present. All the interests of the Church

are in fine condition, and 33 converted have joined the Church. \$2,310 have been paid on improvements and old indebtedness.

Kingswood has been served by D. H. Willis. The Sunday School grows and there is improvement seen in the congregations. \$550 have been paid on the mortgage debt this year. 20 have professed faith this year.

D. J. Givan has given Madeley Church a vigorous pastorate. There was a good revival early in autumn last, and 40 souls were converted. The Sunday School is prosperous, congregations are good, and about \$800 raised for a building fund for a new Church. The money is in bank at interest.

McCabe Memorial Church was only a name three years ago. During the pastorate of W. C. Poole a lot has been purchased, a new Church erected, and paid for, and the real estate at present in the hands of the corporation is worth at least \$10,000. There is also a considerable sum in bank to build a new Church with sufficient seating capacity to accommodate the growing Sunday School and congregation.

Mt. Salem Church is prospering. S. M. Morgan is a most industrious pastor. The Lord has blest his labors; he and his people are mutually happy. The interests of the Church were never better served, and never in better condition. 50 souls have been converted this year. \$335 have been paid for improvements.

Richardson Park is one of our suburban Churches. The people are moving into the community in large numbers. The membership has about doubled this year, from conversions and by letter. Bro. R. High Adams is happy in the work and stands well with the congregation.

St. Paul's Church with C. A. Hill as pastor is doing well. The pastor is attentive to all lines of service requiring his oversight. His ministry is influential, the congregations are good, and the Sunday School is prosperous. Methodist Love Feasts are blessed occasions, and are regularly held at the Quarterly Meetings in this Church. 18 converts have been made this year.

Scott Church is doing good work for the Master. The Spirit of the Lord has been with W. G. Koons this year; 40 souls have been saved, and the Church edified. Paid on indebtedness and improvements \$1,400. The Sunday School prospers. A new piano for the Sunday School at a cost of \$350 has been paid for, and all the interests of the Church are splendidly served. The benevolences are far in advance of last year.

W. E. Greenfield is a great pastor. Silverbrook has retained his services for five years, and the past year has been the most successful of all. He is a marvel of method. How he finds time for all his activities is a puzzle to his phlegmatic brethren. The Sunday School is cramped for room, and the congregations fill the Church. 40 have been converted this year, and \$768 have been expended for improvements.

Trinity is one of the smallest of our Churches, Brother John White, Sr., is the pastor. He has performed his duties most faithfully. The Lord has blest his labors.

Union Church, W. F. Corkran, pastor, has had a great year. The fiscal

year closes with a surplus in the treasury. The Sunday School has added more than 100 to its membership. The Church and parsonage properties have been improved at an expense of \$1,400. These improvements consist of an iron picket fence inclosing the Church and parsonage, the painting and decorating of the Sunday School room and Church parlors.

T. R. VanDyke has served Wesley Church with acceptability. The Sunday School is growing. A new piano has been bought for its use. The congregations are good, and more than \$300 have been expended upon repairs. The outlook is encouraging for Wesley Church.

On the 8th of November, 1910, we engaged the forces of rum in rural New Castle and lost the battle. The Anti-Saloon forces led by J. M. Arters and Leonard White of the Anti-Saloon League, put up a stiff fight and would have won except for the treachery of certain local political managers. We have entered upon a campaign for victory and though we may lose an engagement now and then, we shall win in the end. The same day in November we met the enemies of sobriety on the green hills of Cecil and administered to them such a crushing defeat that many years will elapse before they can muster forces enough to meet us again in battle. Observation and experience teach that the liquor traffic is lawless. It will neither keep the laws of God nor man. It is the fruitful source of insanity, poverty, and crime. Its insatiable greed for money makes it the enemy of political honor and of private virtue. It corrupts parties and debauches citizens. It makes men brutes, women widows, and children orphans. We are praying for the coming of the day when there will be no liquor stains upon the escutcheons of our country.

In closing this report I want to publicly thank my Heavenly Father for His goodness, for having preserved my health and life through the year, and to thank my brethren of the ministry and laity for all their acts of kindness shown to God's servant. They have made the year to pass as a dream when one awaketh. Like Longfellow we say:—

“Look not mournfully into the past,
“It comes not back again,
Wisely improve the present—it is thine.
Go forth to meet the shadowy future
Without fear and with a manly heart.”

E. L. HOFFECKER.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Auditors.

Rev. S. M. Morgan, Trustee for Mrs. Ruth B. Fisher: Balance in hand last Conference, \$16; received from the Board of Stewards, \$180.00; total, \$196.00; paid out, \$180.00; Balance in hand, \$16.00.

Rev. E. L. Hoffecker, District Superintendent, received for Domestic Missionary Society, \$333.00. Paid out to: Stanton \$20, Trinity \$25, Port Penn \$25, Town Point \$30, Hockessin \$25, Charlestown \$10, Colora \$15, Elsmere \$15, Claymont \$20, Kingswood \$25, Eastlake \$25, Elk Neck \$25, Marshallton and Cedars \$60, Christiana \$55—total \$365; overpaid \$32.

R. K. Stephenson, District Superintendent of Dover District, received from Home Missionary Board, \$70; from H. G. Budd, Treasurer of Domestic Missionary money, \$358—total \$428; paid out as follows: Little Creek \$35, Milford Neck \$25, Rehoboth \$50, Armory \$100, Church Creek \$35, Lakesville \$75, Elliott's Island \$25, Leipsic \$25, Salem \$48, Nassau \$10—total \$428.

The account of Rev. H. G. Budd was carefully audited. We found that he had a balance left in hand at the beginning of Conference last year of \$4.38, received for all purposes, \$46,110.22—total \$46,114.60; paid out as per vouchers, \$46,104.00; balance in Bank March 15, 1911, \$10.60.

Rev. G. P. Jones, District Superintendent, received from H. M. & Ch. Ext., W. J. Downing, Treas., \$108; distributed: Phoebus, Va., \$60; Claremont, Va., \$48. Received from H. G. Budd, \$295; from L. I. McDougale, \$10; amount in hand, \$47—total \$352; distributed: Pittsville \$75, Phoebus \$50, Pocomoke Ct. \$15, Westover \$50, Mardela Spr. \$50, Quantico \$50, Powellville \$30, Holland Is. \$25—total \$352; balance in hand, \$7.00.

Easton District in account with the Domestic Missionary Society, by the Rev. Robt. Watt, District Superintendent—Received from H. G. Budd, Treasurer, \$367. Distributed as follows: Bayside \$60, Henderson \$50, Wye Mills \$60, Queenstown \$40, Burrsville \$20, Clayton \$25, Oxford \$30, Pomona \$25, Golt \$20, Piney Neck \$25, Cordova \$5—total, \$360; balance in hand, \$7.00. Received from W. J. Downing, Treas. H. M. & Ch. Ext., \$72. Disbursed as per vouchers: Royal Oak \$40, Oxford \$32—total \$72. Received from Treasurer Conference Claimants Fund \$200, for Mrs. Annie Chatham, paid as per voucher to Penna. Hospital for the Insane, \$200.

Bible.

The Bible is a sacred trust to the Church, for all mankind. It is more than literature; it is law, spirit and life.

The marvelous achievements of the American Bible Society since its organization, are not only such as should command our admiration, but also secure our hearty support. We gladly recognize the work of the society in furnishing the thousands of immigrants who come to our ports with portions of the Bible printed in their own language.

In foreign lands there has been additional effort to distribute the Holy Scriptures among all people, by its own agencies, and the Missionary boards and societies of the evangelical denominations in the United States. Your Committee recommends the adoption of the resolution passed by the General Conference of 1896:

Resolved, I, That this Conference give its hearty approval to the American Bible Society.

II. That we regard it as a strong bond between evangelical churches doing the bible work of all without distinction.

III. That its great work in foreign lands commends it to our support, as a most efficient aid in the prosecution of Foreign Missions.

IV. That we urge on all pastors not to omit the collection for the American Bible Society from the list of collections, which they are charged to take; but to present to their congregations the duty of giving liberally for the support of this most worthy and important cause.

Conference Deaconess Board.

Two meetings of the Board have been held during the year and our work is becoming better and more favorably known as the years go by. At the beginning of this Conference year Mrs. Ida Benson of the Maine Conference came to be Superintendent of the Home, but because of her family affairs she remained but a few months and is still caring for her aged mother in Rhode Island. In July Mrs. Margaret Sweet came to serve in that capacity. She has more than measured up to our expectations. She had been with us but a little while when a house on French Street was rented and fitted up for Mission work, and in addition to managing the affairs of the Home, which came under her jurisdiction, she formed classes there for Sunday School work, Epworth League, Sewing Classes, A Girl's Club, a Boy's Club, a Kindergarten, a Kitchen Garden, all of which have been carried on systematically and with great success. We have in addition to Mrs. Sweet, Miss Mary Gould, who for the past two years has been working under the City Missionary Society in West Wilmington, having as her assistant Miss Lillian B. Carter. Miss Emma Kelly, who is Parish deaconess for Grace Church, Miss Lula R. Morse, a kindergarten worker with Mrs. Sweet, in her Mission, Miss Helen Jones, Nurse deaconess. Making five who are busy every day with the work assigned them. In addition we have Miss Effie Acorn, a graduating student in Rust Hall, who will come to us in May, under obligation to remain in our work six years, because of our support to her in school. There is in detached service Miss Elizabeth Hall, who serves St. Paul's Church as Parish deaconess. There have been two deaconesses licensed this year, Mrs. Sweet, recommended by Grace Quarterly Conference, and Miss Hall, by St. Paul's Quarterly Conference. They will be consecrated at this session of Conference. Those workers in the Home have made during the year 2474 calls, letters and postals written 96, papers and tracts given 420, Bibles given 15, other books 21, persons given material aid 288. Garments, including shoes 422; articles, including bedding, 15; baskets of food, 50; supplies for the sick, 42. Baptismal services in Sunday School, 4. Miss Hall, as Parish worker for St. Paul's reports 872 calls, conducted 20 services, poor families cared for 4,

children 18. With miscellaneous work during the summer, Miss Kelley worked through the Conference in the interest of Rust Hall, and our Board, making 60 addresses and securing \$128, and 50 barrels of supplies. There has been received by the Chairman of our Group System, Mrs. Harlan Gause, supplies from Auxiliaries through the Conference amounting in value to \$451.44, beside cash, \$51.59. The treasurer reports having received from March 1st, 1910 to March 1st, 1911, a total of \$1,975.25; disbursed \$1,700.83, leaving a balance of \$274.44.

Our Mission work on French Street has been transferred to Kingswood, East Side headquarters of the City Missionary Society. Mrs. Sweet, and Miss Morse being employed there because of the greater need, and workers not to be had. The children under our care were not forgotten at Christmas, and on other days of note were given lessons in good citizenship by entertainments appropriate to the occasion. At the last meeting of the Board, Miss Lillian B. Carter was recommended by Wesley Quarterly Conference as a suitable person for probation to the deaconess work. She appeared before the Board and after answering in the affirmative the Disciplinary Question she was admitted as a probationer. The foregoing is but a glimpse of the noble work done by these Christlike workers, and we beseech you brethren "Help these women."

Epworth League.

Your Committee believes that in the youth of our land lies the hope of the Church. It was this belief that called into being the organization known as the Epworth League, which for twenty-one years has been an arm of power in the Methodist Episcopal Church. We do not believe that the League has outlived its usefulness, but affirm our conviction that it continues to be an important factor in the conversion of our young people, and in training them for efficient service in the Church. God has called it to a work which is peculiarly its own. As a recruiting station and a training school the Epworth League is unique among the organizations of our Church.

The Mission Study Class has done much for world wide evangelism. Wherever such a class has been organized the spirit of cheerful and intelligent giving has been increased. We recommend the organization of such classes wherever possible.

We commend also the work of the Junior League. The seeds here sown will yield an early and abundant harvest. Our Junior work is the key to the Senior work.

We bespeak a larger share of patronage among our Chapters and Churches for the Epworth Herald, the splendid official organ of the organization.

The Conference Minutes of 1910 show that only \$214. was paid to the central office last year. The amount should have been \$554. This indi-

cates that less than one half of the charges met their apportionment. We request each pastor to urge his local Chapter to forward the amount of dues to the Central office not later than June 1st of each year.

Education.

Methodism and scholarship have always been on friendly terms. Religion without learning easily degenerates into superstition or fanaticism. Through a glorious history of one hundred and twenty-five years our Church has demonstrated that Education is a handmaid of religion.

We insist on Education as a necessity among our preachers. They cannot labor acceptably among us, if they are content to remain in ignorance. We distinguish between real science and science falsely so called; between real learning and skeptical theories that undermine faith in the Word of God.

The importance of our institutions of learning to the future influence and welfare of the Church, cannot be overestimated. They hold the key to the situation. If by any chance these schools should fall into the hands of secularists and rationalists, they will not be long in destroying vital piety and paralyzing the power of the Church. Hence it is of the utmost importance that the Church keep a careful watch over her schools and guard them against evil influences. The problem may be one of great magnitude and may present many serious difficulties, but to falter or err in the solution of the problem will be a fatal mistake and will bring overwhelming disaster upon the Church. We have a right to know that our institutions of learning are free from rationalistic teaching, and that they are morally safe places to which young people can be sent who are in pursuit of an education.

We believe that our plan of electing trustees for our Conference Academy is sufficient to secure effective oversight and sympathetic co-operation between the preachers and churches on the one hand, and the management of the school on the other. The preachers and teachers should help each other with a view to making our Academy the greatest institution of learning on the Peninsula, and a center of spiritual power. We rejoice in the prosperity of the school during the past year, and pledge our best efforts to make the coming year better than the past.

We believe that the duties of the Conference Visitors should be more clearly defined, and recommend that their traveling expenses be hereafter paid by the Conference and that they be required to make a report to the Conference of such things as the Conference has a right to know.

Drew Theological Seminary holds a high place in our regard. It has excellent advantages for the scholastic training of young ministers. Its faculty is composed of men distinguished for their scholarship and their teaching ability. We would respectfully urge upon them the importance of taking a strong position in defense of the Bible, as against the insidious attacks of the so-called Higher Critics.

Conference Education Society.

We, the Managers of your Education Society, herewith transmit the account of our stewardship for the past Conference year.

We have assisted worthy students as follows: In Drew Theological Seminary, 3 students to amount of \$550; in Dickinson College, 2 students to the amount of \$50; in the Wilmington Conference Academy, 11 students to the amount of \$450—total for the 16 students, \$1050.

As our total receipts from our collections from all the charges amounted to only \$419, it will be readily seen that our preachers are not caring for our own educational work as well as we are on other worthy causes. We therefore recommend that the District Superintendents be requested to apportion to the several charges an amount equal to one-half of one percent. of pastor's salary, exclusive of house rent, and thus enable us to assist every worthy brother preparing for the ministry of our own Conference.

We also would reiterate two paragraphs from our last report as follows:

We would respectfully call the attention of the Conference to the aid this Society is prepared to give any worthy young man studying for the ministry of our church, and for service within our own Conference. There is no need for this Conference to receive on probation any young man who is deficient in his educational equipment. With our own Conference Academy at Dover, well equipped and with a strong faculty; with our Education Society ready and anxious to assist every worthy brother, we, as a Conference, ought to demand of every young man applying for admission to our ranks, that he, have, at least as much educational preparation as our Academy can give him.

We deplore the fact that our District Superintendents not infrequently persuade young men to leave the Academy and go out into the active work of the ministry before graduation. This, we believe, is unfair to this Conference, and grossly unfair to the young men themselves. Such cooperation on the part of the District Superintendents would prove a blessing to candidates for our ministry, would assist in filling the halls of our Academy, would enable your Society to largely increase its usefulness, and would save the Conference the embarrassment so frequently seen when the attempt is made to press the admission of men not sufficiently prepared.

And we still further recommend that we as a Conference adopt the recommendation of Paragraph 63 section 2 of the Discipline as to the minimum requirement for admission to this Conference.

Inter-Church Federation.

Your Committee begs leave to report that during the past year there has been nothing referred to it for action.

We recommend that there be added to our Committee: Martin B. Burris, Esq., Middletown, Del., John S. Mullin, Esq., Wilmington, Del., and Joseph W. Coley, Wilmington, Del.

Freedmen's Aid.

An examination of the last annual report of this Society shows that in the twenty-three schools and colleges, 7130 young people were receiving industrial, normal school and professional training. Of this number, 264 were in college classes, 149 preparing for the Christian ministry, 300 in medicine, and 245 in dentistry, pharmacy and nurse training, 2850 in manual training and trade schools, including farmings, and nearly 1000 in teacher training courses.

It is gratifying to note that in the work of the schools stress is laid upon the spiritual needs of the students, and that as a result most of the young men and women who come to these schools are converted, for the Christian teacher is more than a mere instructor in trades and industries. He is the director and example of the moral and religious life of the race.

The Sunday nearest to the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln furnishes an appropriate opportunity for the presentation of the work of the Freedmen's Aid Society to all our congregations.

Programs for this occasion are sent free by the Society on request.

We call the attention of those who are seeking an opportunity when best to apply their help, to the needs which will be made known on application to the "Freedmen's Bureau".

The General Committee, after a careful consideration of the needs of the schools, has fixed the apportionment for the coming year at \$250,000, and if this amount is raised it will meet the requirements of pressing work for the year. Of this amount our Wilmington Conference is apportioned \$3,180. We hereby pledge ourselves to present this cause at least once during the year to our congregations, and give our people an opportunity to reach this apportionment.

We would call special attention to the needs of Morgan College, and wish to emphasize the action taken by our Conference in relation to the offer of \$50,000 by Mr. Carnegie conditioned on the Church raising a similar sum, which if secured would enable this school to continue in a more efficient manner the excellent results already accomplished in our own territory. The work accomplished by this College is its strongest appeal when we remember that; 180 preachers have been prepared and sent out; 300 teachers, 12 lawyers, 3 dentists, 6 pharmacists, and hundreds of artisans. Surely our money is well invested.

The conditions are almost fulfilled which secure to this school the splendid gift of Mr. Carnegie; up to the present time we are glad to report that the white people have paid \$11,000, and have conditioned \$9,000; the colored people have assumed \$25,000, of which something like \$15,000

have been paid; and it is confidently expected that they will pay the remaining \$10,000 before the coming summer shall have ended. There remains \$10,000 yet to be raised by the white people, which should be done as speedily as possible.

The amount of our collections this year for the Freedmen's Aid cause is \$976, a decrease of \$26.

In view of the fact that the Fortieth Anniversary of Morgan College is soon to be celebrated, we recommend that one from each District of the Conference be appointed to concur with the District Superintendents as to the best and speediest method of raising the required \$5,000 to make the Carnegie Fund available. We recommend that the following be appointed: Dover District, W. O. Bennett; Easton District, L. E. Barrett; Salisbury District, T. A. H. O'Brien; Wilmington District, L. E. Poole.

The Philadelphia Methodist Episcopal Hospital.

The Methodist Episcopal Hospital in the city of Philadelphia will conclude, March 31st "the busiest and biggest year's work" in its history.

Last year's record exceeded any previous year by 30 per cent. The present year will go ahead of last year by not less than 10 per cent. The outstanding facts are as follows: Number of patients treated in the hospital last year, 1701. This year the number exceeds 1850. In addition more than 8000 patients have been treated in the Dispensary. A new electric elevator has been installed at a cost of \$6000, the gift of Mr. Frank A. Freeman, a devoted member of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Thomas Bradley, president of the Board of Trustees, has presented a much needed building, known as Bradley Hall, at a cost of \$40,000. This will relieve the other buildings of congestion and make the Hospital much more effective and capable of larger usefulness.

The deficiency in running expenses accumulated during the past years, amounting to \$18,000, has been paid off, and the Hospital will doubtless close the year without debt. The material improvements of the year sum up \$70,000.

Time would forbid a rehearsal of the gracious services which this Hospital has rendered to the afflicted people of our territory. For each dollar which our Conference contributes to this worthy institution, our people receive in full service three dollars in return. During the past year 81 persons from our territory have received 1817 days of treatment, while our gifts have gone a little beyond the eight hundred dollar mark. A large number of our Churches have not made any offering, though we are glad to note the list of blanks in the published reports is growing less.

Your Committee would earnestly commend the Hospital to the loyal consideration of our people, not so much for the Hospital's sake, as for the sake of the large number of suffering people who may be helped by such contributions.

We recommend that the people send gifts of food, fruit and other materials in season as a practical means of helping the work of the Hospital.

No work in which the Church can engage is more akin to that done by the Master when on Earth than is this. To heal the sick is a part of the Church's great commission. No organization furnishes a better agency for the work of mercy than does the Methodist Hospital in the city of Philadelphia.

Membership Commission.

Your Committee appointed at the last session of the Conference to inquire into loss of probationers, begs leave to make the following report. After organizing in November, a diligent effort was made to secure a report from each pastoral charge concerning disposition of probationers. Sixty pastors have ignored the reported call of the Commission. 122 have responded. Of these 32 have not sufficient data to be of value. This leaves 90 charges from which we have approximately exact information as a basis for calculation. The period covered in the last two years, not including the year just closing, only as it involves the disposition of probationers received last year.

The total number of probationers from these 90 charges for 1909 was 2370 and for 1910, 1431, making a total for the two years 3801—the basis of our calculations. Of these 1845 were received into full membership, 898 were continued and 895 discontinued, while 146 were otherwise stricken from the list.

Now, note what this fact discloses. First, less than 50 per cent. were received into the Church. Secondly, about 25 per cent. are continued into next year, while more than 25 per cent. are lost to the Church. This is an exceedingly sad disclosure. One fourth of all those born at our altar go back into the world. Another fourth are so uncertain in their lives they must be continued on trial for an indefinite period.

Your Commission is firmly convinced that the faithful observance of two things on the part of pastors would reduce to the minimum the class that is now discontinued.

First, let the injunction of the Discipline in this matter be observed: "Let great care be taken in receiving members and let no one be enrolled as a probationer unless he give satisfactory evidence of an earnest desire to be saved from his sins."

Then, secondly, there should be more diligent attention given to record keeping of the probationers. Vest pocket records, or no records at all, is a very common thing and an abomination to the Church and an endless source of annoyance to one's successor. Take as an example of this inexcusable neglect these sentences from reports received. "My predecessor left no record at all." Take another: "The record does not show any probationers while the Minutes show 48." Still another: "28 reported to

Conference and not a name on the church record." O, how many just such cases. Surely it is high time to call a halt in this thing. To be a candidate for membership in the Church of Christ is no small thing, and it should be graced with the dignity of enrollment in the permanent records of the church. We would also respectfully request that the District Superintendents give special attention to this item, when making their quarterly visits, and that they insist that the committee on church records report specifically on this matter.

Now, concerning the 25 per cent. that are carried over from year to year, we would suggest that it is manifestly unfair to the Conference and ourselves not to adjust this injustice. Annually we have more than 4000 probationers, reckoned as new material, out of which the church is expected to make full fledged members. But as a matter of fact fully one fourth of this number has been carried over from year to year and continued in hope. This one fourth is the greatest source of care to the shepherd of the fold. Not fit to be received, or a little too good to be discontinued, they try his soul. As one brother writes: "Many of the probationers refuse to come into the church on account of amusements." While another, whose very pen seems dipped in the tears of his discouragement, writes: "The moving picture show has more attractions than Christ, and I have done my best." Now, this more than a thousand carried over probationers do not represent new material for membership at all. Indeed they are a very doubtful asset. Your Commission is emphatic in its belief that we should have a method of reporting which will show the actual number of conversions during the year. Therefore we recommend that the Conference blanks be arranged hereafter so there shall be a column for "conversions" in which all conversions from the Sunday School and Church shall be reported. And the Secretary of the Conference is hereby authorized to provide such a blank.

Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

The Board recommended the grant of \$3000.00 for City Mission work in Wilmington; \$2000.00 for Home Missions and \$1000.00 for Church Extension. Also a donation for Kingswood M. E. Church of \$500.00 and \$600.00 for a mission church in Wilmington for Italian work. The claim for Kingswood Church has been allowed and same paid, and \$500.00 appropriated for the Italian Church, but not paid. The \$200.00 to Bounds Church and the \$200 for Chesconnessex Church recommended the previous year has been paid. The Parent Board also appropriated to the City Mission and Church Extension Society \$600.00 for missionary work and \$400. for Italian work for the coming year. Owing to the needs of Wilmington City Mission work the District Superintendents of all the Districts willingly gave their consent for the full amount due the Conference to be applied for City work.

The Report from the Parent Board, February 24, 1911, as follows: Nov. 1, 1910, by balance, \$555.95; The collections received since Nov. 1st, last, \$75.00, have earned for Church Extension purposes, \$5.21—total \$561.16. To Chesconnessex, Va., \$200.00; to balance to credit of Conference, \$361.16—total \$561.16. Grant to Wilmington City Missionary Church donation, \$500.00, which if paid would leave a balance to debit of \$138.84.

The Conference is asked to raise by regular collections, \$19,200.00.

Treasurer's Report:—Cash received from the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, \$1512.50. Cash disbursed as follows: To Charles H. Scott, Treasurer of Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society, \$425.00; Kingswood, \$500.00; Bounds, \$200.00; Chesconnessex, \$200.00; to R. K. Stephenson, District Superintendent, \$52.50; Rev. Robert Watt, Dist. Supt., \$54.00, G. P. Jones, Dist. Supt., \$81.00—total \$1512.50.

The following recommendations were approved:

1st, That inasmuch as both General Committees ask the same amount, viz. \$1,500,000, the Apportionment to each pastoral charge for the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension and the Board of Foreign Missions is the same.

2nd, The Sunday School Missionary Collection should be equally divided by the Pastor between the two Missionary Boards. This should not be left to the Conference Treasurer.

3rd, We call special attention to our Educational Day, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, and ask that the Pastor make it one of enlightenment and inspiration to his people, even if the collection be not then taken.

4th, The Duplex envelope as adopted, by both Missionary Boards, also the Boards of Sunday Schools and Education, as well as the Freedmen's Aid Society, is a valuable means of increasing the offering for our cause, and its use is urged upon all our Pastors.

5th, Allow us to call attention to the desirability of Mission Study Classes on every charge, as the results therefrom are direct and perennial. Also that Missionary instruction, as provided by the Discipline, be carried on in every Sunday School.

Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society.

In the progress of our civilization there has developed the city of today. It is estimated that in 1910 at least 40 per cent. of our population is in the larger cities, against 33 per cent. a decade past and 3 per cent. a century ago. This has become an incubus and recognized by statesmen as a menace to our democracy, by evangelical christians, as bringing crises in the history of protestantism, and social students, a tragic state for the social order. All accord in the conclusion that the American City must have sanest administration, rational solution of social problems, and a searching evangelism that will reach and vitalize the life of all strata of

city life. To meet this need, Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society claims its right to existence. The Wilmington Conference stands sponsor for it. The city is conceded to be at present, and remain for the future, the most important mission center in the home field.

In this city there are natives of at least 18 nationalities aggregating 15,000 people. St. Louis alone rivaling us for the first place among cities South of the Mason and Dixon line. Our own Church is ministering to but two of these foreign elements. We would immediately begin work among a third foreign people had we the native leader. For they are drifting from old mooring as is indicated when it is stated that among these is organized an atheistic club with 300 members scattering their atheistic literature and propagating their disbeliefs. There are two other nationalities of sufficient numbers to form a desirable basis for evangelizing work.

If this nation is a melting pot, in order that a new and mightier type of life may come from this heterogeneous substance coming from so many lands, then Wilmington Methodism must keep its furnace agoing that its transfusing heat may be as constant as God's providence. We must not forget that our city problem has a large native element in it. We estimate a native population of 18,000, not touched by the Churches of our city. A part of this is the submerged tenth for whom the Churches of this city are doing nothing to reclaim. We believe the Church is a redemptive force and when the Spirit of the Lord comes upon her, she sets free the captive, unlocks prison doors, builds up the broken hearted, gives sight to the blind and preaches the Gospel to the poor. Why a special organization, why not work through the local Church? Churches pass into stages of social stratification, with a pronounced tendency to attain to a higher stage, certainly indisposed to assent to a lower. That spirit nullifies a fundamental doctrine of our Christianity, viz., the brotherhood of man.

Six protestant churches have vacated in this city the older parts, thus leaving the densest population of the city unprovided for. In all industrial cities, such as this, to build, equip, maintain and meet current expenses exhausts the resources of 90 per cent. of these Churches, so that they are unable to do work in organized form beyond limits recognized as parish lines. Therefore they must seek a cooperative plan by which they may be able to accomplish the uplift of needy communities and sections of this city.

As ordained by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society is organized that the Churches of this Conference may have an organization that will function for the individual church. That while they individually cannot evangelize the foreign peoples, while they cannot come and make a connection between the unchristened masses of native peoples and the Church, there stands an institution through which they may give efficiency to their desires. That a Society, such as this, is the only method by which the 20th Century City can be evangelized and held to the institutions and standards of this advancing civilization, admits of no doubt.

While the Society fell far short of even an adequate beginning, to meet the needs of the work before it, it has laid a firm foundation confidently believing it has a large mission. The mission established in the South Western part of the city is most prosperous, taxing our space and workers. Early in the year it was proposed to open an Italian work to begin evangelizing this people, of whom there are between 5000 and 6000. A lot was purchased, the entire purchase money being borrowed from bank. We now hold the lot clear of debt, having paid in full the note in bany. Not, however, till the early winter did we secure a competent minister for the Italian work which has been inaugurated. Rev. Etton Di Stefano, a cultured, aggressive man has charge of this work. He conducts a night school, to instruct in English. The attendance upon this is most gratifying. A Sunday School is conducted. The Sabbath preaching service is however the most encouraging, because it is the most successful work. Thirty people, ranging from 18 to 40 years, within the past three weeks have declared their faith in Christ as their personal and only Saviour.

This work is all carried on in Union Church through the kindness of the pastor and the Official Board of the Church. Silverbrook has generously placed their church at the command of the Society for Italian work.

Trinity, a struggling and weak people, has asked to come under the fostering care of this Society. Her property has been transferred and it is hoped that this congregation, which has a vigorous Sunday School, will rise to meet the needs of the new section in which she is located. Kingswood, also has come under our control. She will be organized upon a new basis so as to meet the needs of that community.

We have available funds of about \$1000.00 toward the Italian Church. The Society will need \$7000.00 to make good its plans in carrying forward this work of aggressive evangelism in the next year. We earnestly ask your hearty cooperation. Make it possible in this year, for the Society to demonstrate the possibilities of helping and lifting a people that lie in sin. Appended is a petition from our Society to this Conference, asking your approval of its request of an appropriation of \$3000.00 from the Parent Board. The receipts of the Society from the Churches and Sunday Schools approximate \$3000.00.

Resolved: That the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society request the approval of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension upon their application for \$3000.00, from the Parent Board for the use of this Society under its charter, and request that it be included in their budget.

Periodicals.

Feeling that the great publishing house of the Methodist Episcopal Church is second to none in the world, and in view of the fact that our Conference shares in the great increased dividends for our Conference

Claimants, your Committee recommends: First, that all the families, churches, Sunday Schools and Epworth League Chapters avail themselves of the high class literature published by our Book Concern.

Second, that the pastors do their best to have all Methodist families subscribe for one or more of our Church periodicals—The Christian Advocate, Methodist Review, The Epworth Herald and the Class Mate.

Board of Stewards.

The Board of Stewards congratulates the Conference on an increase of \$822 in our receipts from all sources for the support of our Conference Claimants. However, the collections from churches show an increase of only \$564, against an increase of \$1509 last year. This is somewhat disappointing. We urge every pastor not to stop short of his full apportionment for this worthy cause.

The Board recommends to the Conference the same basis of apportionment as last year, viz., an amount for each pastoral charge equal to 9½ per cent. of the cash support of pastor. They also recommend that the Disciplinary plan for apportioning, raising, and prorating in this collection be strictly followed. A number of our pastors this year report their salaries paid in full, and at the same time large deficiencies in the support of Conference Claimants. This is clearly in violation of the Discipline, and places those doing it in a very serious light. We recommend that this action be a notice that the Conference expects a strict application of the pro-rating rule in the reports to its next annual session.

Further, we observe with regret that many apportionments as reported by the pastor are much below the 9½ per cent. of basis fixed by Conference action. Now, brethren, this is an inexcusable blunder, as every man down the line—District Superintendent, District Stewards, and the pastor himself, can easily figure out the Conference Claimants apportionment for each charge. We recommend that the adoption of this report be notice that at our next session the Statistical Secretary will correct all erroneous apportionments for Conference Claimants in harmony with the basis adopted by the Conference.

Receipts:—From all sources: Book Concern, \$2057; Chartered Fund, \$25; Interest on investments, \$750; dividend from Connectional Fund, \$400; Collections from Churches after the Treasurer had deducted 5 per cent. for Connectional Fund, \$8668—total \$11,900.

For the Annuity Fund:—Book Concern dividend, \$2057; Chartered Fund, \$25; interest on investments, \$750; amount added from collections from Churches, \$2693—total \$5525.

For the Special Fund:—Dividend of the Connectional Fund, \$400; remainder of collections from Churches after taking \$2693 for Annuity Fund, \$5975—total, \$6375.

Distribution:—Annuity Fund: 16 Superannuate Preachers, 445 years

effective service at \$6 per year, \$2670; 47 widows, 926 years of effective service at \$3 per year, \$2778; two Orphan children, 64 years of effective service of fathers, at \$1.20 per year, \$77—total \$5525.

Special Fund: 13 Superannuate Preachers, \$1138; 43 widows, \$4230; 2 Orphan children, \$53; 3 Supernumerary Preachers, \$725; 2 effective Preachers, \$200; balance in hand, \$29—total \$6375.

Steward's Endowment Fund: Receipts from Districts: Dover, \$235, decrease \$7; Easton, \$96, increase \$11; Salisbury, \$164, increase \$32; Wilmington, \$202, increase \$53—total, \$697, net increase \$89.

This \$697 will be added to the \$14600 already in our Conference Endowment Fund, making a total of \$15,297.

The Conference Treasurer reports having received \$532 for the Connectional Fund, and \$54 for the Permanent Fund. He also reports having forwarded \$456.25 to the Board of Conference Claimants to cover the Disciplinary requirement of 5 per cent.

Contributions by Districts to Special Fund: Dover, apportionment, \$3225, raised, \$2350, increase \$227. Easton, apportionment, \$2813, raised, \$1941, decrease, \$19. Salisbury, apportionment, \$3733, raised, \$2474, increase, \$449. Wilmington, apportionment, \$3824, raised, \$2360, decrease, \$93. Total apportionment, \$13,595, total raised, \$9125, net increase, \$564.

Apportionments to Districts for next year on basis of 9½ per cent. of Pastor's salary:—Dover, \$3400; Easton, \$2900; Salisbury, \$3940; Wilmington, \$3885—total \$14,325.

Sabbath Observance.

The Sabbath was made for man. It is for physical and mental rest, and for spiritual and religious improvement. In its proper observance is the real and certain blessing of Almighty God. Its non-observance brings disaster to the individual, the family, the Church, and the nation. Its high-handed desecrations by great commercial corporations, sanctioned and maintained by the pleasure-loving and profit-seeking masses of our people, portends only evil and should receive the constant, conscientious attention of the Church. Furthermore, the Church herself should put away the too often revealed, unhallowed and dangerous participation in Sabbath breaking customs of the day, for only thus may she stand untrammelled in her attitude and vigorous in her energies to hold up the standard of God's word, which says: "If thou shalt 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 pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride on 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."

As the promise of a better Sabbath, we hail with pleasure the organization of the Lord's Day Alliance of Maryland, with Dr. David H. Carroll, of Baltimore, as President, and John C. Thomas, Treasurer, the object of which Alliance is to secure a better observance of the Sabbath as a day of rest and worship, and the enactment and administration of such laws as will best accomplish this object. Such names as John F. Goucher, Summerfield Baldwin, John R. Gaither, John T. Stone, and others, are guarantee of the wisdom and promise of this Alliance. We recommend that our District Superintendents be authorized and requested to appoint one layman and one minister in every county in Maryland within the bounds of the Wilmington Conference as members of a General Lord's Day Alliance Committee for Maryland.

We recommend that all our preachers be requested to consider the subject of Sabbath Observance at least once a year.

Steward's Endowment.

Whereas, There is no cause which has a stronger moral claim upon us, or one more worthy of our heartiest sympathy and support than that of our veterans and their dependents, whose heroic and self-sacrificing labors have made possible the commanding position which our Church occupies, and

Whereas, The hope of an adequate provision for our claimants lies in an endowment,

Resolved, That we note with great satisfaction that one hundred and four pastoral charges reported this year for this special fund one per cent. of their salary, and we would strongly urge every member of the Conference to "go and do likewise", thereby conforming to our Conference resolution.

Sunday Schools.

The Sunday School is one of the most important and productive activities of the Church. 3,510,870 persons from our Methodist homes are enrolled under its banners, and to it we look for a large part of the future membership of the Church.

We believe Methodism of the Peninsula ought to be aroused to the fact that last year there was a significant decrease of 356 in the number of our scholars, and that this year there is a larger decrease of 548. When we couple with this, the fact that last year the Church suffered a decrease in Probationers of 2580, which makes us responsible for nearly one-third of the total decrease in our Church throughout the nation; that there were, last year, thirty-two charges which reported no Probationers at all, and eighty-five which reported not more than ten; and that this is hardly one Probationer to every twelve members; we are driven to the conclusion,

either that the Sunday School is falling short of its mission of filling the depleted ranks of the Church, or that the Church is neglecting to enlist its young under the Captain of our Salvation. In the forward movement of the race, the Sunday School and Church seem somewhat not to quite catch the spring and rythm of the step, and in many cases have called a halt, or are marking time, while the trumpet sounds the charge.

We urge the adult members of our Church to take a deeper and more active interest in Sunday School work. We believe that our machinery of organization, Cradle Roll, Graded Lessons, Adult Bible Class, Teacher Training Class, and Home Department, is good. But neither Church nor Sunday School can be machine made, and no amount of organization can supply the necessity for deep, vital, spiritual religion in our Sunday School workers.

We strongly recommend the publications of our own Methodist Book Concern, which ought to be used in every school, and advise our schools to deal directly with 150 Fifth Ave., New York.

We as strongly condemn the custom of substituting the lesson leaves for the Bible, and earnestly request our Pastors and Superintendents to advocate placing the whole Word of God in the hands of our scholars.

We advise such a carefully guarded use of Decision Day that our young people may not heedlessly, nor by any trick, nor merely formal method, be brought into our fellowship, nor robbed of their birthright to a clear, positive, genuine experience of Salvation.

Thanks.

The Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, now holding its 43d Session, has received once more the hospitality of the great and venerated Asbury Church, a church which traces its origin back to the middle of the 18th Century, and which has again and again entertained this Conference, and the former Philadelphia Conference, of which it was a part, and always to the delight of the ministers. We desire therefore to record our thanks to the Rev. E. C. Macnichol, the pastor, and his able committee of Asbury Church, for their complete preparations, their numerous courtesies to all the ministers, for their valuable contributions to the enthusiasm of the Conference Anniversaries, and their numerous provisions for the convenience of the Conference.

We recognize in Bishop Thomas B. Neely, D. D., LL.D., our presiding officer, a brother of the Conference who through all the years of his distinguished service to the Church has proved himself worthy of the honor and confidence so fully bestowed on him. We record our appreciation of his great messages of pastoral theology and Church polity, and assure him of a cordial welcome in the future as our president.

We recognize gratefully the generous gifts of the churches who have paid for Conference entertainment and the hospitality of the hosts who

have freely entertained many of the ministers, thus preserving the tradition of old time Methodist hospitality to ministers.

We offer hearty and sincere thanks to our Conference Secretaries for their faithful labors.

We would give special emphasis to the generosity of Brother Melville-Gambrill, whose provision of a banquet to all guests who would attend the Educational social gathering, which was an unprecedented hospitality very highly appreciated.

We record our thanks to our brethren of the newspaper press of the city of Wilmington, whose full and generally accurate reports of our sessions, and all proceedings, have been more than usually pleasing.

Thankful to Almighty God for the great favors of His provident care, under which we have met, we pray in parting for His blessing on the work and workers of the coming year.

Temperance.

Believing that the Methodist Episcopal Church is one of the greatest active forces in modern day warfare against intemperance, we recognize the importance of our declarations and efforts by the way in which we seek to educate and influence society against the rum traffic. The battle is still raging; the Church and the saloon are increasing foes to each other. For us it is a war for the King of Kings. It is a relentless fight of right against wrong, and our relentless purpose is that right shall prevail.

We are confronted both in State and nation with malignant and powerful enemies, who "lie in wait" to destroy us; we must ever work to defeat this monster foe in state and nation. Therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby renew our approval of the work of the Anti-Saloon League both in Maryland and Delaware, as well as in the nation at large, and promise to this work and its leaders in our territory, the Revs. J. S. Cleeland for Delaware, and C. P. Keen for the Eastern Shore of Maryland, our prayers and hearty co-operation.

2. That we heartily recommend to the legislative delegation to be elected from Cecil Co., Md., at the approaching election, that they strive for the repeal of the four year's periodical submission law for that County, which law, now after a long period of saloonless years, has come to be a nuisance rather than a necessity.

3. That we commend to all the churches and ministers of our Conference the work of our Church Temperance Society of which our own Dr. Alfred Smith is Assistant Secretary, and recommend that an offering be taken in all our charges for this cause.

4. That we press our right at the hands of the officers of law in city and county, that our prohibition statutes be enforced as rigorously as oth-

er statutes, and that offenders against the one be punished to the same extent as offenders against the other. We congratulate those law officers in our territory who have already caught the spirit of these times, and are true to their trust as servants of the people.

5. That we heartily commend, and urge the passage of, the Miller-Curtis Interstate Liquor bill in Congress, which proposes to stop the shipment of "wet" goods into "dry" territory.

6. That we favor the bill which will be pressed in the coming session of Congress, for the prohibition of the liquor traffic in Hawaii, and earnestly request our representatives to work and vote for its enactment.

7. That we will not support with our ballots any man who refuses to go on record as being openly hostile to the saloon.

8. That we encourage the strongly organized forces of our Methodism in New Castle County to go forward in the fight, until popular sentiment is changed into sane conviction, and the whole county is delivered from the curse of strong drink.

9. That we joyfully record our high appreciation of, and our hearty thanks to God for, every Temperance victory in county, state and nation.

10. That our movement against the liquor traffic contemplates total abstinence for the individual, and the annihilation of the saloon in state and nation.

Conference Trustees.

Your Trustees beg leave to report on the funds in their hands as follows:

The Susan B. Carey Fund.—This fund for two years past has been loaned to the Trustees of Tome Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church of Port Deposit, Md. On December 1st, 1910, the entire loan, principal and interest, was returned to the Treasury. After diligent search for a safe investment, your Trustees decided to invest in the first mortgage bonds of the Wilmington Trust Co., which owns that magnificent building at Tenth and Market Streets, this city. The interest on these bonds is guaranteed by the Dupont Co. These bonds are so well thought of by local investors that they commanded a premium of 2 per cent. The cash account of the fund is as follows:—Receipts: Balance in hand at last report, \$10.47; Interest on loan to Dec. 1st, 1910, \$91.67; Principal of loan returned, \$2000.00—Total receipts, \$2102.11. Expenditures:—Paid for two \$1000 bonds at \$102, \$2040; Paid for accrued interest, \$4.44; Expenses connected with re-investment, \$2.90; Order in favor of Treasurer of Goshen Methodist Episcopal Church in Milton, \$50.00—total expenditures, \$2097.34. Balance in hand, \$4.77.

The M. Fannie Thomas Fund.—After having tried for a year to find a safe investment for this fund and having failed to do so, because of the amount, when the Carey Fund loan was returned we were able to make better terms by combining the two amounts, and so invested this fund also in the first mortgage bonds of the Wilmington Trust Co. The cash account is as follows:—Receipts: On hand at last report, \$1000; Interest from Security Trust Co. at 2 per cent., \$20—total receipts, \$1020. Expenditures:—Paid for \$1000 Wilmington Trust Co. bond at \$102, \$1020; Accrued interest, \$2.22; Cost for reinvestment, \$1.45; Order in favor of the Treasurer of Beckwith Methodist Episcopal Church, April, 1910, \$10—total expenditures, \$1033.67. Amount due Trustees for cash advanced to enable them to purchase the bond, \$13.67.

The Trustees consider they have found a very satisfactory investment in these bonds. They are 30 year gold bonds, bearing the rate of 5 per cent. The company reserves the right to call them in on any interest day at \$1100 each.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has accomplished a splendid work since its organization more than forty years ago. Its loving ministrations to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death may find record only in the Book of Life. The work of this Society in our Conference has steadily advanced. The report of its finances show an increase over that of last year. The report as presented by our Conference Treasurer is as follows: Dover District, last year, \$564, this year, \$583; Easton District, last year, \$637, this year, \$722; Salisbury District, last year, \$33, this year, \$34; Wilmington District, last year, \$1562, this year, \$1832. Thus, we have an increase on Dover District of \$19; and on Easton District of \$85; Salisbury District an increase of \$1; and an increase on Wilmington District of \$270—making a total increase over last year of \$268.

Your Committee would respectfully urge the pastors on the Districts to open the way for the organization of Societies within their respective charges.

MEMOIRS

Rev. Elijah H. Miller.

Again has death levied his inexorable annual tribute upon the Wilmington Conference, and the Rev. Elijah Hamline Miller has answered the summons and passed into "the General Assembly and Church of the First Born in Heaven."

He was in the line of a genuine itinerant succession, and first saw the light of day in a Methodist parsonage in the City of Reading, Pa., May 28, 1845. His father, Rev. Elijah Miller, was a consecrated, scholarly and honored pastor, who served in the Philadelphia Conference and afterward in our own; closing a ministry of forty-nine years in peaceful translation at Sudlersville, Md., in 1881.

The Godly influence and training of that home bore early fruit in the soul of the thoughtful boy: for at fifteen years of age he yielded his heart to the Savior, and was definitely and blessedly brought to the experience of forgiven sins. At once the passion of the Christian ministry took possession of his soul. With such educational opportunities and advantages as were available at that time he devoted himself to diligent preparation; and only three years after his conversion the records indicate that he was exercising his gifts as a Local Preacher.

He was duly admitted on trial at the first session of the Conference in 1869. And it is a tender and pathetic reminiscence that his name went on the roll of itinerants in this very building where we today pay loving respect to his memory and ministry.

He was first assigned to the Lewisville Charge, and continued his clerical labors at subsequent appointments as follows: Smyrna Circuit 1870, Bridgeville 71-2, Harrington 73, Barratt's Chapel 74-5, Queenstown 76-7, Kings Creek 78-9, Kent 80, Royal Oak 81-2, Chincoteague Island 83, Newark, Md. 90-1, Whitesville 92-4, Greenwood 95-7, Beckwith 98, Sharptown, a second time, 99-1902, Stockton 03-4 and Marshallton 05-7. With the spring of 1908 he passed from the toils of the active ministry to the superannuated relation. There had been a sweep of forty-two busy years, without a break or a vacation. Coming to that crisis transition, which carries with it to most ministers nameless emotions of regret, he wrote the following cheery farewell to the "Peninsula Methodist": "When I was put on the superannuated list I was calm and resigned and felt that a great burden had rolled off. I have been a member of the church fifty years and have preached forty-two years without intermission or special sickness. I felt honored by the church in being admitted to her ministry. She has treated me well, and I retire with pleasant memories. I shall still sing

and pray and work; trusting to God. If I shall not have as many delicacies as usual, I have had my share."

Looking about for some restful nook in which to pass the evening of his days, his heart turned to the old home at Sharptown, Maryland, and the fellowships that had ripened in two happy pastorates. Here he was welcomed as a father in the gospel and remained until the end came.

He was married April 6, 1890 to Miss Mary H. Caulk, a teacher of Chincoteague Island, who devoted her splendid gifts to the churches which he served, and whose ardent and tireless spirit burned out its flame almost before the time; preceding him a little while into the upper glory. Two children remain, Mildred and Hamline.

Brother Miller was a man of unique personality. He seemed not to be well constituted for the rougher contests of life. His temperament was sensitive and delicately nervous, and he shrank from many ventures and experiences which other men would have welcomed. And yet, he was brave and bold in advocacy of the truth as he saw it, and ardent in the prosecution of his sacred task. He was shy in the crowd, but flowered out and unveiled his genial heart in the circle of his intimates. His friends went to smile at his little fears and timidities, but they honored him for his consecration and purity. His voice was never heard in the stress of Conference debates, but it always rang true and clear in the prayer meeting and about the revival altar.

He was an earnest teacher of the certainties and confidences of the gospel. He believed well. And it was owing to a very positive experience of "the deep things of God" that he was able to preach a positive theology. This sunny faith of his pervaded the entire realm of his life and made him a blessed optimist. He saw the silver lining; he knew that right would conquer, and he marched "breast forward" in that assurance. Moreover, his ministry stood the vital test. He won men to Godliness. They loved him, and did not forget him. They were his joy and crown; and sweetened his later days with grateful and substantial remembrances.

Contemplating the ministry of this modest, earnest son of song and prayer, who can measure the issues of it, or estimate the far reach of its benign activities. His Father, God, knows; and the white Books of the Judgment will declare it.

During the past winter afflictions fell thick and fast upon his pleasant home. The father and the children were smitten with fever, the heroic wife and mother spent her last remnant of vitality in nursing ministrations about their beds, and then herself succumbed to disease, and fell asleep in death. The children recovered; Brother Miller lingered in great feebleness for a little while, but with the courageous resignation of a Saint. The end came on January 22d. It was the Sabbath's close, with its "twilight and evening star and one clear call" for the waiting itinerant. And he was ready.

Funeral services were held in the church at Sharptown, by whose altars he had so often officiated. They were under the direction of the Dis-

trict Superintendent, Rev. G. P. Jones, and many loving tributes were spoken by his brethren. He was laid to rest in the near-by cemetery beside his faithful wife.

"They were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided."

T. E. MARTINDALE.

Rev. William Littleton Purnell Bowen.

The subject of this Memoir awoke to the light of this world at Ironshire, Worcester Co., Md., May 1st, 1834, and fell asleep in Jesus at Newark, Md., 6 miles from where he was born, at noon, last Saturday, March 11th, 1911.

Brother Bowen was the only child of Littleton Bowen and Mary King. His mother died when he was eleven days old and his father died when he was 3 years of age, thus leaving him an orphan in very tender years. But his loss of parental supervision was in part recovered by the tender care of a devoted Christian Aunt, who took charge of him and so effective was her influence over him for good, that when only a boy he was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, and though a few years later he declined in his religious zeal, yet he was reclaimed and reconsecrated his life to God and was soon made an Exhorter and shortly afterward a Local Preacher. About the year 1870 he was employed by the Presiding Elder to do Supply work and this was the beginning of what proved to be a successful ministry of 23 years. He traveled under the Elder for 6 years, preaching on the Eastern Shore of Virginia on Parsonburg and Pocomoke Circuits. He was admitted into the Wilmington Annual Conference on trial March, 1876 and sent to Sharptown, where he remained two years. His subsequent charges were: Fruitland 1878-80, Bethel 81-83, Parsonburg 84-5, Smith's Island 86-6, Potter's Landing 89, Ellendale 90, Cannon 91 and Newark, Md. 92. In the Spring of 1893 he took a Supernumerary relation and located at Newark, Md., and in 1901 he was Superannuated, which relation he held to the end.

The religious element in Bro. Bowen's make up was very strong and under the influence of Divine Grace it was fervent. He had a simple abiding faith in God and in the Bible, which made spiritual things very real to him.

In preaching Bro. Bowen was doctrinal. He put great emphasis upon the fundamentals, yet with such fervency and faith that he seldom failed to move himself and his hearers to tears of penitence and joy. He had many gracious revivals and a host will rise up in the great day and call him blessed. He was also very successful as a church financier. In his early ministry his appointments were usually made with a view to the

exercise of his skill in building or improving church and parsonage property or paying debts, and he never disappointed the expectation in this direction.

During the years of his Supernumeration or Superannuation he was the unfailing friend of his pastor. His presence in the "Amen" corner, with the appropriate Amen, his tears of joy, words of counsel and cheer were an inspiration that makes the local church and pastor happier.

In the year 1860 Bro. Bowen was united in marriage to Miss Sallie Massey of Newark, Md., and this proved to be a most happy reunion. Sister Bowen was an itinerants helpmeet—always with him heart and hand in his work and making his home a model one for a Methodist preacher. She lingers in the shadows of a great bereavement but hopefully and joyfully looks for the morning which she says will soon dawn.

Bro. Bowen's health had been failing very perceptibly for several years. About 4 years ago he had a slight stroke and gradually but surely failed. Since then, his end did not come as the sudden falling of a star from the heavens, but as the gradual dying of the day when one can scarcely tell where the day ends and the night begins. His last words were to his devoted wife when standing by his bedside bathing his forehead. She asked if there was anything he wanted, and as she waited for an answer the gleam of the heavenly fell upon his face and he answered "I want to go home to be with Jesus." Thus closed in the dawning of the eternal the earthly life of one we all knew but to love.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Dr. C. W. Prettyman of Snow Hill, and Brother Bowen's pastor, Bro. J. W. Gray, in the presence of a large and sympathetic congregation in our church at Newark, and his dust was laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery.

W. F. CORKRAN.

Mrs. Mary Hurlbut Miller.

Mary Hurlbut Caulk, wife of Rev. E. H. Miller, passed to the possession of her heavenly inheritance Sunday noon, August 28, 1910. Soon after his return from the Salisbury Conference Bro. Miller was taken ill, and for nearly three months required constant nursing. During this time Sister Miller's strength failed. Though perfectly devoted to the Church she had been unable to attend. July 24 proved to be her last service. As she arose in the after meeting to give her testimony, which was always inspiring, I was impressed with her weakened physical condition, for she was naturally very energetic. I saw, as if by a revelation, that the two children would be taken ill; that Sister Miller would nurse them till her strength would fail and she would be taken ill; and that the children might recover, but that the mother would not recover. Being deeply impressed with this

I called on Monday and found both of the children complaining. At my suggestion the physician was sent for, but nothing prevented the coming if the storm she saw hanging over her head two years before.

The funeral was held from Asbury Church Tuesday, Aug. 30, conducted by the pastor. Neighboring ministers were present, and, with some laymen, offered touching and worthy tributes to her memory, fidelity and Christian character. The body was laid to rest in the Asbury Cemetery, and in just five months her husband was placed by her side.

A more loving and assuring tribute of the esteem in which Sister Miller was held could not be found than was expressed by members of the Conference, personal friends, and the charges formerly served. Under circumstances that fully justified them, the pastor and District Superintendent issued a call, and in about two months had received, (aside from the rental value of the parsonage), a sum equal to the salary of the last two years of their effective service. Bro. Miller was never able to acknowledge his profound gratitude for this expression of friendship, tender sympathy, and Christian love. He often assured me of his heartfelt appreciation, of his desire to recover and be able to acknowledge his thankfulness.

Bertie Miller, as she was familiarly known, was the daughter of Capt. and Mrs. C. E. Caulk. She was born in Baltimore, Md., March 28, 1865. After the death of her parents she made her home with Mr. J. T. Kenney and Dr. N. S. Smith, of Chincoteague Island, Va. There she took up the work of teaching which was successfully followed for seven years, when she devoted herself to the holy calling of an itinerant's wife.

The marriage took place in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Chincoteague, Va., April 6, 1890. While the presiding elder, Rev. T. O. Ayres, and other ministers were present, none of them were qualified according to the law of that state, and the resident pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church, Rev. B. C. Truitt, was called in to perform the ceremony. Because of failing health Bro. Miller retired from the active work in March, 1908, after eighteen years of service together. Having served two successful pastorates there, and leaving many devoted friends, they returned to Sharptown on the 12th of May, 1908, where the chapter of life was closed in a little more than two years.

Naturally of a very lively disposition, it was unusual to see Sister Miller sorely depressed. But from the time the appointments were read, until they boarded the steamer at Seaford, Del., enroute to their future home, there seemed to be a great burden upon her heart, and a dark forboding cloud hanging over her head. Before the steamer reached their destination an hour later, however, the burden and cloud seemed to have lifted, and thereafter she said that she felt unusually tranquil and happy.

Sister Miller was converted at the age of fourteen, during a revival held in the First Methodist Episcopal Church of her native city, and never lost her first love. She was devoted to her Church, and active and useful in all departments, and has been greatly missed. No sacrifice for the Church appeared too great, and when a duty was assigned her no one had

to follow after to see that it was done. The aged and infirm found in her a friend and comforter; the burdened and discouraged were cheered and inspired by her presence and life. In a true and worthy sense she gave her life for her husband and children.

Of recent years Sister Miller carried her Bible to the church services, Bible readings, class meetings, teachers meetings and Sunday School. She marked the texts, and on the margin entered the name of the minister preaching the sermon, together with the date, place and comment. This makes her Bible of more than ordinary interest and value. An occurrence of special interest was noted. Of the many such I will refer to the one she considered of great moment to her. The record will be found in connection with Acts 2:1, "And when the Day of Pentecost had fully come," and bears the date of Jan. 10, 1910. After the entry and comment she adds these words: "And I received the baptism with the Holy Ghost." She was in the choir at the moment, and in the service that followed none who heard her will ever forget the testimony she gave to the light that flooded her soul. To this she testified upon all occasions; at the Conference Love Feast one year ago, the last service she attended, and when sinking into unconsciousness as she neared the crossing.

As if by a special revelation she came to see this mystery of grace. She could not understand why she had not heard and understood before. She came to see that this is the Dispensation of the Holy Ghost; that He came to be the successor of Christ Jesus; that He is the only authorized interpreter of the will and Word of the Father; and that He is the Comforter, Illuminator and Guide of the pure in heart. She said: "It seems to me like a hidden mystery, the discovery of which set all the joy bells of heaven ringing in my soul."

After the days work was done, most frequently about ten or eleven at night, she would take up the required daily Bible readings. She was reading her Bible through for the twelfth time, and we find the pencil, marker, and last entry at the close of the fourth chapter of First Timothy, just where sickness made it necessary for her to lay her Bible down for the last time.

In the words of Paul to Timothy, and the last words she read, she could truthfully say: "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having the promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. For I know in whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day. And now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen."

L. I. McDOUGLE.

The Wilmington Conference Laymans' Association.

The Third Annual Meeting of the Laymans' Association was held at Asbury M. E. Church, Wilmington, Del., March 17, 1911. In the absence of President James E. Ellegood, the Association was called to order by Bro. T. N. Rawlins, the senior Vice-President. Opening exercises were conducted by Bro. E. J. Winder.

Bro. Rawlins in his opening address gave an outline of the origin of the Association, the work already undertaken at previous meetings and that contemplated by the organization. The roll was then called, to which 63 delegates responded. On motion delegates were allowed to present their Credentials to the Secretary and be placed on the roll. It was learned that the charges of one whole district had failed to elect or appoint delegates; so, on motion, laymen present from charges with no elected representatives were recognized as regular accredited delegates. In accord with this ruling, four names were added to the roll.

The Presiding Officer appointed the following Committees: Finance,—Bros. R. S. Loomis, W. J. Downing, Harry Mayer, J. T. Taylor, J. A. Welldin; Nominations,—Dr. M. T. Cook, Bros. F. G. Elliott, C. P. Swain, J. C. Crossley, A. G. Cox; Resolutions,—Bros. A. R. Spaid, D. B. Maloney, George Burton, C. P. Tunnell, V. C. Hitchens; Fraternal Greeting,—Bros. Henry S. Goldey, E. J. Winder, J. G. Townsend, T. B. Ridgeway, C. F. George.

The Committee on Fraternal Greeting was directed by the Association to convey the greetings of the Laymen to the Ministerial Conference, and request the privilege of sitting with them during the address of Bishop Neely on "Church Polity."

The only officer to respond to the call for reports was the Secretary, and he also gave notice of a report from Treasurer J. P. Holland, who is now in Sacramento, California.

Dr. Frederick M. Stone of the American University, Washington, D. C., was then introduced and gave a most interesting talk on the origin of the University, its advantages, its ideals, its aims, and its particular needs, also what it, the University, means for the preservation of religious liberty. "There must be erected a bulwark of Protestant christian education to offset and resist the encroachment of those planning to secure religious control of our country's government."

The Committee on Fraternal Greeting were instructed by the Association to request Judge Barrett of Philadelphia to present the cause of an endowment for Barratt's Chapel, as the birth place of Methodism in the United States, to the Association at its morning session. While the Committee were absent, Bro. J. B. Crossley spoke on the effect of the Brotherhood upon the attendance at Scott Church. Bros. W. J. Downing, C. P. Tunnell, Isaac Woodrow and W. L. Overdeer spoke on systems and ways and means of collecting the Benevolences and the Minister's salary. The

Committee on Fraternal Greeting returned and reported that Judge Barrett could not speak to the Association at its morning session, also that the Ministerial Conference had invited the Laymans' Association to sit with them at 3:30 P. M. to hear Bishop Neely's address on "Church Polity."

Adjourned to meet at 2:00 P. M.

The afternoon session opened with devotional exercises in charge of Bro. E. J. Winder. A supplementary roll call was made and a total representation of 84 delegates found. Dr. A. E. Craig of Grace M. E. Church and National Secretary of the Brotherhood, was introduced and spoke to the Association on the Brotherhood movement. He stated the objects to be attained by the Movement, the difficulties likely to be met, and how to meet them successfully. The address was most timely and it is hoped will bear much fruit in the way of organization of Brotherhoods on the Peninsula.

The Nomination Committee reported the following nominations: President, Hon. T. N. Rawlins; Vice-Presidents,—Bro. C. P. Tunnell, Dover District; Hon. W. O. Hoffecker, Easton District; Hon. John G. Townsend, Salisbury District; Prof. A. R. Spaid, Wilmington District; Secretary, Prof. C. A. Short; Treasurer, Bro. H. F. Marvel. On motion, the nominees were unanimously elected.

Bro. R. S. Loomis, Chairman of Finance Committee, reported a collection of \$25.13, and bills for printing and postage amounting to \$11.76, and recommended that these bills with two others, amounts not known, for printing programs and Minutes of the Association, be allowed. The report and recommendation, on motion, were adopted. The Secretary was instructed to make arrangements for having the minutes of the Laymans' Association printed in the Annual Conference Minutes as heretofore.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following resolutions, which were taken up in order, discussed and adopted.

I.

Resolved, That on account of the Lay Electoral Conference meeting at the usual time for the Laymans' Association next year, that our next regular meeting be held at the seat of the Annual Conference in 1913.

II.

Resolved, That a Question Box be arranged for the next meeting of the Laymans' Association.

III.

Resolved, That a regular Standing Committee be appointed to take into consideration factors involving the betterment of Ministerial support. On motion, this Committee was made five in number to be appointed by the Chair.

IV.

Resolved, That we as an Association request each District Superintendent to see that each charge elects at the last Quarterly Conference a

delegate to the annual meeting of the Laymans' Association; and to furnish as soon thereafter as possible a list of the delegates from his district to the accredited Secretary of said Association.

V.

Whereas, God in his goodness has seen fit to remove from our midst four active and honored laymen of our Church, be it

Resolved, That we, their brethren, deplore our great loss in the deaths of Hon. Charles B. Lore, ex-Chief Justice of the State of Delaware; Hon. Isaac T. Parker, ex-Lieutenant Governor of the State of Delaware; Hon. William R. Flinn, U. S. Marshall, and Mr. Levin S. Melson, and that we extend to their bereaved families our heartfelt sympathy in their distress.

Be it further, Resolved, That these resolutions be made a part of our minutes and that our Secretary be instructed to send a copy of these resolutions to each family.

VI.

"Whereas, The bill to repeal the bottle law was lost in the House of Representatives yesterday, by only two votes, the vote being sixteen for, to ten against, with several members present, but not voting, and

Whereas, We believe that a majority of the best citizens of this commonwealth favor the repeal of the bottle law, on the ground that it is a menace to youth and makes possible drunkenness and violence in districts without police protection, therefore be it

Resolved, That the delegates to the Laymens' Association call upon the House of Representatives to reconsider its action of yesterday, and that we call upon all members of the said House of Representatives to record their votes either for or against the bill, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions signed by the president and secretary of the Association, be sent to the Speaker of the House and to the chairman of the committee on temperance.

On motion, the Committee on Fraternal Greeting were asked to take up the subject-matter of Resolution VI with the Ministerial Conference to secure if possible co-operative action.

The claims of the Baltimore Methodist were presented to the Association, and a favorable consideration of it as a Church paper by the laymen was asked.

Dr. H. T. Quigg extended to the Laymans' Association the greetings of the Ministerial Conference. His remarks and assurances of approval and sympathy for the lay movement were greatly appreciated.

At 3:30, the Ministerial Conference entered the Laymens' Association and on being called to order, the joint assemblage was addressed by Bishop Neely on "Church Polity."

At the close of the address the Association stood adjourned sine die.

THOMAS N. RAWLINS, President.

CLARENCE A. SHORT, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

	Cash Vouchers Total		Cash Vouchers Total		
Board of Foreign Miss.			Board of Conference Claimants—		
Dover	\$3556	\$255	Connectional Fund.		
Easton	2749	45	Dover	117	12
Salisbury	3553	326	Easton	105	22
Wilmington	4111	30	Salisbury	123	50
Totals	13969	656	Wilmington	87	16
Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.			Totals	432	100 532
Dover	3601	160	Permanent Fund.		
Easton	3016	24	Dover	18	
Salisbury	3469	225	Easton	12	
Wilmington	4118		Salisbury	14	
Totals	14204	409	Wilmington	8	2
Board of Education—General Education.			Totals	52	2 54
Dover	106		Freedman's Aid.		
Easton	16		Dover	222	35
Salisbury	43		Easton	137	
Wilmington	86	9	Salisbury	179	65
Totals	251	9	Wilmington	323	15
Children's Fund.			Totals	861	115 976
Dover	185	30	American Bible Society.		
Easton	118	5	Dover	120	67
Salisbury	175	1	Easton	81	
Wilmington	258	22	Salisbury	95	89
Totals	736	76	Wilmington	112	14
Conference Academy.			Totals	408	170 578
Dover	283	216	Woman's For. Miss. Society.		
Easton	119	299	Dover	583	
Salisbury	197	369	Easton	722	
Wilmington	275	113	Salisbury	3	31
Totals	874	997	Wilmington	1	1831
Board of Sunday Schools.			Totals	4	3167 3171
Dover	132	3	Woman's Home Miss. Society.		
Easton	68	16	Dover	2	285
Salisbury	123	7	Easton	521	
Wilmington	112	6	Salisbury	2	288
Totals	435	32	Wilmington	1	2003
			Totals	5	3097 3102
			Total Disciplinary Collections \$41061		
			Compared with 1910, increase \$714		

	Cash Vouchers Total		Cash Vouchers Total		
Conference Claimants.			Central Office of Epworth League.		
Dover	2350		Dover	36	7
Easton	1941		Easton	46	3
Salisbury	2394	80	Salisbury	31	6
Wilmington	2360		Wilmington	29	30
Totals	9045	80	Totals	142	46 188
Steward's Endowment.			Episcopal Fund.		
Dover	235		Dover	431	
Easton	96		Easton	376	
Salisbury	156	8	Salisbury	523	
Wilmington	202		Wilmington	538	
Totals	689	8	Totals	1868	1868
Conference Education.			Wilmington City Miss.		
Dover	107	2	Dover	3	275
Easton	58	3	Easton	1	375
Salisbury	89	8	Salisbury	10	448
Wilmington	117		Wilmington	7	1356
Totals	371	13	Totals	21	2454 2475
Domestic Missions.			Total Other Benevolences.		
Dover	351		Dover	34	
Easton	338		Easton	3	
Salisbury	297	12	Salisbury		
Wilmington	353		Wilmington	83	
Totals	1339	12	Totals	110	110
Philadelphia Hospital.			Total Non-Disciplinary Cols. \$17825		
Dover	173	47	Compared with 1910, increase \$3367		
Easton	75	307	Grand total 1911 \$58886		
Salisbury	119	50	Compared with 1910, increase \$4081		
Wilmington	198	64	HENRY G. BUDD,		
Totals	565	468	Treasurer.		
General Conference Expenses.					
Dover	171	6			
Easton	109				
Salisbury	155	14			
Wilmington	136	3			
Totals	571	23			

STATISTICAL

Dover District, No. 1.

NAMES OF CHARGES.

Table with columns: Church Membership, Baptisms, Sunday Schools, Epworth Leagues, and various sub-categories like Probationers, Full Members, Local Preachers, etc.

TABLES.

Dover District, No. 2.

Table with columns: Church Property, Sunday Schools, and various sub-categories like No. of Churches, Probable Value, No. of Parsonages, etc.

STATISTICAL.

Dover District, No. 3.

Table with columns for NAME OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Pastor's Support (Claims, Receipts), Support of (Conf. Clmts., Dist. Supts., Bish. ops.), and Total amt. Pastors, Conf. Claimants, Dist. Supt., Bish's.

TABLES.

Dover District, No. 4.

Table with columns for Cur't Exp's., Benevolent Collections (Disciplinary), Missions, Bd. of Education, Bd. of Conf. Claimants, We-man's Home Missionary Society, and Other Benevolent Collections.

STATISTICAL

Easton District, No. 1.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Church Membership (Probationers, Full Members, Local Preachers, Deaths, Children Baptized, Adults Baptized, Schools, Officers/Teachers, Cradle Roll/Home Dept), Epworth Leagues (Senior Chapters, Members, Junior Chapters, Members).

TABLES.

Easton District, No. 2.

Table with columns: Church Property (Churches, Probable Value, Parsonages, Building/Improving, Old Indebtedness, Present Indebtedness), Sunday Schools (Schools, Officers/Teachers, all Grades, Home Department, Cradle Roll, Total Enrollment, Officers/Teachers, Church Mem./Prob. Members, School Conv. During Year, Expenses—Lesson Leaves, Books, etc).

STATISTICAL

Easton District, No. 3.

Table with columns for Pastor's Support, Support of, and Cur't Exp's. Rows include church names like Bayside, Bozman & Nea't, Cecilton, etc., and pastor names like C. B. Kitchen, L. R. Janney, etc.

TABLES.

Easton District, No. 4.

Table with columns for Cur't Exp's, Benevolent Collections (Disciplinary), Missions, Bd. of Education, B'd of S. S., Bd. of Conf. Claimants, and Other Benevolent Collections. Rows include church names like Church Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc., and various collection categories like Board of Foreign, Bd. of Home and Ch. Ext, etc.

STATISTICAL

Salisbury District, No. 3.

Table with columns for NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Pastor's Support (Claims, Receipts), Support of (Conf. Clmts., Dist. Supts., Bish ops.), and Total amt. Pastors, Conf. Claimants, Dist. Supt., Bish. Total.

TABLES.

Salisbury District, No. 4.

Table with columns for Cur't Exp's., Benevolent Collections (Disciplinary), Missions, Bd. of Education, Bd. of S. S., Bd. of Conf. Claimants, Woman's Home Missionary Society, and Other Benevolent Collections.

STATISTICAL

Wilmington District, No. 3.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Pastor's Support (Claims, Receipts), Support of (Conf. Clm'ts., Dist. Supts., Bish ops.), Total amt. Pastors, Conf. Claimants, Dist. Supts., Bish's.

TABLES.

Wilmington District, No. 4.

Table with columns: Cur't Exp's., Benevolent Collections (Disciplinary), Missions, Board of Foreign, Board of Home and Ch. Ext., Bd. of Education, Bd. of S.S., Bd. of Conf. Claimants, Freedman's Aid Soc., American Bible Soc., Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Woman's Home Missionary Society, Other Benevolent Collections, Conf. Education Society, Domestic Missions, Phila. Hospital, Stewards Endow. Fund, Wilmington City Missionary Society, General Conf. Exp., Central Office Expenses of E. I.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR 1911.

	Increase	Decrease
1. Church Membership		
Probationers	3612	348
Full Members	41029	302
Local Preachers	102	
Deaths	586	
2. Baptisms		13
Children	2511	190
Adults	171	45
3. Sunday Schools		
Schools	399	5
Officers and Teachers	5904	64
Scholars	45317	561
Home Department	1269	98
Cradle Roll	2944	218
Current Expenses	20965	1887
Collection for Board	266	
4. Epworth Leagues		
Senior Chapters	153	12
Senior Members	7259	307
Junior Chapters	91	6
Junior Members	3907	50
5. Church Property		
Churches	398	2
Probable Value	2006350	17500
Parsonages	160	3
Probable Value	386800	23525
Paid for Buildings and Improvements	61567	
Paid for Old Indebtedness	19798	3654
Present Indebtedness	100900	13297
Current Expenses	48754	2112
6. Ministerial Support		
Pastors	148273	4666
House Rent	26126	873
Conference Claimants	10297	1429
District Superintendents	8802	287
Bishops	1883	
7. Benevolent Collections		1
Foreign Missions	14625	
Home Missions and Church Extension	14613	225
Board of Education	1076	172
Board of Sunday Schools	465	34
Board of Conference Claimants	586	250
Freedmen's Aid Society	971	31
American Bible Society	578	26
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	3171	331
Woman's Home Missionary Society	3102	12
Conference Academy	1871	604
Conference Educational Society	311	104
Domestic Missions	1351	22
Philadelphia Hospital	1033	216
Steward's Endowment Fund	708	100
Wilmington City Missionary Society	2475	
General Conference Expenses	594	196
Expenses of Epworth League	188	26

H. A. G. WESTERFIELD, Statistical Secretary.

Distribution of Conference Funds.

Date of Claim.	Service.	Estimate of Q. C.	Annuity Claim	Annuity Paid	Special Fund.	Amount Paid.
CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES.						
SUPERANNUATES.						
1910	38	Arters, J. A., Middletown, Del.	521	228	...	228
1906	14	Bowman, G. W., 5123 Ludlow St., Phila., Pa.	400	192	84	81
1907	40	Burke, G. W., Smyrna, Del.	400	551	240	160
1899	32	Carroll, James, Milford, Del.	200	440	192	33
1906	44	Conaway, G. S., Smyrna, Del.	400	604	264	136
1905	26	Collins, J. M., 222 W. 14th St., Wilmington, Del.	120	358	156	54
1871	3	Esgate, James, Brockton, Mass.	400	41	18	242
1904	23	Greene, W. M., 2124 N. 25th St., Phila., Pa.	...	317	138	72
1906	33	Harding, T. H., 1011 W. 7th St., Wilmington, Del.	200	453	198	27
1909	37	Hunter, T. B., 324 W. 3rd St., Long Beach, Cal.	...	492	222	...
1889	18	Poole, J. W., 311 N. 60th St., Phila., Pa.	300	233	102	98
1891	28	Redman, W. W., Greenwood, Del.	350	384	168	67
1897	24	Tomkinson, W. E., 604 Boas St., Harrisburg, Pa.	600	330	144	91
1891	38	Warner, W. M., Millington, Md.	450	521	228	225
1906	20	Walton, O. S., Red Lion, Del.	300	275	120	55
1901	28	Wallin, F. O. B., Mayors Gatan 5, Stockholm, Sweden.	200	384	168	...
...	...	Compton, W. P., Supernumerary	...	...	...	...
...	...	Wood, G. E., Supernumerary	...	...	...	...
...	...	Jester, B. F., Supernumerary	...	...	...	...
...	...	Given, T. N., (Effective)	...	...	...	...
...	...	Talley, J. W., Edgemoor, Del. (Effective)	...	...	...	...
WIDOWS.						
1903	21	Avery, Lydia M., 119 W. 80th St., New York	150	144	63	52
1881	8	Bain, Sarah B., Juniata, Penna.	250	55	24	141
1909	40	Bolton, Mary J., 1711 West St., Wilmington, Del.	300	274	120	...
1908	8	Bloxton, Emily D., 2515 St. Paul St., Baltimore, Md.	250	55	24	181
1903	9	Bowie, Selma C., 1140 44th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.	125	62	27	88
1879	10	Brandreth, Rebecca M., 4533 N. Bouvier St., Phila., Pa.	110	69	30	95
1895	4	Brindle, Ellen M., Greensboro, Md.	200	27	12	123
1898	29	Browne, Clontonia C., 1407 Van Buren St., Wilm., Del.	100	199	87	63
1896	33	Bryan, Anna V., 322 Reeder St., Easton, Pa.	...	...	...	...
1909	31	Chandler, Mollie E., Smyrna, Del.	300	213	93	142
1870	8	Chatham, Annie D., Phila., Pa. (R. Watt)	200	55	24	176
1892	17	Creamer, Sarah V., Home of Merciful Rest, Wilm., Del.	...	...	...	...
1905	25	Creed, Fannie, Centreville, Md.	300	171	75	115
1904	15	Davis, Martha E., Barclay, Md.	250	103	45	105
1872	1	Ewing, Emma D., 800 Haddon Ave., Collingswood, N.J.	150	14	3	67
1893	18	Fisher, Ruth B., Viola, Del. (R. K. Stephenson)	200	124	54	126
1891	17	Foreman, Mary A., 1011 Pine St., Wilmington, Del.	200	117	51	64
1891	20	Gardner, Louisa A., Smyrna, Del.	200	137	60	85
1906	14	Graham, Annie M., Wyoming, Del.	300	96	42	133
1887	4	Gray, Darah D., Gap, Lancaster Co., Pa.	200	27	12	108
1893	25	Gregg, G. Anna, Kenton, Del.	...	...	...	...
1908	26	Grise, Mary E., Berlin, Md.	200	178	78	37
1908	19	Gwinn, Sarah M., 1324 Eutaw Place, Baltimore, Md.	450	130	57	98
1904	43	Haynes, Mrs. T. H., Smyrna, Del.	300	295	129	31
1900	32	Hynson, Mary A., Salisbury, Md.	250	220	96	114
1879	16	Irwin, Annie H., 911 Farragut Terrace, Phila., Pa.	225	110	48	117
1903	28	Kemp, M. Jennie, Chestertown, Md.	350	192	84	106
1896	2	Lecates, Lizzie M., 2923 E. Baltimore St., Balto, Md.	400	14	6	199
1908	36	McFarlane, Caroline M., Pocomoke City, Md., R. D. 1.	250	247	108	42
1893	13	Melvin, Francis M., 331 19th St., Norfolk, Va.	350	89	39	111
1909	35	Nelson, Evelyn J., Pocomoke City, Md.	250	240	105	35
1887	21	O'Neil, Mary A., 308 N. Stricker St., Baltimore, Md.	300	144	63	72
1882	6	Prettyman, Emma, Salisbury, Md.	250	41	18	122
1898	42	Quigg, Jane H., 1006 Jefferson St., Wilmington, Del.	150	288	126	24
1904	25	Rigg, Elizabeth P., 622 W. 6th St., Chester, Pa.	400	171	75	120
1893	14	Robinson, Mrs. M. R., Perryman, Md.	...	...	...	...
1904	35	Sheppard, Mary E., Frankford, Del.	...	...	...	...
1884	15	Shilling, Emma F., 1101 W. 5th St., Wilmington, Del.	300	240	105	75
1903	37	Sypherd, Josephine, 22 S. Stenton Pl., Atlantic City, N.J.	350	103	45	75
1905	12	Sidell, Sarah D., 1440 N. 59th St., Phila., Pa.	...	...	...	...
1901	10	Swain, Martha H., Dover, Del.	300	82	36	139
1903	24	Talbot, Laura V., Dover, Del.	300	69	30	215
1878	10	Thomas, Mary S., 604 Brown St., Wilmington, Del.	150	165	72	...
1906	30	Todd, Alice C., Wenonah, N. J.	100	69	30	55
1878	12	Weston, Laura E., 241 Ridley Ave., Norwood, Pa.	250	206	90	85
1905	18	Wilcox, Emma L., Salisbury, Md.	100	82	36	74
1900	8	Williams, Martha S., North East, Md.	200	124	54	76
1897	26	Conner, James (Orphan), Salisbury, Md.	250	55	24	116
1911	38	Miller, Hamline (Orphan), 1414 Lanvale St., Balto., Md.	85	31	34	65

**HOME AND FOREIGN
MISSIONARY AND CHURCH EXTENSION STATISTICS.**

DOVER DISTRICT.

Armory and Asbury—J. A. Buckson, Pastor.	
Armory Church, \$14; School, \$30; Asbury Church, \$12; School, \$4.	\$60.00
Beckwith—J. A. Hudson, Pastor.	
Beckwith School, \$42; Spedden School, \$18; Churches, \$60.	\$120.00
Blades and Epworth—M. E. Wheatley, Pastor.	
Blades School, \$30.00; Epworth, \$26.00	\$56.00
Bridgeville—J. W. Colona, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$160.00
Burrsville—T. J. Sard, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$140.00
Cambridge—R. T. Coursey, Pastor.	
Church, \$50.00; Sunday School, \$225.00	\$275.00
Camden—W. F. Dawson, Pastor.	
Camden, \$82; Lebanon, \$31; St. Johns, \$27	\$140.00
Canterbury—C. H. Atkins, Pastor.	
Canterbury Church and School, \$18; Viola Church and School, \$18; Woodside Church and School, \$16	\$52.00
Church Creek—G. S. Allen, Pastor.	
Church, \$21.00; Sunday School, \$27.00	\$48.00
Concord—L. B. Morgan, Pastor.	
Concord Church and School, \$68; Bloomery Church and School, \$45; Chestnut Grove Church and School, \$20; Harmony Church and School, \$17	\$150.00
Crapo—J. W. Prettyman, Pastor.	
Churches, \$50.00; Schools, \$180.00	\$230.00
Denton—E. P. Roberts, Pastor.	
Church and Sunday School	\$300.00
Dover—W. L. White, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$300.00
East New Market—J. L. Johnson, Pastor.	
Trinity School, \$120; Epworth League, \$5; Junior League \$5; Sec- retary, \$35; Cabin Creek, \$35	\$200.00
Ellendale—Thomas Pardee, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$125.00

Elliott's Island—Robert Roe, Pastor.	
Church, \$34.00; School, \$6.00	\$40.00
Farmington—D. F. McFaul, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$100.00
Federalsburg—E. H. Dashiell, Pastor.	
Church, \$47.00; Sunday School, \$173.00	\$220.00
Felton—L. W. Layfield, Pastor.	
School, \$125.00; Church, \$75	\$200.00
Frederica—G. W. Bounds, Pastor.	
Church, \$24; School, \$226.00	\$250.00
Galestown—H. B. Kelso, Pastor.	
Native pastor in Africa, \$40; Wesley Sunday School, \$4; Church, \$44; Galestown Sunday School, \$11; Church, \$32; Cokes- bury Church, \$30; Sunday School, \$3; Woodland Sunday School, \$2; Church, \$22	\$188.00
Georgetown—L. E. Poole, Pastor.	
Church, \$235.00; Sunday School, \$235.00	\$470.00
Georgetown Circuit—G. S. Thomas, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$130.00
Greenwood—C. W. Strickland, Pastor.	
Trinity, \$110; Chaplains, \$40; Greenwood, \$50; St. Johnstown, \$20.	\$220.00
Harrington—R. H. Adams, Pastor.	
Harrington Sunday School, \$233.00; White's, \$12	\$245.00
Hooper's Island—J. B. Conaway, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$40.00
Houston—I. S. Whittaker, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$100.00
Hurlock—M. D. Nutter, Pastor.	
Churches, \$128.00; Sunday School, \$72.00	\$200.00
Lakesville—W. V. Harris, Pastor.	
Bounds, \$18; Streets, \$10; St. Johns, \$14; Hargis, \$18	\$60.00
Leipsic—T. S. Barrett, Pastor.	
Leipsic Church, \$8; S. S., \$4; Raymonds Church, \$8; S. S., \$4.	\$24.00
Lewes—W. R. Mowbray, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$330.00
Lincoln—W. P. Taylor, Pastor.	
Lincoln Sunday School, \$10; Church, \$24; Cedar Neck Sunday School, \$1; Church, \$16; Slaughter Neck S. S., \$2; Church, \$33.	\$86.00

Little Creek—W. C. Buckson, Pastor.

Church, \$12.00; Sunday School, \$10.00 \$22.00

Magnolia—F. J. Cochran, Pastor.

Magnolia Sunday School, \$76; Church, \$18; Barratt's Chapel Sunday School, \$12; Church, \$12; Bowers S. S., \$8; Church, \$4. . \$130.00

Milford—H. T. Quigg, Pastor.

Church and School \$600.00

Milton—I. F. Lusk, Pastor.

Church and School \$172.00

Nassau—Asbury Burke, Pastor.

Churches and Schools \$80.00

Preston—C. N. Jones, Pastor.

Churches and Schools \$140.00

Rehoboth—G. R. Ellis, Pastor.

Epworth S. S., \$34; Church, \$14; Ebenezer S. S., \$22; Church, \$10. \$80.00

Salem—W. S. Grant, Pastor.

Churches and Schools \$50.00

Seaford—W. O. Hurst, Pastor.

Church, \$190.00; Sunday School, \$162.00 \$352.00

Seaford Circuit—W. W. Sharp, Pastor.

Churches, \$86.00; Sunday Schools, \$75.00 \$161.00

Taylor's Island—D. B. Prettyman, Pastor.

Church and School \$20.00

Vienna—W. W. White, Pastor.

Vienna Church and School, \$35; Reid's Grove Church and School, \$21; Wainwright's Church and School, \$13; Manship Church and School, \$11 \$80.00

Williamsburg—J. W. Sutton, Pastor.

Church and Schools \$85.00

Willis—R. S. Stevens, Pastor.

Church and School \$4.00

Wyoming—Leolan Jackson, Pastor.

Churches and Schools \$76.00

Zoar Circuit—J. L. Derrickson, Pastor.

Churches and Schools \$100.00

EASTON DISTRICT.**Bayside—C. B. Kitchen, Pastor.**

Sherwood S. S., \$33; Church, \$3; Wittman S. S., \$11; Church, \$3. \$50.00

Bozman and Neavitt—L. R. Janney, Pastor.

Church and Schools \$63.00

Cecilton—O. E. Jones, Pastor.

Cecilton Church, \$35; S.S., \$126; St. Paul's Church, \$15; S.S. \$36. \$212.00

Centreville—W. A. Wise, Pastor.

Church, \$52; Sunday School, \$153; Sr. Ep. League, \$10; Jr. League for India, \$20 \$235.00

Chestertown—L. E. Barrett, Pastor.

Church and School \$500.00

Cheswold—Milton McCann, Pastor.

Cheswold Ch. and School, \$128; Bethel Ch. and School, \$57. . . \$185.00

Church Hill—E. H. Derrickson, Pastor.

Churches, \$40.00; Sunday Schools, \$110.00 \$150.00

Clayton—I. G. Fosnacht, Pastor.

Church, \$8.00; Sunday School, \$52.00 \$60.00

Cordova—J. L. Sparklin, Pastor.

Churches, \$75.00; Sunday Schools, \$15.00 \$90.00

Crumpton—Daniel Wilson, Pastor.

Churches and Schools \$120.00

Easton—T. E. Terry, Pastor.

Church, \$155.00; Sunday School, \$205.00 \$360.00

Fairlee—J. M. Kelso, Pastor.

Fairlee and Union Churches, \$55.00; Schools, \$12.00 \$67.00

Galena—R. H. Lewis, Pastor.

Churches and Schools \$155.00

Golt—O. H. Connelly, Pastor.

Golt Church, \$7; Sunday School, \$4; Delaney Church, \$4 \$15.00

Greensboro—J. P. Otis, Pastor.

Sunday School, \$65; Church, \$38; Special, \$3 \$106.00

Henderson—Ivanhoe Willis, Pastor.

Churches and Schools \$34.00

Hillsboro—L. P. Corkran, Pastor.

Churches, \$95; Schools, \$26; Epworth League, \$5 \$126.00

Kent Island—G. L. Hardesty, Pastor.

Stevensville Church, \$65; School, \$30; Trinity Church, \$10; School, \$4; Kingsley Church, \$15; School, \$6 \$130.00

Kenton—J. F. Anderson, Pastor.

Churches and Schools, \$115; Junior League, \$5 \$120.00

Marydel—G. R. Neese, Pastor.

Church, \$35.00; Sunday Schools, \$85.00 \$120.00

Middletown—V. S. Collins, Pastor.	
Sunday School, \$300.00; Church, \$150.00	\$450.00
Millington—Wilmer Jaggard, Pastor.	
Church, \$40.00; School, \$70.00	\$110.00
Odessa—J. H. Gray, Pastor.	
Church, \$58.00; School, \$82.00	\$140.00
Oxford—E. E. White, Pastor.	
Church, \$25.00; Sunday School, \$13.00	\$38.00
Piney Neck—W. N. Conaway, Pastor.	
Sunday School	\$30.00
Pomona—Tilghman Smith, Pastor.	
Bond Church, \$26; School, \$40; Mowbray Church, \$10; School, \$12.	\$88.00
Queenstown—O. B. Rice, Pastor.	
Churches, \$67.75; Schools, \$32.25	\$100.00
Ridgely—W. E. Habbart, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$140.00
Rock Hall—V. P. Northrup, Pastor.	
Sunday School	\$130.00
Royal Oak—E. C. Prettyman, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$39.00
Smyrna—A. S. Mowbray, Pastor.	
Asbury Church, \$292; Sunday School, \$310; Landing School, \$8.	\$610.00
Smyrna Circuit—W. E. Matthews, Pastor.	
Friendship Church, \$55; Sunday School, \$46; Severson's Church, \$36; Sunday School, \$17; Jerman's Chapel, \$12; S. S., \$4.	\$170.00
Stiil Pond and Betterton—J. H. Beauchamp, Pastor.	
Still Pond Sunday School, \$125; Betterton Sunday School, \$40.	\$165.00
St. Michaels—H. S. Thompson, Pastor.	
Sunday School	\$170.00
Sudlersville—W. O. Bennett, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$150.00
Tilghman—J. C. McCoy, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$110.00
Townsend—F. C. MacSorley, Pastor.	
Churches, \$80.00; Schools, \$91.00	\$171.00
Trappe—J. C. B. Hopkins, Pastor.	
Trappe School, \$15; Church, \$37; Landing Neck School, \$5; Church, \$15.00	\$72.00
Wye—H. C. Shipley, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$75.00

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Annemessex—W. F. Atkinson, Pastor.	
St. Peter's School, \$12; Church, \$16; Rehoboth School, \$12.	\$40.00
Asbury—T. A. H. O'Brien, Pastor.	
Church, \$43; Epworth League, \$15; Sunday School, \$366	\$424.00
Berlin—T. F. Beauchamp, Pastor.	
Sunday School	\$120.00
Bethel—J. W. Fogle, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$100.00
Bishopville—W. G. Harris, Pastor.	
Bishopville, \$50; Showell, \$42; Friendship, \$12; St. Martins, \$20.	\$124.00
Cape Charles—Howard Davis, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$75.00
Chincoteague—O. T. Baynard, Pastor.	
Christ's School, \$92; Church, \$34; Goodwill School, \$4	\$130.00
Claremont—G. F. Newton, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$48.00
Crisfield—H. G. Budd, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$340.00
Deal's Island—G. W. Dawson, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$260.00
Delmar—S. N. Pilchard, Pastor.	
Church, \$75.00; Sunday School, \$200.00	\$275.00
Fairmount—F. N. Faulkner, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$160.00
Frankford—J. P. Outten, Pastor.	
Churches, \$50.00; Sunday Schools, \$126.00	\$176.00
Fruitland—O. E. James, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$150.00
Girdletree—W. H. Kenney, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$75.00
Gumboro—C. T. Jones, Pastor.	
West's Woods, \$41; Carey's, \$30; Gumboro, \$6; Bethel, \$3	\$80.00
Hebron—C. H. Williams, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$40.00
Holland's Island—Alonza Travers, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$44.00

Church and School	Laurel—Z. H. Webster, Pastor.	\$290.00
Churches and Schools	Mardela—J. S. Bozman, Pastor.	\$40.00
Church and School	Marion—J. J. Bunting, Pastor.	\$60.00
Church and School	Millsboro—J. H. Gardner, Pastor.	\$55.00
Sunday Schools	Millville—E. W. Jones, Pastor.	\$200.00
Churches and Schools	Mt. Pleasant—J. H. Wilson, Pastor.	\$105.00
Churches, \$76.00; Schools, \$24.00	Mt. Vernon—J. M. Mitchell, Pastor.	\$100.00
Churches and Sunday Schools	Nanticoke—G. W. Hastings, Pastor.	\$220.00
Churches and Schools	Newark—J. W. Gray, Pastor.	\$127.00
Churches and Schools	Ocean View—L. T. McLain, Pastor.	\$50.00
Churches and Schools	Onancock—G. E. Wood, Pastor.	\$145.00
Churches and Schools	Parsonburg—E. H. Collins, Pastor.	\$120.00
Church and School	Phoebus—E. H. Marshall, Pastor.	\$60.00
Pittsville School, \$6; Wango School, \$9; Churches, \$15	Pittsville—H. B. Warren, Pastor.	\$30.00
Church and School	Pocomoke City—W. L. S. Murray, Pastor.	\$138.00
Churches, \$42; Cokesbury Sunday School, \$10	Pocomoke Circuit—H. E. Truitt, Pastor.	\$52.00
Churches and Schools	Powellville—D. J. Ford, Pastor.	\$54.00
Church and School	Princess Anne—W. E. Gunby, Pastor.	\$100.00
Churches and Schools	Quantico—W. H. Revelle, Pastor.	\$80.00

Roxana Church, \$26; School, \$25; Sounds Church, \$15; School, \$36	Roxana—G. W. Stallings, Pastor.	\$102.00
Church and School, \$700; Special, \$180	Salisbury—T. E. Martindale, Pastor.	\$880.00
Siloam Church, \$10; School, \$15; Grace School, \$25	Salisbury Circuit—J. W. Hardesty, Pastor.	\$50.00
Salem Church, \$90; School, \$80; Ebenezer School, \$10	Selbyville—V. E. Hills, Pastor.	\$180.00
Church and School	Sharptown—L. I. McDougal, Pastor.	\$200.00
North End Church, \$50; School, \$50; Drum Point Church, \$20; School, \$55; Rhodes' Point Church, \$25; School, \$20	Smith's Island—E. A. Gillespie, Pastor.	\$220.00
Church, \$160.00; School, \$160.00	Snow Hill—C. W. Prettyman, Pastor.	\$320.00
St. Peter's, \$105; St. Stephens, \$37; Bethel, \$38; St. Peter's Epworth League	St. Peter's—A. W. Goodhand, Pastor.	\$200.00
Churches and Schools	Somerset—G. A. Cooke, Pastor.	\$142.00
Stockton School, \$41; E. League, \$10; Franklin School, \$62; E. League, \$10; Remson Church, \$13; School, \$7; Klej Grange Church, \$6; School, \$4	Stockton—G. W. Townsend, Pastor.	\$153.00
Church, \$50; Sunday School, \$380	Tangier—J. R. Cannon, Pastor.	\$430.00
St. Paul's Church, \$7; School, \$25; Mt. Olive School, \$12	Westover—W. B. Guthrie, Pastor.	\$44.00
Line, \$65; Jones, \$37; Bethesda, \$18	Whitesville—T. C. Smoot, Pastor.	\$120.00

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Bethel School, \$20; Church, \$36; Summit Church, \$13; School, \$6	Bethel and Summit—J. M. Lindale, Pastor.	\$75.00
Church and Schools	Charlestown—J. T. Price, Pastor.	\$40.00
Cherry Hill, \$74; Big Elk, \$15; Elk Mills, \$11	Cherry Hill—J. D. Reese, Pastor.	\$100.00

Chesapeake City—Edwin Gardner, Pastor.	
Church, \$17; Sunday School, \$23	\$40.00
Chester-Bethel—J. A. Brewington, Pastor.	
Church, \$40; Sunday School, \$100	\$140.00
Christiana—C. W. Spry, Pastor.	
Church, \$26; Sunday School, \$24	\$50.00
Claymont—G. E. Sterling, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$8.00
Colora—W. M. McCann, Pastor.	
Church, \$20.00; School, \$10.00	\$30.00
Delaware City—H. D. Stewart, Pastor.	
Church, \$16.00; School, \$34.00	\$50.00
Ebenezer—J. H. Geoghegan, Pastor.	
Ebenezer School, \$54; Wesley School, \$4; Milford School, \$5; Churches, \$7	\$70.00
Elk Neck—D. J. Moore, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$30.00
Elkton—H. A. G. Westerfield, Pastor.	
Elkton Church, \$16; School, \$354; Child's School, \$30; West Amwell School, \$5; Special, \$6	\$411.00
Hockessin—B. L. McFarlane, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$50.00
Hopewell—C. W. Moore, Pastor.	
Sunday School, \$66; Church, \$12	\$78.00
Marshallton and Cedars—J. T. Prouse, Pastor.	
Church, \$20; School, \$15	\$35.00
Mt. Lebanon—B. S. Latshaw, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$110.00
Mt. Pleasant—E. W. McDowell, Pastor.	
Mt. Pleasant Church, \$20; School, \$95; Newark Union Church, \$15; School, \$40	\$170.00
Newark—G. T. Alderson, Pastor.	
School, \$169; Church, \$11	\$180.00
New Castle—F. X. Moore, Pastor.	
Sunday School	\$130.00
Newport—J. H. Mitchell, Pastor.	
Newport Sunday School	\$150.00
North East—Warren Burr, Pastor.	
Church and Sunday School	\$150.00

Perryville—E. C. Sunfield, Pastor.	
Church, \$10; Sunday School, \$140	\$150.00
Port Deposit—F. F. Carpenter, Pastor.	
Church, \$63; School, \$175	\$238.00
Red Lion—E. B. Taylor, Pastor.	
Red Lion Church, \$38; School, \$12; Glasgow School, \$5; Church, \$5	\$60.00
Rising Sun and Sylmar—J. W. Jones, Pastor.	
Janes Church, \$75; School, \$60; Ep. League, \$15; Sylmar, \$30	\$180.00
Stanton—H. T. Ennis, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$30.00
St. Georges and Kirkwood—Harry Taylor, Pastor.	
St. Georges Church, \$28; School, \$22	\$50.00
St. John's—G. P. Smith, Pastor.	
Church, \$20.00; Sunday School, \$40.00	\$60.00
Zion—W. H. Briggs, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$170.00
Asbury—E. C. Macnichol, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$200.00
Brandywine and Edgemoore—H. C. Turner, Pastor.	
Churches, \$130; Sunday Schools, \$150	\$280.00
Cookman—J. T. Richardson, Pastor.	
Sunday School	\$86.00
Eastlake and Hillcrest—J. R. Bicking, Pastor.	
Eastlake School, \$40; Hillcrest School, \$10	\$50.00
Elsmere—T. H. Harding, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$10.00
Epworth—G. C. Williams, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$140.00
Grace—A. E. Craig, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$1610.00
Harrison St.—C. T. Wyatt, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$400.00
Kingswood—D. H. Willis, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$40.00
Madeley—D. J. Givan, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$84.00
McCabe Memorial—W. C. Poole, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$40.00

Mt. Salem—S. M. Morgan, Pastor.	
Mt. Salem School, \$207; Riddle's Memorial School, \$188; Church, \$73	\$468.00
Richardson Park—R. High Adams, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$20.00
Scott—W. G. Koons, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$350.00
Silverbrook—W. E. Greenfield, Pastor.	
Church, \$10; Sunday School, \$80	\$90.00
St. Paul's—C. A. Hill, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$1108.00
Trinity—John White, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$26.00
Union—W. F. Corkran, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$500.00
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