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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	T. E. Martindale.
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	Centerville	C. H. Fowler	A. S. Mowbray.
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
44	" 13, '12	Wilmington—St. Pauls	L. B. Wilson	W. A. Wise
45	" 26, '13	Crisfield	J. F. Berry	W. A. Wise
46	April 1, '14	Berlin	Earl Cranston	W. A. Wise
47	March 24, '15	Laurel	R. J. Cook	W. A. Wise
48	" 29, '16	Wilmington	J. F. Berry	W. A. Wise
49	" 28, '17	Seaford	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs

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. Martin- dale, T. E. Terry.
1896.	Merritt Hulbert, 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.
1912.	C. A. Hill, R. K. Stephenson, Robert Watt, G. P. Jones. Reserves—E. L. Hoffecker, C. W. Prettyman, G. T. Alderson.
1916.	Robert Watt, E. L. Hoffecker, R. K. Stephenson, T. A. H. O'Brien. Re- serves—G. T. Alderson, C. T. Wyatt.

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
1836	Thos. J. Quigley	Oct. 19, 1870	Laurel, Del.	65	44
1850	Daniel Titlow	Feb. 7, 1871	Philadelphia, Pa.	48	4
1867	Amos A. Ewing	Jan. 19, 1872	Cecil County, Md.	30	4
1848	Alfred Cookman	Nov. 13, 1872	Newark, N. J.	43	23
1827	Jas. Augustus Massey	July 9, 1871	Royal Oak, Md.	64	38
1859	James Brandreth	Oct. 3, 1872	Frankford, Del.	34	13
1825	T. J. Thompson	Nov. 29, 1874	Wilmington, Del.	71	49
1828	Robert E. Kemp	Mar. 6, 1875	Greensboro, Md.	73	32
1832	Wesley Kenney	June 24, 1875	Smyrna, Del.	70	42
1835	Henry Sutton	Mar. 23, 1876	Philadelphia, Pa.	68	23
1871	George A. Campbell	Sept. 7, 1876	Frankford, Del.	30	4
1862	John W. Weston	Apr. 23, 1877	Wilmington, Del.	38	15
1837	John D. Curtis	July 25, 1877	Wilmington, Del.	61	40
1845	David R. Thomas	Feb. 13, 1878	Wilmington, Del.	58	30
1870	Andrew J. Crozier	Jan. 21, 1879	Wilmington, Del.	41	7
1829	Joshua Humphriss	Jan. 23, 1879	Salisbury, Md.	78	41
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
1832	Wm. Urle	Nov. 13, 1880	Smyrna, Del.	67	43
1860	Thomas F. Plummer	Feb. 2, 1881	Wilmington, Del.	44	8
1833	Elijah Miller	Apr. 15, 1881	Sudlersville, Md.	71	49
1836	John W. Pierson	May 6, 1881	Wilmington, Del.	67	44
1880	Francis R. Quigley	Aug. 19, 1881	Hopewell, Md.	27	2
1873	Thos. J. Prettyman	Feb. 27, 1882	Newark, Md.	36	9
1865	Benj. W. Chase	Dec. 11, 1882	Seaford, Del.	48	17
1837	Lucius C. Matlack	June 24, 1883	Cambridge, Md.	67	46
1824	I. T. Cooper	Apr. 12, 1884	Camden, Del.	78	26
1829	Henry Colclazer	Dec. 18, 1884	Philadelphia, Pa.	75	55
1838	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
1839	Valentine Gray	Jan. 21, 1887	Gap, Pa.	72	42
1881	Isaiah D. Johnson	Mar. 4, 1887	Bridgeville, Del.	33	6
1859	Wm. J. O'Neil	Mar. 9, 1887	Church Hill, Md.	55	28
1851	Jos. Dare	Oct. 22, 1887	Newark, Del.	56	32
1886	Frank M. Morgan	Feb. 11, 1889	Philadelphia, Pa.	34	3
1849	William Merrill	Oct. 23, 1889	Upper Fairm't, Md.	75	28
1873	Isaac N. Foreman	June 12, 1890	Lincoln, Del.	47	17
1841	John Allen	Dec. 3, 1890	Brooklyn, N. Y.	72	33
1855	Samuel T. Gardner	Jan. 3, 1891	Pivot Bridge, Md.	60	33
1889	Samuel J. Baker	Sept. 22, 1891	Laurel, Del.	33	2
1870	Thos. O. Ayres	Oct. 4, 1891	Delaware City, Del.	53	21
1873	Thos. R. Creamer	Jan. 10, 1892	Milton, Del.	45	19
1840	Vaughan Smith	Nov. 21, 1891	Wilmington, Del.	79	43
1845	Charles Hill	June 22, 1892	Salisbury, Md.	70	47
1833	James L. Houston	Sept. 18, 1892	Trappe, Md.	82	32
1865	Alfred T. Melvin	Oct. 17, 1892	Bel Air, Md.	52	24
1859	Alfred A. Fisher	Dec. 12, 1893	Bridgeville, Del.	62	17
1857	Wm. B. Gregg	Jan. 24, 1893	Wyoming, Del.	68	36
1847	Joseph Robinson	Feb. 18, 1893	Perryman's, Md.	68	45
1835	George Earton	Mar. 19, 1893	Church Hill, Md.	84	11
1843	James A. Brindle	Apr. 6, 1894	Greensboro, Md.	73	48
1860	Nicholas M. Browne	Feb. 4, 1895	Middletown, Del.	58	35
1850	James Hubbard	Apr. 4, 1895	Philadelphia, Pa.	76	4
1857	James E. Bryan	Oct. 17, 1895	Baltimore, Md.	64	39
1892	John D. Lecates	Nov. 11, 1895	Wilmington, Del.	41	5
1859	Thomas E. Bell	Mar. 21, 1895	Easton, Md.	58	28
1868	James Conner	S.pt. 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. Hynson	July 27, 1899	Smyrna, Del.	64	39
1845	Wm. E. England	Jan. 20, 1900	Northeast, Md.	65	41
1857	Thos. S. Williams	May 22, 1900	Deal's Island, Md.	41	12
1888	Chas. P. Swain	Dec. 20, 1900	Westminster, Md.	48	28
1874	David F. Waddell	Mar. 22, 1901	Elkton, Md.	84	60
1896	Benj. F. Price	April 19, 1901	Brooklandville, Md.	78	40
1851	Jas. W. Hammersly	April 22, 1902	Wilmington, Del.	50	25
1877	Walter E. Avery	Sept. 3, 1902	Wilmington, Del.	69	39
1860	J. Owen Spherd	Sept. 21, 1902	Chestertown, Md.	65	30
1872	John D. Kemp	Feb. 26, 1903	Dover, Del.	73	27
1856	William F. Talbot	Apr. 13, 1903	Frankford, Del.	52	41
1859	Chas. F. Sheppard	May 23, 1903	Smyrna, Del.	81	51
1843	Thos. H. Haynes	May 28, 1903	Brooklyn, N. Y.	74	33
1853	Geo. A. Phoebus	Nov. 24, 1903	Milford, Del.	74	43
1868	Jonathan S. Willis	Dec. 16, 1903	Hockessin, Del.	65	27
1867	John D. Rigg	Jan. 9, 1904	Newark, Md.	84	28
1869	Edward Davis	Mar. 10, 1904	Wilmington, Del.	69	48
1866	John France	Apr. 24, 1904	Philadelphia, Pa.	58	25
1879	E. K. Creed	May 14, 1904	Philadelphia, Pa.	43	14
1890	E. R. Sidell	July 8, 1904	Fairlee, Md.	78	32
1853	J. B. Merritt	Dec. 15, 1904	Salisbury, Md.	62	20
1872	G. W. Wilcox	July 13, 1905	Seaford, Del.	52	16
1889	James E. Graham	Jan. 18, 1906	Baltimore, Md.	75	52
1853	Robert W. Todd	Apr. 13, 1906	Roselle Park, N. J.	73	45
1858	S. T. Morris	Apr. 12, 1907	Berlin, Md.	51	28
1879	C. A. Grise	Feb. 18, 1908	Hockessin, Del.	71	40
1868	W. R. MacFarlane	Mar. 5, 1908	Nanticoke, Md.	40	10
1898	F. E. Bloxton	Mar. 13, 1908	Baltimore, Md.	67	34
1869	W. R. Gwinn	June 22, 1908	Bethel, Del.	58	32
1876	Albert Chandler	Oct. 27, 1908	Delaware City, Del.	62	39
1870	E. H. Nelson	Jan. 8, 1909	Camden, Del.	69	42
1860	H. W. Bolton	Feb. 3, 1909	Dover, Del.	81	42
1859	J. T. VanBurkalow	Feb. 22, 1911	Sharptown, Md.	66	43
1869	E. H. Miller	Jan. 11, 1911	Newark, Md.	77	17
1876	W. L. P. Bowen	Mar. 26, 1912	Oxford, Md.	69	46
1866	E. E. White	Dec. 16, 1913	Millington, Md.	83	41
1853	W. M. Warner	Apr. 9, 1913	Near W im'gt'n, Del.	42	9
1897	J. W. Talley	Aug. 3, 1913	Smyrna, Del.	65	45
1868	I. G. Fosnocht	Dec. 1, 1914	Smyrna, Del.	79	52
1858	H. S. Thompson	Apr. 30, 1914	Smyrna, Del.	78	42
1865	G. W. Burke	Apr. 11, 1914	Philadelphia, Pa.	71	42
1872	R. H. Adams	Sept. 12, 1914	Monrovia, Cal.	77	42
1869	T. B. Hunter	Nov. 18, 1914	Philadelphia, Pa.	60	38
1876	E. C. Maenichol	Oct. 18, 1914	Chance, Md.	56	34
1880	J. R. Cannon	Feb. 8, 1915	Milford, Del.	91	34
1865	James Carroll	Apr. 15, 1915	Wilmington, Del.	67	44
1871	William L. S. Murray	Feb. 26, 1916	Salisbury, Md.	73	52
1864	T. E. Mortindale	Feb. 16, 1917	Wilmington, Del.	63	27
1887	S. M. Morgan	Jan. 6, 1917	Salisbury, Md.	63	40
1876	T. A. H. O'Brien	Oct. 21, 1916	Fishing Creek, Md.	81	12
1901	R. H. Lewis	Aug. 30, 1916	Fishing Creek, Md.	31	12

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1858 William W. Redman
 1862 George S. Conaway
 1866 James Esgate
 1868 Cornelius W. Prettyman
 1869 Philip H. Rawlins
 1870 Joseph A. Arters
 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 John P. Otis
 1873 Robert Roe
 1873 Frank C. MacSorley
 1873 William M. Greene
 1875 Walter W. White
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 1876 Louis E. Barrett
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 1878 Robert K. Stephenson
 1878 Howard T. Quigg
 1879 Olin S. Walton
 1879 Alfred Smith
 1879 Joshua M. Lindale
 1879 Gordon R. Neese
 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
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 1885 Daniel H. Willis
 1885 Ellenzie C. Sunfield
 1886 George E. Wood
 1886 Asbury Burke
 1886 William W. Sharp

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 1886 Henry S. Dulaney
 1886 William G. Koons
 1886 Clinton T. Wyatt
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Sunday Schools—Leonard White, T. N. Given, J. T. Price, G. E. Sterling.

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Temperance and Prohibition—V. E. Hills, E. C. Prettyman, H. S. Dulaney, J. L. Johnson, Alfred Smith.

Freedman's Aid—J. P. Otis, C. W. Strickland, Harry Taylor, G. W. Stallings.

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Woman's Home Missionary Society—L. E. Barrett, W. F. Corkran, G. S. Thomas, G. F. Newton.

Missionary Statistics—W. E. Matthews, Asbury Burke, W. P. Taylor, J. A. Hudson.

Memoirs—C. A. Hill, J. Howard Gray, Robert Watt, G. C. Williams.

Philadelphia Hospital—Disston W. Jacobs, G. W. Bounds, W. W. Sharp, Ivanhoe Willis.

Thanks—L. E. Barrett, S. N. Pilchard, Warren Burr, H. S. Dulaney, T. R. VanDyke, G. E. Reed.

SCHEME OF STUDIES.

(Discipline—1916).

Dept. 1.—Belles Letters T. F. Beauchamp
The Art of Writing English (Brown and Barnes), Admission.
The Life of John Wesley (Winchester), Admission.
The Way to Win (Fisher), 2nd. year and Local Deacons.
Every Day Ethics (Cabot), 4th. year and Local Elders.

Dept. 2.—Practical Work O. E. Jones
(a) The New Home Missions (Douglas), (b) The Social Aspects of
Foreign Missions (Faunce), 4th. year.
The Preacher, His Life and Work (Jowett), Local Elders.
The Introduction to the Study of Comparative Religion (Jevons),
3d. year.

Dept. 3.—Sociology G. C. Williams
(a) The Social Problem (Ellwood), (b) Social Institutions and Ideals
of the Bible (Soares), 3d. year.
Social Solutions (Hall), Local Deacons.
The Person and Place of Christ (Forsyth), Local Elders.

Dept. 4.—Pedagogy J. L. Sparklin
How to Study and Teaching How to Study (McMurray), 1st. year.
(a) The Pupil and the Teacher (Weigle), (b) The Graded Sunday
School in Principle and Practice (Meyer), 2nd. year.
The Rural Church Movement (Earp), Local Elders.

Dept. 5.—Biblical History W. O. Bennett
New Testament History (Rall), 1st. year.
(a) Dictionary of the Bible (Hastings), (b) The Bible in the Mak-
ing (Smyth), (c) How We Got Our Bible (Smyth), 2nd. year.

Dept. 6.—Biblical Theology M. D. Nutter
Beacon Lights of Prophecy (Knudson), 3d. year.
Paul and His Epistles (Hayes), 4th. year and Local Elders.
Plain Account of Christian Perfection (Wesley), Admission.
Studies in Christianity (Bowne), Local Deacons.

Dept. 7.—History and Ethics Z. H. Webster
American History (James and Sanford), Admission.
Human Behaviour (Colvin and Bagley), 1st. year.
A Short History of the Christian Church (Moncrief), 2nd. year.
A Compendious History of American Methodism (Stevens), Local
Deacons.

- Dept. 8.—DoctrineJ. H. Gray
System of Christian Doctrine (Sheldon), 4th. year.
Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church for 1916,
with special reference to the Twenty-Five Articles, Admission.
Foundations of Christian Belief (Strickland), 3d. year.
The Christian View of the Old Testament (Eiselen), Local Deacons.
- Dept. 9.—HomileticsV. E. Hills
The Making of the Sermon (Pattison), 1st. year.
All Sermons.
- Dept. 10.—Written WorkE. W. Jones
Essays and Reviews for First and Second years.
- Dept. 11.—Written WorkG. P. Jones
Essays and Reviews for Third and Fourth years.

V. P. NORTHRUP,

Wilmington, Del.

Registrar.

RULES OF ORDER.

I. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

1. The President shall call the Conference to order, punctually, at all times determined upon for the opening of its sessions, have each opened by appropriate devotional exercises, and see that all the business pertaining to the Conference shall be brought forward and transacted in a proper and orderly manner, according to the provisions of the Discipline and the Rules of the Conference.
2. He shall preserve order in all the proceedings, holding speakers strictly to the question, and call them to order when they wander from the point, violate the Rules of Order, or use any improper language.
3. He shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference by any two members.
4. He shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for.
5. When two or more members claim the floor at the same time, he shall decide who is entitled thereto.

II. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

1. The Secretary shall keep a fair and correct record of all the proceedings of the Conference, to be read at the opening of each session, subject to correction by 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 member who chooses to speak shall have spoken; nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same question, nor more than ten minutes at one time, without leave of the Conference. Provided, however, that a committee making a report through its chairman or one of its members selected by the committee or by its chairman, shall be entitled to ten minutes to close the debate, either to oppose the motion to lay the report on the table, or this permission not having been used, to close the debate on the motion to adopt.
3. When a member is called to order by the President, or by any member through him, he shall take his seat until the point of order is decided by the President.
4. Any member may call for the division of the question, which shall be granted when, in the judgment of the President, the same will admit of it.
5. When a question has been decided by a vote of Conference, any member who may have voted with the prevailing side, may move for a reconsideration of the same.
6. It shall be in order to move the Previous Question—that is, that the question be taken without further debate—on any measure pending except in cases in which moral character is involved. If the call for the Previous Question be sustained by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, the Main Question shall be put; nevertheless, under this rule, after the Previous Question has been ordered, it shall be in order to divide, or to move to refer, or to recommit, or to lay on the table. It shall not be in order for a member to move the Previous Question or to move to lay on the table at the close of a speech in which he has discussed the pending question.
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; R., Retired; Sy., Supernumerary; Sab., Sabbatical. The figures in the first column indicate the time of admission on trial. Those in the last column the year of appointment or relation).

1888	Alderson, G. T.	E	Wilmington, Del.	5
1912	Allen, G. S.	E	Nassau, Del.	3
1888	Anderson, J. F.	E	Cherry Hill, Md.	3
1870	Arters, J. A.	R	Middletown, Del.	9
1917	Atkins, C. H.	P	Leipsic, Del.	1
1876	Barrett, L. E.	E	Harrington, Del.	2
1902	Baynard, O. T.	E	Onancock, Va.	3
1892	Beauchamp, T. F.	E	Chestertown, Md.	2
1894	Beauchamp, J. H.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1897	Bennett, W. O.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1914	Benson, N. C.	D	Georgetown Circuit, Del.	2
1907	Bicking, J. R.	E	Ridgely, Md.	1
1887	Bickford, J. H.	E	New Castle, Del.	1
1890	Bounds, G. W.	E	Richardson Park, Del.	1
1885	Bowman, G. W.	R	5210 Webster St., Phila., Pa.	10
1890	Brewington, J. A.	E	Lewisville, Pa.	2
1907	Briggs, W. H.	E	Selbyville, Del.	2
1915	Broadway, L. M.	D	Wilmington, Del.	1
1904	Buckson, J. A.	E	Whitesville, Del.	3
1894	Budd, H. G.	E	Dover, Del.	7
1909	Bunting, J. J.	E	Seaford, Del.	3
1886	Burke, Asbury	E	Newport, Del.	2
1888	Burr, Warren	E	Townsend, Del.	5
1888	Carpenter, F. F.	E	Laurel, Del.	2
1888	Chaires, W. W.	E	Bozman, Del.	2
1913	Chappell, J. W.	D	Brack Ex, Del.	1
1881	Cochran, F. J.	E	Boothwyn, Pa.	2
1876	Collins, J. M.	R	Wilmington, Del.	12
1883	Collins, V. S.	E	Salisbury, Md.	1
1895	Collins, E. H.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1902	Colona, J. W.	E	Georgetown, Del.	7
1891	Cooke, G. A.	R	311 S. Jackson St., Wilm., Del.	1
1916	Cooke, R. W.	P	Stanton, Del.	2
1888	Compton, W. P.	R	6726 Lansdown Ave., Phila., Pa.	10
1862	Conaway, G. S.	R	Smyrna, Del.	9
1912	Connelly, O. H.	E	Roxana, Del.	1
1876	Corkran, W. F.	E	Wilmington, Del.	9
1881	Corkran, L. P.	R	Sudlersville, Md.	1
1887	Coursey, R. T.	E	Wyoming, Del.	1
1894	Dashiell, E. H.	E	Wilmington, Del.	2

1900	Davis, Howard	E	Bridgeville, Del.	4
1884	Dawson, W. F.	E	Cape Charles, Va.	1
1899	Dawson, G. W.	E	Wilmington, Del.	5
1884	Derrickson, E. H.	E	Oxford, Md.	4
1886	Dulaney, H. S.	E	Felton, Del.	1
1885	Easley, J. W.	E	Wilmington, Del.	3
1898	Ellis, G. R.	E	Magnolia, Del.	1
1866	Esgate, James	R	Los Angeles, California	31
1900	Faulkner, F. N.	E	Delmar, Del.	5
1889	Fogle, J. W.	E	Chance, Md.	1
1905	Ford, D. J.	E	Nanticoke, Md.	1
1891	Gardner, Edwin	E	Chestertown, Md.	1
1902	Gardner, J. H.	E	Lincoln, Del.	4
1891	Geoghegan, J. H.	E	Newark, Md.	1
1895	Givan, D. J.	E	Milton, Del.	1
1884	Given, T. N.	E	Delaware City, Del.	2
1903	Goodhand, A. W.	E	Fairmount, Md.	3
1905	Gray, J. H.	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1888	Gray, J. W.	E	Ebenezer, Del.	2
1917	Grant, W. S.	P	Houston, Del.	1
1873	Greene, W. M.	R	Wyoming, Del.	13
1900	Greenfield, W. E.	E	Berlin, Md.	4
1903	Gunby, W. E.	E	Dover, Del.	4
1883	Guthrie, W. B.	E	Kenton, Del.	1
1883	Hardesty, G. L.	R	Seaford, Del.	4
1903	Habbart, W. E.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1871	Harding, T. H.	R	Wilmington, Del.	11
1906	Harris, W. G.	E	Sharptown, Md.	2
1916	Harris, C. C.	P	Claymont, Del.	3
1900	Hastings, G. W.	E	Hebron, Md.	1
1917	Hearn, W. A.	D	Wilmington, Del.	1
1903	Herson, J. T.	E	Salisbury, Md.	2
1878	Hill, C. A.	E	Crisfield, Md.	5
1889	Hills, V. E.	E	Crisfield, Md.	2
1876	Hoffecker, E. L.	(Sab.) E	Bellevue, Md.	1
1897	Holt, T. S.	R	Federalsburg, Md.	8
1900	Hudson, J. A.	E	Ewell, Md.	1
1892	Hurst, W. O.	E	Pocomoke City, Md.	3
1910	Hopkins, J. C. B.	E	Dagsboro, Md.	2
1884	Jaggard, Wilmer	R	Millsboro, Del.	2
1907	James, O. E.	E	Colora, Md.	1
1896	Jackson, Leolan	E	Princess Anne, Md.	1
1913	Jacobs, D. W.	E	Rehoboth, Del.	3
1886	Jester, B. F.	R	Wilmington, Del.	1
1899	Johnson, J. L.	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1900	Jones, C. N.	E	Clayton, Del.	2
1905	Jones, E. W.	E	Wilmington, Del.	2

1891	Jones, G. P.	E	Elkton, Md.	3
1898	Jones, J. W.	E	Middletown, Del.	2
1898	Jones, O. E.	E	Lewes, Del.	3
1903	Jones, C. T.	E	Tilghman's, Md.	1
1915	Jones, R. C.	D	Bishopville, Md.	2
1907	Keen, C. P.	E	New York, N. Y.	3
1898	Kelso, H. B.	E	Mt. Pleasant, Del.	2
1904	Kelso, J. M.	E	Farmington, Del.	3
1901	Kenney, W. H.	E	Church Hill, Md.	1
1886	Koons, W. G.	R	Rising Sun, Md.	2
1871	Layfield, L. W.	E	Hurlock, Md.	3
1879	Leach, J. A.	E	Sudlersville, Md.	1
1879	Lindale, J. M.	E	Wye Mills, Md.	1
1914	Marine, M. W.	D	Powellville, Md.	2
1902	Marshall, E. H.	E	Oak Grove, Del.	1
1902	Matthews, W. E.	E	Cordova, Md.	1
1902	McCann, Milton	E	Smyrna, Del.	4
1910	McCann, W. M.	E	Gumboro, Del.	1
1905	McCoy, J. C.	E	Zion, Md.	3
1889	McDougale, L. I.	E	Perryville, Md.	1
1906	McDowell, E. W.	E	Hillsboro, Md.	1
1884	McFaull, D. F.	E	Hockessin, Del.	4
1917	McGuire, W. T.	P	Hickman, Del.	1
1873	MacSorley, F. C.	E	Federalsburg, Md.	3
1885	Mitchell, J. M.	E	Millington, Md.	1
1894	Moore, C. W.	E	Salisbury, Md.	1
1898	Moore, F. X.	E	Port Deposit, Md.	3
1911	Moore, D. J.	E	Parsonburg, Md.	2
1917	Moore, B. P.	P	Milford Neck, Del.	1
1905	Morgan, L. B.	E	Chincoteague, Va.	4
1886	Mowbray, W. R.	E	Dover, Del.	2
1879	Neese, G. R.	E	North East, Md.	2
1912	Newton, G. F.	E	Fruitland, Md.	3
1907	Nichols, R. P.	E	Still Pond, Md.	3
1892	Northrop, V. P.	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1890	Nutter, M. D.	E	Chesapeake City, Md.	4
1872	Otis, J. P.	E	Marshallton, Del.	2
1893	Outten, J. P.	E	Deal's Island, Md.	1
1917	Pignatiello, J. A.	D	Wilmington, Del.	1
1881	Pilchard, S. N.	E	Cambridge, Md.	5
1870	Poole, J. W.	R	1540 N. 60th St., Phila., Pa.	15
1896	Poole, L. E.	E	Snow Hill, Md.	3
1900	Poole, W. C.	E	Ocean City, Md.	2
1882	Prettyman, A. P.	R	Galena, Md.	1
1868	Prettyman, C. W.	R	Carlisle, Pa.	2
1897	Prettyman, J. W.	E	Rock Hall, Md.	6
1902	Prettyman, E. C.	E	Wilmington, Del.	3

1915	Prettyman, J. L.	D	Cecilton, Md.	1
1908	Price, J. T.	E	Camden, Del.	1
1886	Prouse, J. T.	R	Edgemoor, Del.	5
1878	Quigg, H. T.	E	Greensboro, Md.	3
1893	Randolph, H. F.	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1869	Rawlins, P. H.	R	Seaford, Del.	7
1858	Redman, W. W.	R	Greenwood, Del.	16
1910	Reed, H. E.	E	Rising Sun, Md.	1
1916	Reed, O. B.	P	Marydel, Md.	2
1885	Reese, J. D.	E	Trappe, Md.	2
1907	Revelle, W. H.	E	Mt. Vernon, Md.	3
1911	Rice, O. B.	E	Stockton, Md.	2
1893	Richardson, J. T.	E	Preston, Md.	2
1884	Roberts, E. P.	E	Newark, Del.	3
1873	Roe, Robert	R	Oxford, Md.	6
1910	Sard, T. J.	E	Tangier, Va.	4
1886	Sharp, W. W.	E	Frederica, Del.	2
1910	Shiple, H. C.	E	Odessa, Del.	4
1879	Smith, Alfred	R	Wyoming, Del.	1
1896	Smith, G. P.	E	Cheswold, Del.	1
1907	Smith, Tilghman	E	Bethel, Del.	3
1917	Smith, A. C.	P	Blades, Del.	1
1889	Smoot, T. C.	E	East New Market, Md.	2
1906	Sparklin, J. L.	E	Millsboro, Del.	1
1911	Spry, C. W.	D	Vienna, Md.	1
1889	Stallings, G. W.	E	Crumpton, Md.	2
1870	Stengle, Adam	R	Wilmington, Del.	8
1878	Stephenson, R. K.	E	Milford, Del.	2
1912	Sterling, G. E.	E	Ocean View, Del.	1
1892	Strickland, C. W.	E	Frankford, Del.	2
1885	Sunfield, E. C.	R	Barnegat, N. J.	1
1908	Sutton, J. W.	E	Marion, Md.	1
1894	Taylor, E. B.	E	Greenwood, Del.	2
1897	Taylor, Harry	E	Laurel, Del.	3
1886	Taylor, W. P.	E	Quantico, Md.	2
1876	Terry, T. E.	R	Harrington, Del.	3
1903	Thomas, G. S.	E	Kent Island, Md.	3
1914	Thomas, E. P.	D	At School	2
—	Thompson, A. H.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1
1871	Tomkinson, W. E.	R	282 Paulison Ave., Passaic, N. J.	18
1876	Townsend, G. W.	R	Ridley Park, Pa.	3
1916	Thawley, R. T.	P	Bear, Del.	2
1871	Wallin, F. O. B.	R	Sweden	18
1879	Walton, O. S.	R	Red Lion, Del.	11
1885	Watt, Robert	E	Wilmington, Del.	2
1887	Webster, Z. H.	E	St. Michaels, Md.	1
1913	Wells, Z. W.	E	Wilmington, Del.	1

1917	West, H. D.	P	Christiana, Del.	1
1893	Westerfield, H. A. G.	Sy	Port Deposit, Md.	2
1901	Wheatley, M. E.	E	Concord, Md.	2
1893	White, W. L.	E	Easton, Md.	4
1875	White, W. W.	E	Lakesville, Md.	1
1908	White, Leonard	E	Centreville, Md.	1
1914	White, Frank	D	Galena, Md.	1
1905	Whittaker, I. S.	E	Hopewell, Md.	2
✓1882	Williams, C. H.	R	Snow Hill, Md.	3
1902	Williams, G. C.	E	Smyrna, Del.	2
✓1892	Williams, W. S. H.	R	Georgetown, Del.	1
✓1885	Willis, D. H.	R	Cambridge, Md.	5
1913	Willis, Ivanhoe	E	St. George's, Del.	1
1897	Wilson, J. H.	E	Pivot, Md.	3
1906	Wilson, Daniel	E	Oriole, Md.	3
1916	Windsor, L. E.	P	Little Creek, Del.	1
1884	Wise, W. A.	E	Smyrna, Del.	2
1886	Wood, G. E.	E	Rockland, Del.	1
1886	Wyatt, C. T.	E	Denton, Md.	2

LOCAL PREACHERS DIRECTORY.

Note:—Preachers in charge of Circuits or Stations are responsible for errors and omissions.

Local Elders.

Atkinson, W. F.	Westover, Md.	Faries, Wm.	Smyrna, Del.
Barrett, T. S.	Ellendale, Del.	Hudson, Jos. W.	Millsboro, Del.
Brooks, Alfred G.	Newark, Del.	Hudson, J. W.	Vienna, Md.
Conaway, W. N.	Harrington, Del.	Pardee, Thos.	Dover, Del.
Cross, E. L.	New Castle, Del.	Strickland, W. G.	Wilmington, Del.
Donoho, S. M.	Cambridge, Md.	VanBlunk, J. M. S.	Camden, N. J.
Ellis, W. A.	Millsboro, Del.		

Local Deacons.

Hardesty, J. W.	Salisbury, Md.	Rodgers, R. W.	Wilmington, Del.
McLain, L. T.	Georgetown, Del.	Tindale, W. J.	Laurel, Del.
Northrup, C. L.	Hurlock, Md.	Wiley, J. H.	Laurel, Del.

Licentiates.

Andrews, Milton	Cambridge, Md.	Bursler, Geo.	Marshallton, Del.
Asay, John	Wilmington, Del.	Cantwell, R. D.	Elkton, Md.
Ayers, J. F.	Leemont, Va.	Cantwell, W. N.	Cheswold, Del.
Biddle, Isaiah	North East, Md.	Cole, H. M.	Wilmington, Del.

Cooper, Jas. A.	Tilghman's, Md.	McCann, Harry	Hebron, Md.
Clark, D. S.	Kenton, Del.	McGonigal, H. A.	Hebron, Md.
Coleman, W. B.	Chestertown, Md.	McLaughlin, J. F.	Wilmington, Del.
Conner, R. G.	Wilmington, Del.	Mietzsch, Louis	Dover, Del.
Cooper, L. T.	Sharptown, Md.	Miles, P. J.	Upper Fairmount, Md.
Covington, Henry	Centreville, Md.	Mills, R. W.	Bishop's Head, Md.
Cummings, W. H.	Williamsburg, Md.	Minker, Ralph L.	Wilmington, Del.
Davis, A. W.	Wilmington, Del.	Moffitt, Charles	Wilmington, Del.
Davis, Chas. E.	Wilmington, Del.	Moore, W. V.	Mardela, Md.
Dean, John	North East, Md.	Nelson, W. C.	Lawsonia, Md.
Derrickson, J. L.	Pittsville, Md.	Prettyman, D. B.	Taylor's Is., Md.
Dixon, T. S.	Leemont, Va.	Rowlinson, J. T.	Royal Oak, Md.
Ellegood, J. A.	Ellendale, Del.	Russell, G. W.	Newark, Del.
Ely, T. B.	Wilmington, Del.	Rutter, C. W.	Wilmington, Del.
English, T.	Mardela, Md.	Savage, C. R.	Roxana, Del.
Ennis, J. T.	New Castle, Del.	Seibert, E. F.	Carpenter, Del.
Fogwell, S. J.	Hayden, Md.	Sharpless, C. D.	Wilmington, Del.
Ford, Walter	Smyrna, Del.	Shockley, E. M.	Townsend, Del.
Gallion, Harry W.	Perryville, Md.	Shockley, O. M.	Showells, Md.
Gibbons, S. O.	St. Georges, Del.	Simpson, Lester	Chance, Md.
Gilbert, Clarence	Wilmington, Del.	Sullivan, C. C.	Richardson Park, Del.
Gore, C. C.	Robbins, Md.	Talley, P. R.	Wilmington, Del.
Grant, W. S.	Houston, Del.	Todd, N. L.	Toddville, Md.
Gray, Franklin	Marshallton, Del.	Todd, B. R.	Wingate, Md.
Gray, Henry	Marshallton, Del.	Tomer, Hugh	Wilmington, Del.
Hackett, L. K.	Rhodesdale, Md.	Travers, Alonzo	Rock Hall, Md.
Hanby, S. L.	Boothwyn, Pa.	Truitt, W. C.	Millsboro, Del.
Hicks, R. H.	Queen Anne, Md.	Weldin, G. W.	Wilmington, Del.
Hill, C. W.	Eden Park, Del.	White, A. L.	Wilmington, Del.
Hodgson, R. S.	Felton, Del.	Whiteley, S. F.	Marshallton, Del.
Hopkins, C. M.	Bethel, Del.	Wilson, W. D.	Lewes, Del.
Jarrett, L. G.	Tyaskin, Md.	Wimbrow, L. E.	Salisbury, Md.
Keen, Clarence	Wilmington, Del.	Winder, E. J.	Seaford, Del.
Kirk, C. A.	Elkton, Md.	Wingate, W. H.	Greenback, Del.
Kitchen, C. B.	Wilmington, Del.	Wise, J. M.	New Castle, Del.
Law, W. A.	Selbyville, Del.	Wootten, John W.	Venton, Md.
Lowe, Lafayette	Laurel, Del.	Wright, W. J.	Bethlehem, Md.

APPOINTMENTS.

DOVER DISTRICT.

W. R. Mowbray, District Superintendent, (P. O. Dover, Del.)

Armory and Asbury. (Sup.) Thomas Pardee P. O. Dover, Del.	Houston, Del. W. S. Grant
Beckwith and Spedden, Md. (Sup.) E. L. Hubbard P. O. Cornersville, Md.	Hurlock, Md. L. W. Layfield
Bethel, Del. Tilghman Smith	Lakesville, Md. W. W. White
Blades and Epworth A. C. Smith P. O. Blades, Del.	P. O. Golden Hill, Md.
Bridgeville, Del. Howard Davis	Laurel, Del. F. F. Carpenter
Cambridge Md. S. N. Pilchard and R. J. Busbey	Leipsic, Del. C. H. Atkins
Camden, Del. J. T. Price	Lewes, Del. O. E. Jones
Canterbury, Del. (Sup.) A. R. Brown P. O. Viola, Del.	Lincoln, Del. J. H. Gardner
Church Creek, Md. (Sup.) Horace E. Truitt P. O. Crapo, Md.	Little Creek, Del. L. E. Windsor
Dover, Del. W. E. Gunby	Magnolia, Del. G. R. Ellis
East New Market, Md. T. C. Smoot	Milford, Del. R. K. Stephenson
Ellendale, Del. (Sup.) T. S. Barrett	Milford Neck & Williamsville, B. P. Moore
Elliott's, Md. (Sup.) C. H. Hudson	P. O. Milford Neck, Del.
Farmington, Del. J. M. Kelso	Millsboro, Del. J. L. Sparklin
Federalburg, Md. F. C. MacSorley	Milton, Del. D. J. Givan
Felton, Del. H. S. Dulaney	Mt. Pleasant, Del. Harry Taylor
Frederica, Del. W. W. Sharp	P. O. Laurel, Del.
Galestown and McKendree, Md. (Sup.) J. R. Kelly P. O. Seaford, Del.	Nassau, Del. G. S. Allen
Georgetown, Del. J. W. Colona	Rehoboth, Del. D. W. Jacobs
Georgetown Circuit, Del. N.C. Benson P. O. Georgetown, Del.	Reliance, Md. E. H. Marshall
Greenwood, Del. E. B. Taylor	P. O. Oak Grove, Del.
Harrington, Del. L. E. Barrett	Salem, Md. (Sup.) Alonzo Travers
Hickman and Epworth, W.T. McGuire P. O. Hickman, Del.	Seaford, Del. J. J. Bunting
Hooper's Island (Sup.) W.C. Buckson P. O. Fishing Creek, Md.	Seaford Circuit, Del. (To be supplied) P. O. Seaford, Del.
	Vienna, Md. C. W. Spry
	Williamsburg, Md. (Sup.) W. H. Cummings
	Wyoming, Del. R. T. Coursey
	Zoar, Del. (Sup.) L. T. McLain P. O. Georgetown, Del.
	H. G. Budd, Principal of the Wil- mington Conference Academy, P. O. Dover, Del. Member of Wesley Quar- terly Conference.

EASTON DISTRICT.

W. A. Wise, District Superintendent, (P. O. Smyrna, Del.)	
Bayside, Md. (Sup.) E. M. Shockley	Odessa, Del. H. C. Shipley
P. O. Sherwood, Md.	Oxford, Md. E. H. Derrickson
Bozman, Md. W. W. Chaires	Piney Neck, Md. (Sup.) J. A. Cooper P. O. Rock Hall, Md.
Burrsville, Md. (Sup.) W. N. Conaway	Pomona, Md. Edwin Gardner P. O. Chestertown, Md.
Cecilton, Md. J. L. Prettyman	Preston, Md. J. T. Richardson
Centreville, Md. Leonard White	Queenstown, Md. (Sup.) Frank Brisbin
Chestertown, Md. T. F. Beauchamp	Ridgely, Md. J. R. Bicking
Cheswold, Del. G. P. Smith	Rock Hall, Md. J. W. Prettyman
Church Hill, Md. W. H. Kenney	Royal Oak, Md. (Sup.) J. T. Rowlenson
Clayton, Del. C. N. Jones	St. Michaels, Md. Z. H. Webster
Concord, Md. M. E. Wheatley P. O. Hobbs, Md.	Salem Circuit, Md. (Sup.) Henry Covington P. O. Centreville, Md.
Cordova, Md. W. E. Matthews	Sassafras (Sup.) A. P. Prettyman P. O. Galena, Md.
Crumpton, Md. G. W. Stallings	Smyrna, Del. G. C. Williams
Denton, Md. C. T. Wyatt	Smyrna Circuit, Del. Milton McCann P. O. Smyrna, Del.
Easton, Md. W. L. White	Still Pond, Md. R. P. Nichols
Fairlee, Md. (Sup.) John White	Sudlersville, Md. J. A. Leach
Galena, Md. Frank White	Tilghman's, Md. C. T. Jones
Greensboro, Md. H. T. Quigg	Townsend, Del. Warren Burr
Henderson, Md. (Sup.) C. D. Sharpless	Trappe, Md. J. D. Reese
Hillsboro, Md. E. W. McDowell	Wye Mills, Md. J. M. Lindale
Kent Island, Md. G. S. Thomas P. O. Stevensville, Md.	
Kenton, Del. W. B. Guthrie	
Marydel, Md. O. B. Reed	
Middletown, Del. J. W. Jones	
Millington and Delaney J. M. Mitchell P. O. Millington, Md.	

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

V. S. Collins, District Superintendent, (P. O. Salisbury, Md.)	
Annamassex (Sup.) J. E. Parker	Dagsboro & St. Georges, Del.
P. O. Crisfield, Md.	J. C. B. Hopkins P. O. Dagsboro, Del.
Asbury, Md. V. E. Hills	Delmar, Del. F. N. Faulkner
P. O. Crisfield, Md.	Fairmount, Md. A. W. Goodhand
Berlin, Md. W. E. Greenfield	Frankford, Del. C. W. Strickland
Bishopville, Md. R. C. Jones	Fruitland, Md. G. F. Newton
Cape Charles, Va. W. F. Dawson	Girdletree, Md. (To be supplied)
Chincoteague, Va. L. B. Morgan	Gumboro, Del. W. M. McCann
Claremont, Va. (Sup.) J. T. Graham	Habnab (Sup.) Thos. Bird
Crisfield, Md. C. A. Hill	Hebron, Md. G. W. Hastings
Deal's Island, Md. J. P. Outten	

Holland's Island, Md.	Quantico, Md.	W. P. Taylor
(Sup.) S. T. Horseman	Roxana, Del.	O. H. Connelly
Mardella Springs, Md.	St. Peters, Md.	Daniel Wilson
(Sup.) W. V. Moore	P. O. Oriole, Md.	
Marion, Md.	Salisbury:	
J. W. Sutton	Asbury	J. T. Herson
Mt. Vernon, Md.	W. H. Revelle	Asbury
Nanticoke, Md.	D. J. Ford	Grace & Stengle
Newark, Md.	J. H. Geoghegan	Selbyville, Del.
Ocean City, Md.	W. C. Poole	Sharptown, Md.
Ocean View and Millville, Del.	G. E. Sterling	Smith Island, Md.
P. O. Ocean View, Del.		P. O. Ewell, Md.
Onancock, Va.	O. T. Baynard	Snow Hill, Md.
Parsonburg, Md.	D. J. Moore	Somerset, Md.
Phoebus, Va.	(Sup.) John Ditto	P. O. Chance, Md.
Pittsville, Md.	J. L. Derrickson	Stockton, Md.
Pocomoke City, Md.	W. O. Hurst	Tangier, Va.
Pocomoke Circuit, Md. (To be sup.)	P. O. Pocomoke, Md.	Westover, Md. (Sup.) W.F. Atkinson
Princess Anne, Md.	Leolan Jackson	Whitesville, Del.
Powellsville, Md.	M. W. Marine	C. P. Keen, Assistant Superintendent of the New York Anti-Saloon League.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Robert Watt, District Superintendent, (P. O. Wilmington, Del.)	
Bethel Circuit, Md.	J. H. Wilson
P. O. Pivot, Md.	
Charlestown, Md.	(Sup.) W. B. Horner
Cherry Hill, Md.	J. F. Anderson
Chesapeake City, Md.	M. D. Nutter
Chester-Bethel	F. J. Cochran
P. O. Boothwyn, Pa.	
Christiana, Del.	H. D. West
Claymont, Del.	C. C. Harris
Colora, Md.	O. E. James
Delaware City, Del.	T. N. Given
Ebenezer, Del.	J. W. Gray
P. O. Newark, Del.	
Elk Mills, Md. (Sup.)	E. W. Henvis
Elk Neck, Md. (Sup.)	Walter Ford
P. O. North East, Md.	
Elkton, Md.	Geo. P. Jones
Hockessin, Del.	D. F. McFaul
Hopewell, Md.	I. S. Whittaker
Kirkwood, Del. (Sup.)	O. S. Walton
P. O. Red Lion, Del.	
Marshallton & Cedars, Del.	J. P. Otis
P. O. Marshallton, Del.	
Mt. Lebanon, Del.	Geo. E. Wood
P. O. Rockland, Del.	
Mt. Pleasant, Del.	H. B. Kelso
P. O. Edgemoor, Del.	
Newark, Del.	E. P. Roberts
New Castle, Del.	J. H. Bickford
Newport, Del.	Asbury Burke
North East, Md.	G. R. Neese
Perryville, Md.	L. I. McDougle
Port Deposit, Md.	F. X. Moore
Port Penn, Del. (Sup.)	Henry Gray
Red Lion, Del.	R. T. Thawley
P. O. Bear, Del.	
Rising Sun, Md.	H. E. Reed
Stanton, Del.	R. W. Cooke
St. George's & Summit	
Ivanhoe Willis	
P. O. St. Georges, Del.	
St. John's, Md.	J. A. Brewington
P. O. Lewisville, Pa.	

Town Point (Sup.)	J. H. Thornton	Scott	J. L. Johnson
Zion, Md.	J. C. McCoy	Silverbrook	E. W. Jones
P. O. North East, Md.		Trinity (Sup.)	R. High Adams
Wilmington:—		Union	W. F. Corkran
Asbury	G. W. Dawson	Wesley	Z. W. Wells
Brandywine & Edgemoor			
	V. P. Northrup		J. H. Beauchamp, Superintendent of Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society, P. O. Wilmington, Del.
Brack Ex	J. W. Chappell		E. C. Prettyman, Assistant Superintendent of the Maryland Anti-Saloon League, P. O. Wilmington, Del.
Cookman	W. O. Bennett		E. H. Dashiell, Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission, P. O. Wilmington, Del.
Eastlake	E. H. Collins		E. P. Thomas left without appointment to attend one of our schools.
Epworth	J. Howard Gray		George Edward Reed, President of National Society for Broader Education, P. O. Harrisburg, Pa.
Elsmere	(Sup.) B. F. Jester		
Grace	H. F. Randolph and Walter A. Hearn		
Harrison St.	G. T. Alderson		
Hillcrest	(Sup.) Albert White		
Italian Mission	J. A. Pignatiello		
Kingswood	J. H. Warren		
Madeley	L. M. Broadway		
McCabe	J. W. Easley		
Mt. Salem	W. E. Habbart		
Richardson Park	G. W. Bounds		
St. Paul's	A. H. Thompson		

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Is this Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirement of the Discipline?
It is, under the laws of Delaware.
2. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conference?
John H. Bickford, Blatimore; John W. Chappell, Blue Ridge Atlantic; Arthur H. Thompson, No. Dakota.
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.
Charles H. Atkins, William S. Grant, William T. McGuire, Blanchard P. Moore, Joseph A. Pignatiello, Albert C. Smith, Harry D. West.
(b) In Studies of Third Year Under the Seminary Rule.
Walter A. Hearn.

- 6. Who have been Continued on Trial?**
 (a) In Studies of First Year.
 Raymond W. Cooke.
 (b) In Studies of Second Year.
 Charles C. Harris, Otis B. Reed, Roy T. Thawley, Lester E. Windsor.
 (c) In Studies of Third Year.
 None.
 (d) In Studies of Fourth Year.
 None.
- 7. Who have been Discontinued?**
 Herman O. Klug.
- 8. Who have been admitted into Full Membership?**
 (a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.
 Luther M. Broadway, Ralph C. Jones, John L. Prettyman, Charles W. Spry.
 (b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.
 None.
- 9. What Members are in Studies of Third Year?**
 (a) Admitted into Full Membership this year.
 Luther M. Broadway, Ralph C. Jones, John L. Prettyman, Charles W. Spry.
 (b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.
 None.
- 10. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**
 N. Claude Benson, Marion W. Marine, Essell P. Thomas, Frank White.
- 11. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?**
 (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.
 James A. Leach, Zach W. Wells.
 (b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously.
 None.
 (c) Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule.
 None.
- 12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?**
 (a) Local Preachers.
 None.
 (b) Under Missionary Rule.
 Joseph A. Pignatiello.
 (c) Under Seminary Rule.
 Walter A. Hearne.
- 13. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?**
 (a) As Local Deacons.
 None.

- (b) Under Missionary Rule.
 None.
- 14. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?**
 This was strictly done in open Conference.
- 15. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?**
 Blanchard L. McFarland, Wyoming State; Ira J. B. Hill, New Jersey; John H. Mitchell, Montana; Leopold Vaccaro, New York; Thomas R. Van Dyke, Baltimore.
- 16. Who have Died?**
 T. E. Martindale, S. M. Morgan, T. A. H. O'Brien, R. H. Lewis.
- 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 Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation?**
 H. A. G. Westerfield (2); E. L. Hoffecker granted leave of absence for one year under paragraph 186, Discipline 1916.
- 24. Who are the Retired Ministers?**
 J. A. Arters, G. W. Bowman, G. A. Cooke, W. P. Compton, G. S. Conaway, J. M. Collins, L. P. Corkran, James Esgate, W. M. Greene, T. H. Harding, G. L. Hardesty, T. S. Holt, Wilmer Jaggard, B. F. Jester, W. G. Koons, J. W. Poole, C. W. Prettyman, A. P. Prettyman, J. T. Prouse, P. H. Rawlins, Robert Roe, W. E. Tomkinson, T. E. Terry, G. W. Townsend, O. S. Walton, F. O. B. Wallin, D. H. Willis, C. H. Williams, W. S. H. Williams.
- 25. Who are the Triers of Appeals?**
 T. E. Terry, J. P. Otis, F. F. Carpenter, E. L. Hoffecker, H. T. Quigg. Reserves, C. A. Hill, G. T. Alderson.
- 26. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?**
 See Reports.

27. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?
See Reports.
28. What is the Statistical Report?
See the Statistician's Report.
29. What is the Conference Treasurer's Report?
See the Conference Treasurer's Report.
30. (a) What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?
\$51,578.
(b) What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?
\$6,740.
31. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?
\$29,698.
32. What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?
\$18,802. See Report of Conference Stewards.
33. What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference, to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants?
9½% of cash salary.
34. What amount has been paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for Connectional Relief?
\$720.
35. Where are the Preachers Stationed?
See List of Appointments.
36. Where shall the Next Conference be held?
Dover, Del.

JOURNAL.

FIRST SESSION—WEDNESDAY MORNING.

OPENING—The Forty-ninth Session of the Wilmington Annual Conference convened in St. John's Methodist Episcopal Church, Seaford, Del., Wednesday morning, March twenty-eighth, Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, at 8:30 o'clock, Bishop W. F. McDowell of Washington, D. C., presiding. After the administration of the Lord's Supper by Bishop McDowell, assisted by the District Superintendents and the pastor of the church, the roll was called by the Secretary of the last Conference, one hundred and thirty-nine members and probationers answering to their names. At the request of the Bishop the Conference arose and stood while the names of our recently deceased brethren were called and we all joined in singing two brief but familiar and appropriate hymns.

ORGANIZATION—The names of the following brethren were nominated for the office of Secretary of the Conference:—D. W. Jacobs, Z. H. Webster, L. E. Poole and W. H. Briggs. Before the appointment of the tellers had been announced, namely, Brothers R. T. Coursey, Warren Burr, C. A. Hill and G. W. Dawson, L. E. Poole and Z. H. Webster requested permission to withdraw their names, which permission was granted. The vote was taken and the result was as follows:—Total number of votes cast, 129. D. W. Jacobs received eighty votes; W. H. Briggs, forty-seven; and Z. H. Webster, two. D. W. Jacobs was then declared elected and named as his assistants, W. H. Briggs, J. R. Bicking and Tilghman Smith, and they were confirmed.

On motion of W. R. Mowbray, W. E. Gunby was re-elected Statistical Secretary, and named as his assistants, N. C. Benson, A. R. Brown, Leolan Jackson, G. R. Ellis, J. M. Kelso, G. S. Thomas, R. P. Nichols, A. W. Goodhand, Wm. M. McCann, T. J. Sard, George Sterling, J. H. Geoghegan, I. S. Whittaker and H. B. Kelso, Conference confirming same.

On motion of Robert Watt, J. W. Colona was re-elected Conference Treasurer, naming as his assistants, T. R. VanDyke, J. H. Gray, Daniel Wilson, J. J. Bunting, J. T. Richardson, W. P. Taylor, E. W. McDowell, W. G. Harris, V. E. Hills, W. H. Revelle, E. C. Prettyman, and they were confirmed.

J. T. Prouse was elected Postmaster.

CONFERENCE BAR—The seventh row of pews from the chancel was fixed as the bar of the Conference.

ADJOURNMENT—The hour of adjournment of each morning's session was fixed at twelve o'clock on motion of T. E. Terry.

BOARD OF STEWARDS—The following brethren were nominated by the District Superintendents as ministerial members of the Board of Stewards:—Dover District, L. W. Layfield; Easton District, J. W. Jones;

Salisbury District, W. O. Hurst; Wilmington District, E. W. Jones, and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS—The Committee on Conference Relations consisting of G. P. Jones, F. F. Carpenter, T. C. Smoot, F. X. Moore, J. Howard Gray, G. W. Dawson, L. W. Layfield, F. N. Faulkner, V. E. Hills, G. W. Hastings, R. K. Sstephenson and C. T. Wyatt was announced, and on motion, the first four named were elected to serve one year, the second four two years and the last four three years, and thereafter four shall be elected annually.

QUESTION 14—The Fourteenth Question, "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up. W. R. Mowbray, Superintendent of the Dover District was called, his character passed and he read a report of his work. The Effective Elders of this District were called, their characters passed and they reported all causes presented and collections taken.

QUESTION 15—The Fifteenth Question, "Who have been transferred and to what Conference?" was taken up. Bishop McDowell announced the transfer of Blanchard L. McFarland to the Wyoming State Conference.

DRAFTS—The following drafts were presented by the Bishop:—From the John C. Rose Fund, \$34.48; from the Board of Conference Claimants, \$200.; from the Methodist Book Concern, \$2,712., and they were ordered in favor of the Conference Board of Stewards.

RESOLUTIONS—L. E. Barrett presented and read the following resolutions which were adopted by a rising vote.

We wish to place ourselves upon record, as members of the Wilmington Conference, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, that we are not only interested in the present world movements, which seriously affect our civilization, and threaten the safety and perpetuity of our own beloved land, but that we are vitally concerned in all the preparations and plans made by our President and his co-laborers, to secure and preserve the priceless heritage of free government which has been purchased by the blood and treasure of our patriot fathers—therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we earnestly implore the Congress of the United States when it assembles in special session next Monday to take immediate steps toward placing the resources and appliances of the Government in proper shape for defense against the wily and unscrupulous foe which threatens our peace and safety.

RESOLVED, That we place ourselves, as Americans, and as ministers, squarely behind our Chief Magistrate in his patriotic efforts to resist the intrigue, deception, and ruthless warfare which the Imperial Government of Germany has waged, and is waging against our people. Our merchant ships have been sent to the bottom of the sea, and men, women and children thrown into the chilling waters to perish—their cries for help have been unheeded—the freedom of the seas has been denied us,

and now we are threatened with invasion by way of Mexico, while disloyalty lifts its horrid front in our very midst. Cowardice on the field of battle is severely dealt with, and there should be no place in the Congress of the United States for men who refuse to strengthen the hands of the authorities in the crisis which now tests our loyalty. There is no room in our country at the present time for a bifurcated citizenship—100 per cent. American is the need and demand of the hour. Every American should be loyal to the flag, which in times past, has been carried by strong hands and willing hearts through the smoke and blood of battle. While as Christian ministers, we try to save men, women and children from the ravages and results of sin, we also as patriots, desire to assist in saving our country from the depredations and outrages of an autocratic and despotic foe.

While we do not clamor for war, we do insist upon that "Righteousness which exalteth a nation," and the elimination of injustice and cruelty, which are "a reproach to any people."

We rejoice, and give glory to God, for the wonderful and potential revolution in Russia; from an autocracy which had grown to be a tyranny, to a democracy, which promises a nation where liberty, and justice will be meted out to all classes, seems a long distance; but with God all things are possible. His hand is surely seen in driving the Romanoff from the throne and in placing 170,000,000 souls whom Christ died to save in the way of freedom. The seed sown by earnest, liberty-loving men and women, who braved the horrors of Siberian dungeons, and the bullets of Cossack soldiery, has come to fruition in the opening of prison doors, and permitting their tortured inmates to return to their homes, where they can enjoy the sweets of freedom, hear the birds sing their notes of gladness, and look up at God's stars. We extend to this new Republic our congratulations, and our prayers and best wishes for a hearty growth.

INTRODUCTIONS—Ralph A. Ward, representing the Board of Foreign Missions, Edgar H. Rue, representing the World Outlook, A. L. Jordan, Accountant of the Methodist Book Concern, and J. T. Herson, Pastor of Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, Salisbury, Md., were introduced and the first two named addressed the Conference.

STATISTICAL CALL—The Conference Treasurer and Statistical Secretary collected the reports.

QUESTION 14—The Fourteenth Question was resumed. W. A. Wise, Superintendent of Easton District, was called, his character passed and he read a report of his work. The characters of the Effective Elders of this District were passed.

FLAG PRESENTATION—The entire Conference arose and remained standing while W. G. Harris brought forward a large American flag and on behalf of the Conference Board of Control of the Epworth League and its 20,000 young people, loaned it to the Conference. Bishop McDowell, after making appropriate remarks, assured this host of thoughtful and

patriotic young people that the flag would be kept in full view through the entire session.

CHANGE OF RELATION—The rule that a change of relation must first be referred to the Committee on Conference Relations having been suspended, on motion of their District Superintendents the relation of E. C. Sunfield, Alfred Smith and W. S. H. Williams was changed from Effective to Retired at their own request. In the case of E. C. Sunfield the Conference voted to approve the action of Eastlake Quarterly Conference relative to the estimate for his support.

METHODIST REVIEW—On motion of Robert Watt, R. W. Cooke, at the request of the publishing agents, was appointed to solicit subscriptions for the Methodist Review.

WELCOME—On motion of E. L. Hoffecker a welcome was extended to Bishop McDowell by a rising vote.

CLOSING—Announcements were made, doxology was sung and Conference adjourned, P. H. Rawlins pronouncing the benediction.

SECOND SESSION—THURSDAY MORNING.

OPENING—Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock, Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION—V. S. Collins moved that an executive session be held following the reading of the Journal on Friday morning, which motion was amended by Robert Watt that said executive session be called for this afternoon at two o'clock, and it was so ordered.

QUESTION 15—The Fifteenth Question was resumed. Bishop McDowell announced the transfer of J. H. Mitchell to the Montana Conference, Ira J. B. Hill to the New Jersey Conference and Leopold Vaccaro to New York.

ROLL CALL—Conference ordered the discontinuance of the roll call.

EPWORTH LEAGUE—W. A. Wise moved and Conference ordered the names of W. G. Harris, George Sterling and Leonard White added to the Committee on Epworth League.

QUESTION 14—The Fourteenth Question was resumed. The characters of the Effective Elders on Easton District having been passed at the previous session, Bishop McDowell then called their respective names and they reported causes presented and collections taken.

INTRODUCTIONS—Bishop J. W. Hamilton, H. P. Bennett, Circulation Manager of the Christian Advocate, John L. Alcock, Dr. J. F. Goucher and J. F. Heisse, representing the Methodist, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

THE METHODIST—On motion of V. S. Collins the Conference pledged itself to endeavor to secure 2,000 subscribers for The Methodist and assume the amount of \$500., said amount to be equitably apportioned by the District Superintendents.

QUESTION 14—When about to resume the Fourteenth Question, Bishop McDowell spoke of the extraordinary condition that has confronted the Salisbury District this year. The name of T. A. H. O'Brien, who was appointed Superintendent of Salisbury District at the last session of our Conference, was called and answered "deceased", as was also the name of his successor, T. E. Martindale. E. H. Dashiell, having been requested by Bishop McDowell to assume the work of the Superintendency of Salisbury District a short while before the convening of the Conference session, was then called, his character passed and he read a report of the work of the District. The characters of the Effective Elders of the District were then passed and they reported their work.

CHAIR—At the request of Bishop McDowell, Bishop J. W. Hamilton took the chair.

INTRODUCTIONS—A. W. Harris, Secretary of the Board of Education and Homer J. Smith, a retired member of the Ohio Conference but who now resides at Wyoming, Del., were introduced and addressed the Conference.

CHAIR—Bishop McDowell resumed the chair.

APPEAL—Robert Watt formally presented to Bishop McDowell the following rulings made by him at a certain Quarterly Conference and from which an appeal is taken, upon which Bishop McDowell rendered the appended decision.

Record of a Decision given the 2nd Quarterly Conference of Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, and of rulings made in the 3rd Quarterly Conference of the same church December 27, 1916.

In the 2nd Quarterly Conference, September 19, 1916, in the presence of the Rev. J. Howard Gray et al., and during the proceedings of the Quarterly Conference, one George Pierce asked whether he was still a member of Wesley, saying that he was marked "withdrawn." After a miscellaneous discussion the District Superintendent read paragraph 59 from the Discipline of 1916, holding that this law covered the case, and that George Pierce was still a member of the church. This was not a formal ruling on appeal, but in answer to a question of a member of the church, and of the Quarterly Conference. The pastor, Rev. G. A. Cooke, took exception, and it was noted in the Quarterly Conference Record. See Record.

In the 3rd Quarterly Conference held December 27, 1916, in the presence of the Rev. E. H. Dashiell et al., the Rev. G. A. Cooke raised the following questions: To wit—

- (1) Under question 2 in the pro forma proceedings of the Quarterly

Conference, viz., "what trustees are approved as members of the Quarterly Conference," the Rev. G. A. Cooke asked the District Superintendent to rule that question referred to applied to all the trustees at each Quarterly Conference. The District Superintendent ruled that the question involved applied only where there had been an election of trustees between Quarterly Conferences.

(2) Whereupon the Rev. G. A. Cooke moved that one J. R. Beckley be approved as a member of the Quarterly Conference, he having been elected since the 2nd Quarterly Conference. The District Superintendent stated that upon the advice of competent authority both Ecclesiastical and Civil he must decline to entertain the motion as improper, and for the following reasons, to wit:—

First, it appeared that J. R. Beckley was elected to the Board of Trustees to replace one Thorpe, who had been deposed by a public vote of the congregation.

Second, it also appeared that the District Superintendent had by letter requested the Rev. G. A. Cooke to refrain from raising this question on ground that its legal status would need to be determined by the courts, in case it came to issue, and upon the further ground that acting upon competent legal advice, as well as the advice of several Bishops, the District Superintendent would be put in the position of seeming to embarrass the pastor, a thing he had no wish to do.

Whereupon, the Rev. G. A. Cooke insisted that the motion be put, saying that all he desired was a ruling from which he might appeal, in order to get the matter before the Bishop at the Annual Conference.

The District Superintendent then gave the grounds of his refusal to entertain the motion.

(1) He held upon competent authority that Geo. F. Thorpe had been removed illegally, hence there was no vacancy to which J. R. Beckley or anyone else could be elected. And this for the reason that the Recall was not recognized in the laws of Delaware.

(2) Because the Methodist Episcopal Church is Connectional not Congregational in polity, hence the function of removal does not inhere in the Congregation, but only in the Quarterly Conference, and that only when the trustee has been elected by the Quarterly Conference.

To this ruling Rev. G. A. Cooke took formal exception, and the secretary was instructed to note the same in the Record. See Record.

In the third place Rev. G. A. Cooke offered a simple parliamentary motion that certain persons be dropped as stewards. The District Superintendent ruled that it required more than a simple motion to dispossess an official, more formal action being necessary. The pastor offered no nominations to replace the persons to be displaced, hence the ruling. The interpretation of the question "is any change desired in the Board of Stewards?" is meant, in the mind of the District Superintendent to mean more than a summary dismissal, hence the ruling. Rev. G. A. Cooke took formal exception to the ruling, and it was noted in the record.

ROBERT WATT, President.

FRANK H. MANLEY, Secretary.

Rulings of Bishop McDowell.

(1) The Bishop is of the opinion that the ruling of the District Superintendent was correct and in accordance with the Discipline and so rules.

(2) The Bishop is of the opinion that the "approval of trustees as members of the Quarterly Conference," to be made at any session of the Quarterly Conference, relates only to persons elected as trustees since the session preceding, and not already approved. The ruling of the Superintendent is, therefore, approved as correct.

(3) The Discipline of 1916 does not appear to give a Congregation the right to remove trustees in this manner. The laws of Delaware do not seem to confer such power on the Congregation. The Bishop is of the opinion, therefore, that no vacancy existed in the Board of Trustees to which said J. R. Beckley could be elected, and that the Superintendent was right in declining to entertain the motion for his confirmation.

(4) The Bishop is of the opinion that paragraph 318 gives the Quarterly Conference power "to dismiss or change the Stewards at pleasure" and is of the opinion that the motion might have been put to the Quarterly Conference, the responsibility for the vote being with the Quarterly Conference, and so rules.

VALIDITY OF INVESTIGATION—Robert Watt presented the following paper:—

The Rev. G. A. Cooke, pastor of Wesley Church, Wilmington Conference, was cited to appear before a Committee of Investigation to answer to a charge of Defamation. Owing to the fact that the Superintendent of Wilmington District, the Rev. Robert Watt, had been charged with bias and also the fact that by the Judicial Decisions of the General Conference, an administrator is inhibited from acting as Judge and witness, the said Rev. Robert Watt, after consulting competent authority, including the Editor of the Discipline, and several of the Bishops as to his right to exercise his office in defiance of the plain declaration forbidding such exercise, called upon the Rev. W. A. Wise, a District Superintendent of the same Conference, to preside in his stead, and to select the Committee.

At the beginning of the hearing the validity of the Court was challenged on the ground that according to par. 252, sec. 1 of the Discipline, the Court was not validly constituted, (see par. 252, sec. 1).

Whereupon the Rev. W. A. Wise as chairman of the Investigating Committee, rendered the following decision:

The Discipline provides (Par. 252, Sec. 1), that "The District Superintendent of the District within the bounds of which the acts alleged to have taken place shall preside throughout the proceedings"; but according to the law and practice of the Church where a District Superintendent becomes a party to the complaint he may call in the District Superintendent of an adjoining district to preside at the hearing. The District Sup-

erintendent of Wilmington District being a subscriber to the pending complaint has acted entirely within his rights when calling the Superintendent of Easton District to act as administrator in this case.

W. A. WISE, Chairman.

We, therefore ask for a ruling from the Presiding Bishop as to the question raised, viz., the validity of the trial Court. In other words, was the Court that tried and suspended the Rev. G. A. Cooke valid, and were its findings valid and binding?

Ruling of Presiding Bishop.

The Bishop is of the opinion that the ruling of the Chairman was in full accord with our law and usage; that the Committee as organized was valid and competent to act in the case; and that the findings of the Committee were valid and binding.

WILLIAM F. McDOWELL.

ORDER OF DAY—Certain matters relative to the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society having been committed to the care of Robert Watt, he moved their consideration be made the order of the day for tomorrow morning following the order already fixed, and it was so ordered.

QUESTION 14—The Fourteenth Question was resumed. The name of Robert Watt was called. The following charges were then formally preferred against him by G. A. Cooke which, at the request of the accused, were read by the Secretary:—

Charges Against Rev. Robert Watt, D. D.

The Methodist Episcopal Church

vs.

Rev. Robert Watt, D. D.

To the Wilmington Annual Conference—

The undersigned, a member of your body, hereby complains to you of the conduct of Rev. Robert Watt, D. D., District Superintendent of the Wilmington District, and herewith accuses him as follows:

CHARGE I. MALADMINISTRATION.

Specification 1. He knowingly and wilfully made two partisan rulings at the Second Quarterly Conference held in Wesley M. E. Church, on or about Sept. 19, 1916. The intent of these rulings was to favor a disloyal faction as against the pastor and the loyal members of the Quarterly Conference.

Specification 2. At the Third Quarterly Conference held in Wesley M. E. Church, on or about Dec. 27, 1916, he knowingly and wilfully made two judicial rulings the intent and effect of which was to prevent the Church and the Quarterly Conference from exercising their right to re-

move trustees and stewards for cause. The effect of this was to hinder and embarrass the pastor in his work and to intensify the opposition to him.

CHARGE II. MALFEASANCE IN OFFICE.

Specification 1. He knowingly and maliciously attempted to intimidate the complainant, who is pastor of Wesley M. E. Church, so as to deprive him of his rights in the trial of Clayton L. Crew. He threatened to have the complainant removed as pastor during the trial and also to have him arrested if he insisted on presiding at the trial. He also said in an angry tone, "Do you mean to defy my authority?" This was done in the office of Caleb E. Burchenal on or about Dec. 6, 1916, and was in violation of the Discipline of the Church.

Specification 2. He has refused to advise with the complainant and to assist him in overcoming the disloyal faction in Wesley Church. On two occasions he said he knew nothing about the trouble at Wesley Church and did not care to know, while at the same time he was giving active support to the opposing faction.

It was his duty under the law of the Church to see that the discipline was enforced, and to assist the pastor in every way possible. He has hindered the enforcement of discipline, and with malicious intent has injured the pastor and Wesley Church.

This is a flagrant abuse of office and a betrayal of trust that should not be condoned by the Wilmington Conference. I demand that he be brought to trial for these serious offenses.

GEORGE A. COOKE, Complainant.

January 15, 1917, Wilmington, Del.

Tilghman Smith moved all further consideration of charges be referred to an executive session, which was ordered.

REPORT OF WILMINGTON DISTRICT—Robert Watt, Superintendent of Wilmington District, was permitted to read his report.

The names of the Effective Elders of the Wilmington District were called, their characters passed and they gave reports of their work. When the name of G. A. Cooke was called the Superintendent announced that an Investigation was held at a certain date upon charges duly presented, and further consideration of this complaint was deferred to the Executive Session.

TIME EXTENDED—An extension of time was ordered.

STANDING COMMITTEE—W. A. Wise moved that the Committee on Education named yesterday in the list of Standing Committees be stricken from the list.

EXECUTIVE SESSION—On motion, Conference ordered doorkeepers be appointed at the executive session this afternoon with instructions to admit only our own or members of other Conferences.

CHANGE OF RELATION—On motion of Robert Watt, their Superintendent, the relation of A. P. Prettyman and B. F. Jester was changed from Effective to Retired at their own request, and the rule that a change of relation must first be referred to the Committee on Conference Relations was suspended.

CLOSING—Announcements were made, doxology was sung and W. E. Tomkinson pronounced the benediction.

THIRD SESSION—THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING—Conference convened at two o'clock in Executive Session, Bishop McDowell presiding. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. F. Heisse of the Baltimore Conference.

DOORKEEPERS—L. M. Broadway, E. H. Collins, J. L. Johnson and J. A. Leach were appointed doorkeepers.

PROBATIONERS—On motion of G. T. Alderson, probationers of the Conference were permitted to remain in the session.

EXCUSED—C. W. Strickland, W. F. Dawson and G. F. Newton were excused to attend the funeral of Brother Luther Mezsick.

ADJOURNMENT—At 2:30 o'clock Conference adjourned to convene immediately in executive session in the Methodist Protestant Church.

OPENING—Conference convened at three o'clock in executive session in the Methodist Protestant Church.

CHARGES AGAINST ROBERT WATT—E. H. Dashiell moved that the charges against Robert Watt be not entertained. On motion of H. G. Budd the vote was ordered to be by ballot. Tellers, consisting of Howard Davis, V. S. Collins, G. W. Dawson and F. F. Carpenter, were appointed, the vote was taken and the tellers retired.

EXAMINATION—On motion of Robert Watt the examination of J. A. Pignatiello was referred to the Board of Examiners.

CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY—C. W. Prettyman nominated the following as Managers of the Wilmington Conference Education Society, and they were elected:—Ministerial: F. J. Cochran, W. O. Hurst and F. C. MacSorley. Lay: Harry Mayer, Mayrice Alexander and L. M. Price.

ORDER OF DAY—On motion of E. H. Dashiell the report of the Secretary of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission was made the order of the day for Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

TELLERS' REPORT—The tellers returned and Bishop McDowell announced the result of the vote as to whether or not the charges against Robert Watt would be entertained, as follows:—For entertainment, 13; against entertainment, 129; and it was declared that the charges would not be entertained.

CHANGE OF RELATION—On motion of Robert Watt the relation of O. E. James was changed from Supernumerary to Effective.

CHARGES AGAINST G. A. COOKE—On motion, the charges against G. A. Cooke were presented and read. Conference voted to entertain the charges and refer them to a select number of fifteen. E. H. Dashiell and J. W. Easley were appointed Counsel for the Church, and, at his own request, G. A. Cooke was recognized as his own Counsel with the privilege of appointing his own assistant; subsequently, Z. H. Webster being recognized as that assistant.

NOMINATIONS FOR SELECT NUMBER—On motion of R. T. Coursey, C. W. Prettyman, L. E. Barrett, Z. H. Webster and J. M. Lindale were appointed a committee to nominate the Select Number, which they did as follows:—R. T. Coursey, Geo. C. Williams, Leolan Jackson, F. X. Moore, Milton McCann, C. T. Wyatt, Leonard White, Howard Davis, W. E. Greenfield, F. C. MacSorley, E. P. Roberts, S. N. Pilchard, T. J. Sard, F. J. Cochran and T. E. Terry. The persons thus nominated having been accepted by the Counsel for the Church and the Defense, were confirmed by the Conference.

CHAIRMAN OF SELECT NUMBER—Bishop McDowell announced the appointment of Dr. G. H. Bickley of the Philadelphia Conference as Chairman of the Select Number.

SECRETARY OF SELECT NUMBER—The Conference Secretary was appointed Secretary of the Select Number.

CHARGES REFERRED TO SELECT NUMBER—On motion of Robert Watt, Conference referred the charges against G. A. Cooke and all papers connected therewith to the Select Number for their consideration.

INTRODUCTION—Bishop McDowell introduced Dr. G. H. Bickley, and at the request of Dr. Bickley the trial was ordered held in executive session.

CLOSING—On motion Conference adjourned at 5:30 o'clock with prayer by Bishop McDowell.

FOURTH SESSION—FRIDAY MORNING.

OPENING—Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock, Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions. Prayer was offered by Dr. G. E. Reed.

JOURNAL—The reading of the Journals of yesterday's sessions was deferred.

ENDOWMENT GIFT—W. R. Mowbray presented a draft for \$1000. as a further gift from Mrs. Wm. A. Clash of Cambridge, Md., for the Conference Claimant Endowment Fund, and Mrs. Clash was presented to the Conference and greeted with a rising vote of thanks.

ORDER OF DAY—The order of the day was postponed.

QUESTION 11—The Eleventh Question, "What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up. James A. Leach and Zach W. Wells were called, their characters passed, the registrar reported, the District Superintendents represented, and on motion they were graduated from the Conference Course of Study and elected to Elder's Orders.

QUESTION 10—The Tenth Question, "What Members are in Studies of the Fourth Year?" was taken up. N. Claude Benson, Marion W. Marine, Essel P. Thomas and Frank White were called, their characters passed, the registrar reported, the District Superintendents represented, and on motion they were advanced to the Studies of the Fourth Year.

QUESTION 6—The Sixth Question, "Who have been Continued on Trial?" was taken up. Lester E. Windsor, Roy T. Thawley, Otis B. Reed and Charles C. Harris were called, their characters passed, the registrar reported, the District Superintendents represented and they were continued on trial and advanced to the Studies of the Second Year. Raymond W. Cooke was called, his character passed and he was continued in the Studies of the First Year at his own request.

EXCUSED—H. S. Dulaney, W. P. Taylor and J. A. Brewington were excused to attend a funeral.

QUESTION 8—The Eighth Question, "Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?" was taken up. Luther M. Broadway, Ralph C. Jones, John L. Prettyman and Charles W. Spry were called, their characters passed, the registrar reported and the Committee on Conference Relations recommended. (See Fifth Session—"Opening".)

QUESTION 7—The Seventh Question, "Who have been Discontinued?" was taken up. On motion of W. A. Wise, Herman O. Klug was discontinued at his own request.

INTRODUCTION—Dr. C. W. Karns, a member of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, was introduced and spoke in behalf of the Board of Conference Claimants.

SYMPATHY—On motion of E. H. Derrickson, Conference ordered an expression of its sympathy sent to the bereaved family of Luther Mezick and a committee was appointed to attend his funeral.

RESOLUTIONS—The following resolutions were presented and read by F. J. Cochran and adopted by the Conference:—"Resolved, that the Wilmington Annual Conference requested the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension to invest the Barrett's Chapel Endowment Fund at once. Second, that, for the present, the interest or proceeds of the Barrett's Chapel Endowment Fund be added yearly to the principal, increasing the same thereby. Third, that the District Superintendent of the Dover District and the pastor of Barrett's Chapel give special attention to the increase of the Barrett's Chapel Endowment Fund."

INTRODUCTIONS—Rev. C. E. Dryden, Pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church and W. Kay Lord of the Children's Home Society, were introduced, the last named addressing the Conference.

COMMITTEES—Howard Davis was excused as Chairman of the Committee on Bible, and J. W. Gray was made Chairman. L. E. Barrett and G. E. Reed were added to the Committee on Thanks.

QUESTION 23—The Twenty-third Question, "Who are the Supernumerary Ministers and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation?" was taken up. H. A. G. Westerfield (2).

QUESTION 24—The Twenty-fourth Question, "Who are the Retired Ministers?" was taken up. J. A. Arters, G. W. Bowman, W. P. Compton, G. S. Conaway, J. M. Collins, James Esgate, W. M. Greene, T. H. Harding, G. L. Hardesty, T. S. Holt, Wilmer Jaggard, W. G. Koons, J. W. Poole, C. W. Prettyman, J. T. Prouse, P. H. Rawlins, Robert Roe, W. W. Redman, Adam Stengle, W. E. Tomkinson, T. E. Terry, G. W. Townsend, O. S. Walton, F. O. B. Wallin, D. H. Willis, C. H. Williams, were called and their relation continued.

JUBILEE COMMITTEE—On motion of H. G. Budd the following were authorized as the Conference Jubilee Committee in connection with the Anniversary of the Board of Education:—Bishop W. F. McDowell, the four District Superintendents, the Trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy, the Wilmington Conference Education Society, and the Conference Visitors to the Academy.

INTRODUCTIONS—W. W. Davis, representing the Lord's Day Alliance, J. D. Spencer of Morgan College, and Charles M. Boswell of the Methodist Hospital of Philadelphia, were introduced and addressed the Conference, time having been extended. L. M. Bennett and N. C. Clough of the Methodist Protestant Church, Dr. N. Wallin Clark, and J. C. Bantam of the Delaware Conference, and Samuel Shaw, Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, were introduced to the Conference.

CLOSING—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, G. L. Hardesty pronouncing the benediction.

FIFTH SESSION—SATURDAY MORNING.

OPENING—Conference convened at 8:30, Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions. Just previous to the conclusion of the devotional service Bishop McDowell addressed the class consisting of Luther M. Broadway, Ralph C. Jones, John L. Prettyman and Charles W. Spry, and after asking them the usual disciplinary questions preparatory for admission into full membership, they were so admitted and elected to Deacon's Orders and passed to the Studies of the Third Year.

JOURNALS—The Journals of Thursday morning, Thursday afternoon and Friday morning were then read and approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION—At the request of Bishop McDowell, Dr. G. H. Bickley, who presided over the Select Number in the case of G. A. Cooke, made a brief statement of the present status of the case, and on motion of W. E. Tomkinson, Conference immediately convened in executive session, and Leolan Jackson and Frank White were appointed door-keepers.

RESOLUTIONS—C. T. Wyatt then presented and read the following resolutions and they were adopted:—In recognition of the service rendered us by Dr. G. H. Bickley of the Philadelphia Conference, appointed by Bishop W. F. McDowell to preside at the trial of Rev. G. A. Cooke, **RESOLVED**, that in Dr. Bickley we have found an able administrator of the law; one who held the scales of justice with an even hand, and was absolutely impartial in the discharge of his executive responsibility; **RESOLVED**, that we hereby express our appreciation of his efficient service in the performance of a delicate and trying duty. We wish for this honored servant of the Church years of increasing usefulness in the extension of the Kingdom.

IN RE. G. A. COOKE CASE—Dr. G. H. Bickley then read the following proposal from G. A. Cooke:—"Dear Brethren: What I may have done during the past few years toward a reformation in our beloved Methodism has been in good faith, for the good of the Church and the glory of God. I have passed through a year of intense agitation that has put me under a great strain. Under the pressure of circumstances that were unusual, I may have said and done some things that were unwise and that have resulted harmfully to the Church. There is much that I regret and deplore. If I have wronged any one or if my conduct has in any way brought reproach on the Church, I am sincerely sorry. If the matter can be so adjusted that the Conference can recall the trial committee and extend to me forgiveness for alleged offenses, I shall be satisfied to take a Retired relation, if that is the pleasure of the Conference. (Signed) G. A. Cooke."

Dr. Bickley then presented and read the following recommendations of the Select Number:—

1. That they be discharged from further consideration of the charges against Rev. George A. Cooke.
 2. That these charges be dismissed.
 3. That all papers in the case be placed in the custody of the Secretary of the Annual Conference.
 4. That this be accepted as the final adjudication of this case, so that there shall be no appeals nor attempt to continue the agitation.
 5. That under these conditions we recommend that the request of Rev. G. A. Cooke that his relation be changed from Effective to Retired be granted.
 6. That a special committee be appointed to prepare a statement to be given to the press covering the present situation.
- On motion of W. F. Corkran said recommendations were unanimously

adopted and waiving the referring of his case to the Committee on Conference Relations, G. A. Cooke was given the Retired relation in accordance with his own proposal.

PRESS COMMITTEE—On motion, Bishop McDowell then appointed Dr. G. H. Bickley, Z. H. Webster and E. H. Dashiell a committee to prepare a report for the press.

COLLECTION—A collection was taken to defray trial expenses.

QUESTION 5—The Fifth Question, "Who have been Received on Trial?" was taken up. The Secretary read the recommendations in due form for admission on trial of Blanchard P. Moore, Charles H. Atkins, William T. McGuire, Ridgeway J. Busbey, Albert C. Smith, Wade H. Cummings, William S. Grant, Joseph A. Pignatiello, Harry D. West, Walter A. Hearn, W. Vaughan Moore and Alonzo Travers and they were introduced to the Conference, after which they retired from the session. The Registrar and Committee reported, the Superintendents represented and Blanchard P. Moore, Charles H. Atkins, William T. McGuire, Albert C. Smith, William S. Grant, Harry D. West and Joseph A. Pignatiello were received on trial and placed in the Studies of the First Year. In the cases of W. Vaughan Moore, Ridgeway J. Busbey, Wade H. Cummings and Alonzo Travers, their respective Superintendents were permitted to withdraw their recommendations and employ them as supplies.

EXAMINERS—Time having been extended, Bishop McDowell announced the examiners for the quadrennium as follows:—T. F. Beauchamp, O. E. Jones, W. O. Bennett, Z. H. Webster, E. W. Jones, J. L. Sparklin, M. D. Nutter, V. E. Hills, G. C. Williams, G. P. Jones, J. H. Gray and V. P. Northrup.

QUESTION 12—The Twelfth Question, "What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?" was taken up. Joseph A. Pignatiello was elected to Deacon's Orders under the Missionary Rule. The Registrar and Committee reported, the Superintendent represented and Walter A. Hearn was received on trial and elected to Deacon's Orders under the Seminary Rule.

CHANGE OF RELATION—On motion of his District Superintendent, the relation of L. P. Corkran was changed from Effective to Retired at his own request.

CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY—On motion of Robert Watt, the proposition of the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society, which was a postponed order of the day, was then considered. A motion authorizing and directing the District Superintendents to make an apportionment as suggested by Dr. Watt was properly seconded, but after some discussion Conference adjourned without taking action thereon.

CLOSING—Announcements were made, Dr. John W. Hancher, Associate Secretary Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced and pronounced the benediction.

SIXTH SESSION—SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING—Conference convened in Memorial Session at two o'clock, T. E. Terry presiding. On motion, L. E. Barrett was elected Chairman and conducted the devotions.

MEMOIRS—C. W. Prettyman read the memoir of T. E. Martindale; T. E. Terry, that of T. A. H. O'Brien; Robert Watt, that of S. M. Morgan; J. Howard Gray, that of R. H. Lewis; V. S. Collins, that of Mrs. C. Clintonia Browne, and G. C. Williams, that of Mrs. H. S. Thompson. On motion of W. A. Wise the memoirs were then adopted.

ORDINATION SERVICE—At 3:45 o'clock Bishop McDowell took the chair.

DEACONS—The Secretary of the Conference called the names and presented those elected to Deacon's Orders, and Bishop McDowell ordained as Deacons, Luther M. Broadway, Ralph C. Jones, John L. Prettyman, Charles W. Spry, Walter A. Hearn and Joseph A. Pignatiello.

ELDERS—The names of those elected to Elder's Orders were called, the Secretary presented and Bishop McDowell, assisted by the District Superintendents and other Elders, ordained as Elders, James A. Leach and Zach W. Wells.

CLOSING—Conference adjourned, T. E. Terry pronouncing the benediction.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This is to certify that on the First Day of April, Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, I ordained Luther M. Broadway, Ralph C. Jones, John L. Prettyman, Charles W. Spry, Walter A. Hearn and Joseph A. Pignatiello as DEACONS; and assisted by the District Superintendents and other Elders, I ordained James A. Leach and Zach W. Wells as ELDERS in the Church, they having been duly elected to the above orders respectively by the Wilmington Annual Conference.

Seaford, Del. WILLIAM F. McDOWELL,
Bishop.

SEVENTH SESSION—MONDAY MORNING.

OPENING—Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock, Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions.

JOURNALS—The Journals of Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon were read and approved.

CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY—The unfinished business of the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society was then taken up. W. F. Corkran presented and read the following resolutions and moved their adoption as a substitute for the motion before us, (see close of Saturday morning's session for motion before the Conference):

RESOLVED, First, that it is the best judgment of this Conference that a Corresponding Secretary of the Wilmington City Missionary Society should not be appointed to that office for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED, Second, that we advise that the District Superintendent of the Wilmington District shall have such supervision of the work of the Wilmington City Missionary Society as he has over all other work of the District where such supervision will not conflict with the law of the Church.

RESOLVED, Third, that the Wilmington City Missionary Society be and is hereby urged to greater energy in the prosecution of its work along all lines, especially among the foreign speaking populations—opening up work among the Polish people as soon as possible, furnishing information to all our people as far as possible upon the needs and progress of the work, making appeals for financial aid and employing such workers as are necessary to a broader and more intensive campaign.

RESOLVED, Fourth, that we authorize and instruct our District Superintendents to apportion at least \$3,500. to the charges of the Conference on such basis as may seem to them just and equitable, and that we pledge ourselves to an honest effort to raise the same and, further, we pledge ourselves to make special appeals as opportunity may present for contributions for the building fund of our Italian church building or any other extraordinary emergency which may arise in the progress of the work.

After discussion, on motion of T. E. Terry the previous question was ordered. V. S. Collins moved and Conference ordered the resolutions presented by W. F. Corkran be divided and brought before us in inverse order. Sections four and three were adopted. Section two, on motion of G. W. Dawson, by a count vote of sixty-six to thirty-four, was laid on the table. Section one, on motion of G. C. Williams, was laid on the table. Conference having adopted these two resolutions then adopted the original motion as substituted.

Robert Watt moved and Conference approved the following program:

First, that an apportionment be asked of each charge, thus leaving the Secretary free to devote his energies to the real work of the City.

Second, that we may be in accord with the program of the City Department of the Board in Philadelphia.

Third, that we may as fast as possible identify our city missionary work with the English speaking churches.

Fourth, that the Corresponding Secretary address himself to the building of a fund for permanent investment.

REPORT OF CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY—E. L. Hoffecker, Corresponding Secretary, presented and read his report and it was adopted.

INTRODUCTION—Mrs. W. F. McDowell, wife of Bishop McDowell, was introduced to the Conference.

SABBATICAL YEAR—On motion of G. T. Alderson, E. L. Hoffecker was granted a years leave of absence in accordance with Paragraph 186, Discipline, 1916.

ENDOWMENT REPORT—E. H. Dashiell read the report of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission and it was adopted.

QUESTION 36—The Thirty-sixth Question, "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was taken up. The invitation of Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, Dover, Del., presented by W. E. Gunby, the Pastor, was accepted, and on motion, the details of entertainment were referred to the Bureau of Sessions.

STEWARDS' REPORT—W. O. Hurst presented and read the report of the Board of Stewards which was adopted, together with the following recommendations:

1. That the list of Memorial Funds for Conference Claimant Endowment be printed in the Minutes.
2. That the sum of \$8,690 be taken from the collection for Conference Claimants and placed to the credit of the Annuity Fund.
3. That the apportionment to the pastoral charges to be raised for the support of the Conference Claimants be an amount equal to 9½% of the estimates for cash support of pastors for the current year.
4. That the report of the distribution of Claimant Funds be adopted without being read.
5. That the following persons be elected Trustees of Claimant Funds: Robert Watt for Mrs. Annie D. Chatham; Mrs. Jeannie R. Fields for Mrs. Sarah V. Creamer; Mrs. James Esgate for the Rev. James Esgate; Mrs. Pauline Murray for Edwin Nelson Murray, and Mrs. Emma E. Cannon for Emma J. W. Cannon.

CHAIR—At the request of Bishop McDowell, T. E. Terry took the chair.

REPORT OF WILMINGTON CONFERENCE ACADEMY—The report of the Trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy was read by R. K. Stephenson, and on motion of C. E. Hill it was adopted and H. G. Budd was granted the floor.

RESOLUTIONS—H. G. Budd presented and read the following resolutions, which have already been adopted by the Conference Educational Jubilee Committee:—"WHEREAS, at the session of the Conference held in Laurel, March 24-29, 1915, the following resolution was adopted: 'Resolved, that we recommend to the Conference the inauguration of a

special campaign for the purpose of raising Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) for the Wilmington Conference Academy, and that the Conference requests the Trustees of the Academy to make out a program in connection with the Board of Education of our Church, so as to make it part and parcel of the General Campaign for Education, to be launched by the Board of Education, December 1, 1916.' The movement shall now be organized under one general campaign committee composed of representatives as follows:—From the Board of Trustees of the Academy; from the Faculty; from the Alumni Association; from the Students; from the city of Dover; and from each District of the Wilmington Conference.

The Committee should be organized with an outstanding layman as Chairman, who should be elected by the Board of Trustees of the Academy; a minister for Secretary, and as many vice-chairmen as may seem necessary. The above representatives to be chosen by their own organizations.

It is the opinion of your committee that this General Campaign Committee should be selected as soon as the necessary preliminary steps shall have been taken. We are of the opinion, further, that this campaign committee should plan with the Educational Jubilee Commission to launch the intensive movement of the Wilmington Conference Academy Campaign for the Two Hundred Thousand Dollars at such time as to articulate it and correlate it with the campaigns of other schools in this section of the country, now being arranged.

It was further resolved that we pledge Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.) on the Million Dollar Campaign, making a total of Two Hundred and Ten Thousand Dollars (\$210,000.) to be raised for Christian education in this campaign."

J. W. Easley moved to defer the further consideration of this subject until the members of the Cabinet and the Secretary of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission were present. On motion of E. L. Hoffecker, the motion of J. W. Easley was laid on the table.

On motion of H. G. Budd, Conference ordered the adoption of that portion of the resolutions concerning the addition of \$10,000., as well as those sections that state the organization of the Committee and the time of selecting the Campaign Committee. On motion of V. S. Collins, H. G. Budd was made Secretary of the Committee until the campaign is organized. The paper as a whole was then adopted.

CONFERENCE ACADEMY TRUSTEES—On motion of H. G. Budd a committee, consisting of one from each District, was appointed to nominate ten ministers to fill the vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy. The committee, consisting of T. R. VanDyke, F. C. MacSorley, W. L. White and C. A. Hill, was then permitted to retire in order to present nominations.

REAPPOINTMENT—W. E. Tomkinson moved that Bishop McDowell be requested to reappoint H. G. Budd as Principal of the Wilmington Conference Academy, and it was so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT—G. T. Alderson moved that the visiting brethren be introduced to the Conference and we then adjourn to meet at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, and Conference so ordered.

CHAIR—Bishop McDowell resumed the chair.

INTRODUCTIONS—Dr. J. H. Morgan, President of Dickinson College, P. J. Maveety, Corresponding Secretary of the Freedman's Aid Society, H. W. Dunkley and C. A. Campbell of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, were introduced, and the first two named addressed the Conference.

NOMINATIONS—Immediately after the extension of time the committee appointed to make nominations for Trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy reported the following names:—G. C. Williams, R. P. Nichols, W. F. Corkran, W. H. Briggs, V. S. Collins, G. T. Alderson, T. F. Beauchamp, F. J. Cochran, J. W. Easley, and W. O. Hurst. By common consent the name of W. R. Mowbray was added to the list. The vote having been taken, the tellers, consisting of Howard Davis, G. W. Dawson, L. E. McDougale and C. A. Hill withdrew to an adjoining room.

INTRODUCTION—Harry Wilson, representing the Board of Sunday Schools, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

CLOSING—Conference then adjourned, Bishop McDowell pronouncing the benediction.

EIGHTH SESSION—MONDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING—Conference convened at 1:30 o'clock, Bishop McDowell presiding. Prayer was offered by R. T. Coursey.

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

TELLERS' REPORT—The tellers reported the five persons receiving the largest number of votes were, W. R. Mowbray, G. T. Alderson, V. S. Collins, T. F. Beauchamp and W. F. Corkran, and they were declared elected Trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy.

COURSE OF STUDY—The following with reference to the Course Study was presented, read and adopted:—Whereas, there is special unrest in the Church on account of the new Course of Study which cannot be harmonized with the established standards of the Church; we, therefore, respectfully request the Bishops to carefully consider this matter and remove the cause for this unrest.

REPORT—The report of the Committee on Woman's Home Missionary Society was read and approved.

CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY—The report of the Wilmington Conference Education Society was read, and on motion of W. F. Corkran we then proceeded to take a subscription to cover a deficit faced by this Society, and the Secretary of said Society was instructed to make an appeal to the brethren who were absent.

OFFICIAL VISITORS—On motion of V. S. Collins, certain brethren were elected Official Visitors from this Conference. (See "Official Visitors" in front of Journal.)

CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS—W. A. Wise announced the Conference recommendations to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension as follows:—Wilmington City Missions, \$2500.; Conference needs at large, \$1000., and they were approved.

EDIT JOURNAL—On motion of W. E. Tomkinson the Secretary was authorized to edit the minutes, and that edition was made the Official Journal.

STATISTICAL REPORT—W. E. Gunby, Statistical Secretary, presented and read his report and it was adopted.

COLLECTION—An offering of \$200. was asked for to cover cost of minutes, gift to sextons, Conference postmaster, Secretaries' expense accounts, and inwhich, on motion of C. A. Hill, was included the sum of \$100. for a worthy cause, and he (C. A. Hill) was authorized to deliver said \$100. to the needy person.

REPORTS—Reports of committees on Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and Bible were read and approved.

RESOLUTIONS—V. E. Hills presented and read the following resolutions which were adopted:—WHEREAS, the District of Columbia, the seat of our National Capital, has no Sunday law; and, WHEREAS, our General Conference at its last session appointed the resident Bishop at Washington, D. C., the Superintendent of the Washington District, and the General Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of Maryland a Committee to secure the enactment of a law for the District of Columbia protecting the Christian Sabbath; and, WHEREAS, the senior Senator from Maryland is Chairman of the District of Columbia Committee which has charge of legislation for the District; THEREFORE, Be it Resolved, that we request Senator Smith to use his great influence to secure the passage of a Sunday law for the District of Columbia that will protect that Sacred Day from the attacks of greed and sport. Be it further Resolved, that we instruct our Committee on Sabbath Observance to cooperate with the committee appointed by the General Conference.

REPORT—The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was read and approved, and the names on the Special Committee were announced as follows:—G. P. Jones, W. E. Gunby, C. T. Wyatt, W. L. White and Leolan Jackson.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES—On motion of Robert Watt the Secretary cast the ballot for the following persons as Conference Trustees:—V. S. Collins and J. M. Kelso, elected to succeed themselves; R. K. Stephenson, for the full term of three years; W. F. Corkran to fill the unexpired term of T. E. Martindale.

TEMPERANCE REPORT—The committee on Temperance read its report and on motion of V. S. Collins it was amended to include the names of those in the Delaware Legislature who stood by the Temperance forces.

COMMITTEE REPORTS—Reports of Committees on Thanks, Methodist Hospital, Periodicals, Epworth League, Freedman's Aid Society and Auditing Committee were read and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT—J. W. Colona presented and read his report as Conference Treasurer, and it was adopted.

DEACONESS BOARD—The report of the Conference Deaconess Board was read and adopted, and the nominations therein made were approved.

REPORT—The report of the Treasurer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was read and adopted.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES' REPORT—On motion of V. S. Collins the Board of Trustees of the Wilmington Annual Conference were permitted to file with the Secretary their report for record and publication.

INTRODUCTION—J. H. Warren of the Blue Ridge Atlantic Conference was then introduced.

QUESTION 2—The Second Question, "Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?" was taken up. Bishop McDowell announced the transfer into this Conference of Arthur T. Thompson from the North Dakota Conference; John H. Bickford from the Baltimore Conference, and John W. Chappell from the Blue Ridge Atlantic Conference.

QUESTION 15—The Fifteenth Question, "Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?" was resumed. Bishop McDowell announced the transfer of T. R. VanDyke to the Baltimore Conference.

CONF. CLAIMANT END. COMMISSION—On motion of E. H. Dashiell, T. H. Bock was elected a member of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission.

ADJOURNMENT—On motion of W. E. Tomkinson it was ordered that after the reading of the Journal, appropriate devotions and the announcement of the appointments, Conference stand adjourned without date.

JOURNAL—The Journal of this session was read and approved.

CLOSING—After prayer by Bishop McDowell and the announcement of the appointments, Conference adjourned.

DISSTON W. JACOBS,
Secretary.

WILLIAM F. McDOWELL,
President.

MEMOIRS

Rev. Raymond H. Lewis.

The Rev. Raymond H. Lewis was born at Fishing Creek, Maryland, October the 7th, 1885, and entered upon his heavenly career August 30th, 1916.

Brother Lewis was in many respects a rare soul. His character was sun clear, there were no dark corners in his being. He early in life set out to secure an education that would fit him for a career in the business world. The public schools and Randolph and Macon College enabled him to lay the foundations of a substantial education. While yet in school the call to the Christian Ministry came. He did not at first welcome that call. It did not accord with his plans and ambitions. But he soon saw that peace of mind was impossible apart from his Godgiven task. In the spring of 1901 he applied to the Wilmington Conference for work and was assigned to Little Creek, Delaware.

From the beginning of his brief ministry to its close he was a man of ONE work. He interpreted his vows literally. So manifest was this that more than once his officials remarked to the writer "that man lives and sleeps with his work. He cannot keep it out of his conversation. Let the discussion be what it may sooner or later he drifts it toward the work of the church." What higher encomium than this could be pronounced? In the exalted language of the Apostle to the Gentiles brother Lewis could say "This one thing I do."

His was a revival ministry from the beginning. It was in a revival held at Selbyville under his ministry that the foundations of this important charge were laid. He sedulously cultivated the sentiment for a better house of worship, and the beautiful stone structure in that town is due largely to the zealous, tactful leadership of this faithful Minister. While pastor in Selbyville there grew up between brother Lewis and the present Governor of Delaware, Hon. John G. Townsend, Jr., a firm and lasting friendship.

When the writer of this memoir was appointed to the Superintendency of Easton District, in 1910, Brother Lewis was assigned to Galena. His ministry there was phenomenal. From a moderate circuit he made it a strong station, and if he could have retained his health, Galena would have developed into one of our best appointments. While here there developed between us, though widely separated in age, a beautiful friendship whose affection deepened as the years went by. He loved me as though I had been his blood brother. He never took an important step in his church work without consulting me.

It was during this pastorate that failing health necessitated his retirement from the active ministry. He made a brave struggle to regain

his health, but it was a losing battle. His none too strong constitution was undermined by an insidious disease that gradually sapped his vitality until the end came and the unequal battle was over.

During all those months of suffering, suffering at times acute and exhausting, he never murmured or complained. His faith was unwavering. Cut down on the threshold of what promised to be a ministry of unusual power and usefulness, he did not question the Divine will. He longed to return to the work to which he had surrendered his time and talents, but his submission to the will of the Heavenly Father was beautiful.

As a preacher brother Lewis was tender, clear, convincing, and persuasive. His one aim was to win folks for the King, and in that quest he had large success. His all too brief ministry was characterized by sweeping revivals, and it was the exception rather than the rule, when any service went by without some soul making surrender to Jesus Christ. As a man he was a typical Christian gentleman. And he was a man's man, withal, yet little children clung to him and loved him. His diligence as a pastor was no less marked than his ability as a preacher. He was not of the number who seek to excuse neglect of the pastoral office on the plea that the pulpit claimed all their time and energy. He interpreted his vows at their face value. He had not forgotten that he had promised to "visit from house to house," and to instruct the children diligently in each place. In his pastoral work he displayed tact, and a human element that made his (pastoral) work most effective. He bound folks to him with "bands of steel."

He took unto wife the daughter of one of our own ministers, Miss Gertrude Bowman, the daughter of the Rev. G. W. Bowman. Their married life was a most happy one, and no minister ever had a more efficient helpmeet than brother Lewis. Trained in a parsonage, gifted by nature, finely educated, of a genial, gracious manner, Mrs. Lewis supplemented the work of her husband most effectively. During those long, anxious months, when she watched the gathering of the shadows, she cheered and comforted her ailing husband with a loving ministry that went far toward illumining the shadows and sustaining him under sore trial.

His mortal remains were laid to rest within sight of the place where he first saw the light. He has not lived in vain. He being dead yet speaketh.

ROBERT WATT.

Rev. Thomas E. Martindale, D. D.

Rev. Thomas E. Martindale was a rare spirit, jovial in disposition. His hand was always outstretched to his brethren. You can hear him now in your imagination saying "Well, Old Fellow, how are you?" He was a central if not the central figure in our Conference. If there was a difficult place to fill, or unique speech to make, he was sought to fill the place or make the speech.

When Bishop Berry called a meeting of the Philadelphia, New Jersey, and Wilmington Conferences for the purpose of a forward movement in Evangelism, all eyes turned to Dr. Martindale to represent us, and he did the work so well that the larger Conferences were amazed that the Wilmington Conference had such a strong man to represent it, for his speech was a marvel of strength and beauty.

There was combined in him the unusual; the strong preacher and the good pastor; he had the happy faculty of knowing all his people, the poor as well as the rich; he carried light and joy into many homes of sorrow. He was a cultured, refined, and accomplished christian gentleman of the finest type.

His was a cheerful and devotional spirit. Who can forget his prayers as he came face to face with God? While he joked with men, when he approached the Deity his language was chaste, pure, and tender. The world is poorer and heaven richer for his translation.

Thomas E. Martindale was born in Camden, Delaware, Sept. 9, 1843. His parents were Thomas and Margaret A. Martindale. His great grandfather on his father's side was Phillip Barratt, after whom Barratt's Chapel was named, and who presented the ground and furnished most of the means with which the famous Chapel was built.

He was, therefore, a Methodist of the Methodists, and was proud that his ancestors stood so closely related to the real birthplace of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for it was in old Barratt's Chapel that the plans were laid for the Christmas Conference to meet in Baltimore, Md., at which time the Church was organized.

After passing through the ordinary schools in Camden, Delaware, he entered what was known as The Academy in that town. It was at that time a classical school of fairly high grade, teaching the ancient languages and higher mathematics; here he remained until his father's death. After fifteen years of age he did his work as a student without instructors, and continued to be an ardent student to the end of his life.

He was converted at Camden Camp Meeting in 1857 under the ministry of Rev. R. W. Todd. He taught a district school in Delaware for nearly two years. In the spring of 1861 he volunteered as a private soldier in the first Delaware Regiment for three months, and at the close of his enlistment he was honorably discharged.

He was licensed to preach in Camden, Delaware in 1862 and was soon after sent by the Presiding Elder to Asbury Church, Philadelphia, to assist Rev. Mr. McCaskey, who died during the year, leaving Bro. Martindale in charge.

He was admitted on trial in the Philadelphia Conference March, 1864, and was sent to Easton, Md., as Junior Preacher with Rev. J. B. Merritt. He was ordained Deacon March, 1866 and Elder, 1868.

He was married in May, 1867 while stationed at Newton (now Pocomoke City) to Miss Anna M. Hazzard, daughter of Rhodes and Lucinda M. Hazzard of Seaford, Delaware. She proved a helpmeet indeed, her home life was joyous, earnest, and spiritual. She became one of the

great workers in the W. C. T. U. Miss Francis E. Willard said of her: "She is one of the gentlest and noblest women with whom I have ever been associated." There were born of this happy marriage three children, May, now Mrs. Bryan, of Camden, New Jersey; Lucinda, of Boston, Mass., and Ernest, who died in Middletown, Delaware, April 14th, 1879, at six years of age. Sister Martindale was called to her heavenly home December, 1889.

Bro. Martindale not only occupied a large place in the Conference but in the world as well; and many times he was called on to speak for patriotic associations, for town and state. In 1885 he served as Chaplain of the Senate of Delaware.

The following extract closing a sermon to the G. A. R. will serve to illustrate his chaste and beautiful style:

"Comrades! Veterans! For you the day is far spent. Thinner grow your ranks. Fewer come up these aisles to muse and pray. And there are more graves to pile with affections roses. You will soon halt; unstrap the knapsack and stack your arms. Soon for us the sable draped banner, the muffled drum and arms reversed. But when they call the roll up yonder on the hills of amethyst, let us be there to answer gladly to our names."

He had for many years been a Trustee of Dickinson College, which board unanimously recommended him to Allengeny College for the degree of Doctor of Divinity, which was conferred upon him in June, 1892. He was Vice President of the Board of Trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy, a member of the Bureau of Sessions, and President of the Commission of Conference Claimants Endowment.

He was secretary of our Conference for many years, and in 1900 he was one of our delegates to the General Conference.

He was not only a preacher and a pastor, but a church builder. During his ministry he was instrumental in building the following churches: Girdletree, Md., Tome, Port Deposit, Md., and the church at Salisbury, Md. He rebuilt the churches at Middletown, and Dover, Delaware. He also built the Parsonage at Salisbury, Md.

On April 13, 1893 Dr. Martindale was married the second time. He chose for his companion Miss Sallie E. Woodcock, daughter of Amos Woodcock of Salisbury, Md. His choice proved to be a very happy one, and she at once entered into his work, for which she was so well fitted. She had a fine musical education, and was greatly interested in Junior Epworth League work, and also in the work of the Sunday School. She made for him a very happy home. She said to the writer, "We had such a happy life together." I doubt not the remembrance of that happy life brings her great comfort now in the hour of her sorrow and loneliness.

Dr. Martindale served the following charges—Easton, Md., Seaford, Del., Princess Anne, Md., Newton, Md., Snow Hill, Md., Port Deposit, Md., Union, Wilmington, Del., Middletown, Del., District Superintendent of Easton District, Dover, Del., Salisbury, Md., New Castle, Del., Milford, Del., District Superintendent Salisbury District, Elkton, Md., Salisbury, Md. Retired April, 1916.

He and the writer came from the Philadelphia Conference when it was divided and helped to organize the Wilmington Conference, and we were the last two active men on the list who helped to make the new Conference. Our fellowship on earth was very sweet.

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

After the death of Rev. T. A. H. O'Brien last autumn Dr. Martindale was appointed to take charge of the Salisbury District till the meeting of the Annual Conference and was very happy in his work. He expected to read the report for the District at this session of the Conference.

He spent a very pleasant day on Thursday and in the evening read a chapter of Uncle Remus aloud and he and his wife had a hearty laugh together over his funny sayings. Friday morning he asked his wife to open the window, complaining that he could not get his breath. She saw at once that he was ill and sent for the Doctor, but he went home only a few minutes after the Doctor arrived. Thus ended on earth a happy, useful life.

The funeral services were conducted in Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church by the Pastor, Rev. J. T. Herson, assisted by Revs. F. F. Carpenter, J. W. Easley, C. W. Prettyman, T. E. Terry, C. A. Hill, W. O. Hurst, R. K. Stephenson, W. R. Mowbray, Robert Watt and P. H. Rawlins. There were more than 80 ministers in attendance. Interment was at Salisbury, Md.

A Memorial Service was held in the same church on the following Sunday. Addresses were delivered by the Pastor and the writer.

C. W. PRETTYMAN.

Rev. Steven Martindale Morgan.

The subject of this memoir was born in Sussex County, Delaware, February the 25th, 1853. Dr. Morgan was well born, in his veins there flowed the best of the sturdy yeomanry of Sussex. He spent his early boyhood and manhood amidst an atmosphere that made for righteousness and the building of a sterling character. He thus brought life's struggle when he faced its realities for himself a heritage that stood him in good stead.

He entered the Wilmington Conference in 1887 after a thorough training at Dickinson College, from which he graduated. He took unto wife Miss Minnie Spear of Chambersburg, and she was not only a helpmeet to him in the work of the ministry, but during those long and anxious days when disease devitalized his body the tender solace of her presence and the gentle care she gave in nursing him again and again back from the gates of the grave were to him an unspeakable benediction.

It is most difficult for us to realize that S. M. Morgan has passed

into the azure light of eternal day. How we have missed him during the sessions of the Conference. Alert, watchful, vigilant, ready in debate, helpful always in arriving at sane and righteous conclusions, clear and vigorous in expression, positive in his convictions, he contributed in a substantial fashion to the work of the Conference.

Let me speak for a moment of his career in the Wilmington Conference. He soon took rank by serving some of our best charges, among which were Snow Hill, Milford and Mt. Salem, Wilmington. While at Snow Hill he accomplished the seemingly impossible task of building a new church. No pastor had been successful in mastering the situation, but Dr. Morgan addressed himself so finely to the task that one of the most beautiful and well appointed churches in the Conference was erected. It was a notable achievement. That great word of the Apostle found its embodiment in this man's ministry, "this one thing I do."

Besides serving important churches he also gave one full term of labor as District Superintendent of Dover District. Though preceded by such men as the Rev. J. A. B. Wilson, Dr. Morgan lifted the District to a higher place than it had ever occupied. His ability as an administrator was exceptional. He knew men and he knew his task.

The tribute here paid is out of the beaten track. For the moment let the heart speak so far as words can express its appreciation of one whose comradeship was without alloy, hearty, congenial, beautiful.

His friendship was as white as the drifting snow, true "as the needle to the pole." What it cost him in sacrifice, self-denial or suffering he never for one moment gave consideration. His friendship was automatic. It operated as a matter, of course, where his friendships were involved. It was characterized by a beautiful tenderness not often found in one so ruggedly constituted as was he. This made this feature of his friendship the more wonderful, and precious as his best and highest legacy to those whom he called friends. From what is here set down it will be readily seen that mere sentiment played a subsidiary part in such a friendship as his. Not that he was insensible to the appeal of sentiment, but it was the fringe, the adornment, so to speak, not the thing itself. That was deep foundationed in a great, soulful, virile constancy born of a love unfeigned. A word should find utterance as well as to his conception of friendship. To him it was "the silken cord that heart to heart did bind." There was nothing commercial or selfish about it. It occupied the "top shelf" in his consideration.

AS A MAN.

And what of the man? He was cast in heroic mould. Well might his personal friend, Bishop Joseph F. Berry, who spoke so beautifully that Tuesday in Mt. Salem Methodist Episcopal Church, say: "This man now silent before us was a hero, of courage undaunted, of determination invincible, of conviction unshaken, of purpose, unflinching." Yes, my friend was "a hero in the strife." He never flinched in the face of a foe. He was a lover of peace when based in righteousness. Yet he was not one of those rigid, stubborn souls who posit infallibility in judgment,

and who remain impervious to any appeal either of sentiment or fact. No, he lived with open windows. His mind and soul were ever alert for new truth, or for old truth from a new angle. In his native state, and in the city of Wilmington, where he closed his earthly account, he was a potential force in affairs moral, political and civic. He drove a trenchant pen, and woe betide the lame logic, or the shamming indirection, or the hypocritical pretender, when this man's pen was in action. His logic moved with a power resistless. It cleared the air of pretense, sophistry and indirection. The evil he attacked was brought out into the open and exposed to the sun of public opinion, and the atmosphere of the forum. Of him it was said, and truly, "he never struck a blow in the dark. He was a gentleman always. The bludgeon he passed into hands ignoble. His lips were free from guile. He uttered no word that could not have been spoken in the presence of his family."

AS A MINISTER.

It would be a gratification were the moment opportune to speak of him as a minister. He was a prophet in the "things of the Kingdom." He lived in close touch with his Master. The throne room was a place familiar to him. He was clear visioned and fearless in his declaration of the truth. He was no narrow-minded bigot, and Phariseism was far from his nature. The crowning grief of his life came to him, when through physical disability he faced retirement. But he was brave and cheerful, and during those months of alternating health and illness his fortitude, and patience and gentleness, and unquestioning faith in God were the wonder of all who knew him.

Nor was he idle during those trying days. Both pen and voice were busy in affairs of the Kingdom and the state he loved so well. His civic pride and patriotic virtue were as pronounced as his love for the Church. And now he is gone. Surely as one of his dearest friends said, "it is lonesome without him. O, how he will be missed." But the one thought that comforted me as blinded with tears I penned this inadequate tribute, is that all that was best of him remains. It was a puny victory that death won when it took our friend from our midst. It did not touch so much as "the hem of his garment." He had looked this vandal of the universe in the face so often that death knew it was but a fruitless conquest when it laid the once strong form low. He lives, and loves and still "acts well his part."

And our heart still sore with the heaviness of grief cries out in the brave words of Lowell as his tear-dimmed eyes gazed upon that snow-driven grave that covered the sleeping form of his best beloved.

"Into the mystery that girds our life around,
Into the silence wherewith death's shore is bound,
Thou has gone forth, beloved, and I were mean to weep
That thou hast left life's shallows and dost possess the deep."

It was eminently fitting that the services that marked his earthly passing should be held in Mt. Salem Church, Wilmington, a church of

which he was twice pastor, and where he was esteemed for his works sake. It was in keeping also with his repeated wish while in health. The services were in charge of the writer, Dr. Herbert F. Randolph of Grace Church offered prayer, and addresses were made by Bishop Joseph F. Berry, President J. Harry Morgan, of Dickinson College, Rev. J. W. Easley, and the writer. Resolutions from the Ministerial Union and the Methodist Ministers Association were read by Rev. V. S. Collins, and Rev. Adam Stengle.

A second service was held in Chambersburg, Pa., the day following the service in Wilmington. His mortal remains were laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery in Chambersburg amidst a wilderness of flowers. "He being dead, yet speaketh."

ROBERT WATT.



Rev. T. A. H. O'Brien.

Theo. Alexander Hamilton O'Brien, son of James and Malvina O'Brien, was born on a plantation in Carter County, Tennessee, January 11th, 1853. His childhood was spent amid the stirring events of the Civil War time, and his home being in a section of the Country that was alternately in possession of the Union and the Confederate armies, he learned at first hand what the awful realities of war meant, and actually shared, boy as he was, in some of the hardships incident to living "between the lines."

His early educational advantages were limited to the free schools

which at that time, like every thing else, were greatly affected by the unsettled condition of the country. Later, however, he prepared for and entered Tusculum College near Greenville, Tenn., where he spent two years, after which he attended Wesleyan College at Athens, Tenn., from which he graduated in the same class with Robert L. Taylor, the "silver tongued orator of the South." After his graduation he was principal of The Greenville Academy for one year, but his thought and purpose was to enter the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church for his life work.

Early in the year 1876 he came to Baltimore, Maryland, as a delegate to a National Sunday School convention, and while in this part of the country he became so favorably impressed with the country and with the spirit of the people that he decided to apply for admission in one of the eastern conferences. Accordingly when our Conference met in Union Church, Wilmington, in March, that spring he applied for admission, and in company with eleven other young men was received as a member of what has since been known as "The Centennial Class of the Wilmington Conference."

Seventeen years ago, St. Johns College of Annapolis, Md., conferred upon Brother O'Brien the degree of Doctor of Divinity, and he has borne his honors with becoming modesty and grace.

During his life Brother O'Brien served fifteen charges as pastor in the following order: 1876, Snow Hill, as junior Preacher; '77, Fruitland; '78, Princess Anne; '79-'80, Chincoteague; '81-'83, Madeley; '84-'86, Chesapeake City; '87-'89, Cherry Hill; '90-'92, Cecilton; '93-'95, Fairmount; '96-'98, Frederica; '99-'00, Hillsboro; '01-'03, Mt. Salem; '04-'06, Lewes; '07-'11, Asbury, Md.; '12-'14, Port Deposit, and in March 1915 he was appointed District Superintendent of the Salisbury District, where, like a true soldier, he fell at his post.

In April, 1884 Brother O'Brien was married to Miss M. Cornelia Smith, of Wilmington, Delaware, who for nearly thirty-three years stood faithfully by his side through all the alternation of sunshine and shadow that comes to the Methodist itinerant, and who bears this splendid testimony to the beautiful and happy companionship that has so suddenly terminated: "My husband was one who lived his christianity every day. He never gave way to his temper. I lived with him 32 years, and he never said a cross word to me."

To Brother and Sister O'Brien there were born two children: Theo. W. O'Brien, assistant resident physician in Dr. Murray's private hospital, in Butte City, Montana, and Annie Reese O'Brien, for the last seven years a member of the faculty in our Conference Academy, at Dover, Delaware.

A careful analysis of the character of brother O'Brien suggests this summary:

First of all—He was a manly man. A man among men. He was manly in his physical appearance, comely in stature and graceful in all his movements, for which he won the designation among his Conference classmates "the handsome man of the class." And, true manliness being the test, he was just as handsome as he looked. Brother O'Brien combined in himself to a large degree all the noblest traits of true and

virile manhood. He commanded the respect of all who knew him, and those who knew him best, loved him most. No man was more tenacious for what he believed was right, or, if necessary, more ready to suffer for his convictions of duty. This trait of character he displayed very early in life when he refused to disclose to a company of Confederate soldiers the whereabouts of his father, who was a loyal Union man, and for whose arrest these soldiers came to his home; refusing even when they had placed a rope about his neck, and had swung him up to the limb of a tree that stood in the dooryard, remaining true to his determination, even until the soldiers let him down on the ground and left him there for dead. And yet with all this determination of spirit, he was so gentle and charitable toward those who differed from him that, while he combated their position with all the force he could command, he could take his opponent into his arms and love him as a brother.

As a gospel preacher he did not aim at pulpit ORATORY, but was fearless and positive in the presentation of his message without being offensively dogmatic. He believed he had a commission from God to preach the gospel of life and salvation to men who were living in sin and it was his duty to arouse them to a sense of their danger, but the warning was always given in the spirit of brotherly kindness and christian charity.

He was loyal to his church without being narrow or bigoted. He loved the Methodist Episcopal Church; he believed in her doctrines and in her polity, and it was his delight to exalt and honor them. The last time the writer heard him preach his sermon was based on that beautiful passage found in Psalm 48: 12, 14, in which the Psalmist magnifies the beauty, strength and security of Zion. The occasion was the dedication of a new church on his district. The sermon was most appropriate in its subject matter and masterful in its delivery as he portrayed the splendor of the Christian Church, her absolute security, and her ultimate triumph under the Divine leadership and protection.

As an official of the church he was painstaking and thorough. Those of us who listened to the reading of his first (and only) report of his district last spring were amazed at the wonderfully comprehensive grasp he had on his work, and subsequently the presiding Bishop asked him: "Brother O'Brien, how in the world did you get all that information?" To which he modestly replied, "Bishop, I worked for it."

A careful reading of that report reveals the fact that, while every interest of his district received careful and earnest attention, that which was his chief concern and constant aim was the conversion of souls and the enlistment of the church in earnest work for the salvation of men.

In his personal religious experience he was not at all demonstrative, but he was absolutely confident. He believed God, and he believed the Bible as the word of God, and so, his joy and satisfaction were not dependent on his emotional states. It was a delight to have just a little quiet, personal talk with him concerning the christian experience and hope.

Just a little while before his death he called at our home to see me concerning some assistance I was soon to render to one of the pastors on

his district. I was not at home when he called, but he chatted pleasantly for a while with my wife, and as he was departing she said to him, "Brother O'Brien, when the time shall come for you to retire from the effective ranks do you think you will locate as we have in one of our quiet Peninsular towns, or will you likely go to the city?" To which he replied: "Sister Terry, when I retire I expect to locate in heaven." His prophecy has been exactly fulfilled.

The Lord gave us this noble christian brother to assist us in our work, and now we have given him back to God, but not altogether. There was something that came out of his life that has entered into and become a part of our lives that we have not given back, nor could we if we would. His memory is sacredly enshrined in our thoughts and in our hearts, and shall abide with us. I trust I will not be regarded as immodest when I say there cannot be found on this green earth a more liberal, brotherly, freehearted and self sacrificing association of men than is found in the average conference of Methodist preachers, and among such T. A. H. O'Brien stood in the front rank.

Brother O'Brien seemed in perfect health until Thursday, October 19th, and was busily engaged in planning for the work on his district, and in conversation with sister O'Brien that morning, speaking of the satisfactory conditions of the work, he said: "Wife, I am perfectly happy in my work." Shortly afterward he was suddenly seized with a paroxysm of excruciating pain which proved to be the effect of angina pectoris, of which he died at 3.30 o'clock, on Saturday morning, October 21.

Funeral services were held in Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, in Salisbury, Md., on Monday, Oct. 23d, at noon, conducted by Rev. J. T. Herson, the pastor, assisted by a number of other members of the Conference, after which the remains were removed to Wilmington, Del. On Wednesday, October 25th, memorial services were held there in Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, conducted by Rev. Robert Watt, assisted by several of the City pastors, and interment followed in Wilmington and Brandywine Cemetery, where his body waits the call of the Resurrection Angel. And then:—

We all shall meet again—
 Brother O'Brien and we:
 For we shall triumph o'er the grave,
 Through the power that Jesus gave,
 And our palms of victory wave,
 That Resurrection Day.

We will not think of him as dead:
 No, No, that cannot be;
 He is not dead, but living still;
 And in that land beyond death's sea,
 Where Christ and all the saved ones be,
 We soon shall be at rest, and free
 From every ill.

THOS. E. TERRY.

Mrs. C. Clintonia Browne.

Mrs. C. Clintonia Browne died at the Delaware Hospital in the city of Wilmington, Delaware, Saturday, the 18th of November, 1916, after an illness of about two months. She was the daughter of Clinton Cook, Esq., of Centreville, Md., and Marietta Ford, his wife, and was married to Rev. Nicholas Manley Browne, in 1866. The entire ministerial life of her husband was spent within the bounds of what now composes the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, where he took high rank as a minister of the Gospel. At the spring Conference of 1891 he was assigned to the church at Middletown, Del., and during his pastorate there, died at the parsonage February 5th, 1895, his wife and son, Hugh C. Browne, Esq., surviving. This rare woman was born in the happy environment of old Queen Anne County in antebellum days. Her father was an ardent Methodist, a strong lawyer and a leading spirit in a domestic and political life which was the outgrowth of the peculiar institutions of the time and place. Her christian culture and native refinement was of the type that is confined to no section, and which we sometimes designate as of "the old school," which is but one way of saying that it was genuine, in opposition to the coarse and vulgar pretense that too often obtains.

Early in life her girl feet trod the path that leads to Calvary, and there her great warm heart and soul was bathed in the light of the Cross, and obedient to its promptings, she thrust her vision out into the years and claimed their treasures for her own; and what they yielded, and what they will continue to yield, eternity alone will measure. From out a home of affluence and plenty, she went, a mere girl, with the man of her choice, to share with him the life and estate of an itinerant minister of the Gospel of Christ. She was worthy of this noble man by whose side she stood and how well she did her part is recorded in the hearts of the thousands whose lives she touched for time and eternity, as from parsonage to parsonage they two went in the work assigned them. How she loved life and its social intercourse! How she loved folks, just because they were folks! And the high folks and the lowly folks, all alike loved her. When her husband was assigned to the pastorate at Middletown, she was at the flood-tide of the womanly graces that were peculiarly her own. Hitherto, her life had flowed with a faultless rhythm and in endless song, till that winter day of February, 1895, when fell the bolt from the clear cold Heaven, as falls the plague on men," and the great warm heart that had beat with hers through the years, was forever still. Who of us who stood by her side that day, can ever forget the anguish of her soul? Who of us who witnessed the scene, can ever forget the picture composed of herself and son, standing by the open grave of husband and father, in old Forest Cemetery, amid the wildest snow storm that ever fell before or since in these parts, attended by none, save minister, pall bearers and sexton? So fierce was the storm none others dared venture. The darkening sky and wailing, moaning blasts seemed a portent of a still fiercer storm that was yet to break over her defenseless

head. Few indeed, were the days of sunshine awaiting her. But there are those of us who know how beautifully and how bravely she struggled on and up through one crowning sorrow after another, culminating in the death of her son, the one supreme tragedy that froze and killed her great warm heart. She could bear no more, and the great loving Father said it is enough. Immediately after her death her body was brought to the home of Martin B. Burris, Esq., in Middletown, where the funeral services were conducted by her late pastor, Rev. Herbert F. Randolph, of Grace M. E. Church, at Wilmington, assisted by Rev. W. A. Wise, Rev. Thomas E. Terry, Rev. Vaughan S. Collins, Rev. Thomas E. Martindale, Rev. John W. Jones and Rev. Francis H. Moore. The addresses made by Rev. Dr. Randolph, Rev. Dr. Collins and Rev. Dr. Martindale were all of an exceptionally high order, and each of them paid a most tender tribute to her memory.

The funeral services were attended by a large number of her friends, many of them coming from a distance. Among them were, Miss Ruth McCracken, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Reeder, of North East, Md., and Mrs. Sallie B. Pickels, Mrs. Mary E. Sparks, Mrs. John P. Doughten, Mr. William E. Hawkins and wife, Mrs. Dr. Henry R. Spruance, Mrs. Catherine Hastings, Mrs. C. Wesley Welden, Miss Annie Hall, Mrs. Dr. Chas. F. Pierce and Rev. Dr. Johnson, all of Wilmington, Mr. Alfred Bodine, Mr. Alfred Perkins and his two brothers, of Philadelphia; and Mr. James Challenger and wife, Mr. William Deakyne and wife and Mr. James Wise, all of New Castle, and Mr. Irving Walker and wife, and Mrs. Thomas W. Eliason, of Chestertown. She is survived by an only brother, Mr. Clinton Cook, of Denton, Maryland, and a grandson, Hugh C. Browne, Jr. She was born to her grave in Forest Cemetery, Tuesday afternoon, by her brother, her grandson, Mr. William E. Hawkins, of Wilmington, Mr. William Brockson, Mr. William G. Lockwood and Dr. Edward M. Vaughan, all of Middletown, and laid to rest beside her husband and son. The mellow light of a perfect Indian summer day smiled its benediction, and seemed to whisper, "the storm is past, the haven is reached, and the sting of death and the victory of the grave are forever lost in the promise of Him who said 'I am the resurrection and the life.'" And as we turned from the "last sad scene," we thought in the beautiful words of Bryant,

"Yet not unmeet it was that one like that dear friend of ours
So gentle and so beautiful, should perish with the flowers."

MARTIN BURRIS.

Mary Culbreth Thompson.

Mary Culbreth Thompson was born August 28, 1847 in Frederica, Kent County, Delaware, and died in Smyrna, of the same County and State, on Sunday morning, February 18, 1917, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lewis M. Price, with whom she made her home since the death of her husband. She was the daughter of Dr. Richard S. Culbreth and

his wife, Mary A. Culbreth. Early in the childhood of Mrs. Thompson her parents moved to Smyrna, where she was educated in the public schools of that city. In 1867 she became the second wife of the late Reverend Henry S. Thompson, and went with him to Frederica, the place of her birth, to begin the life of a Methodist Itinerant.

Beside this appointment she shared the joys and sorrows, the toils and labors, of her husband, at Still Pond, St. Georges, and Elkton in the Wilmington Conference, and then because of his ill health transferred to the New England Southern Conference where she proved herself a valuable assistant in the work of the Master in Warren and Phoenix, in the State of Rhode Island. Coming back to the Wilmington Conference again she joined heartily in the work of the pastorate at New Port, from which place it became necessary for Brother Thompson to go north for the benefit of his health. A transfer this time found her in the territory of the New Hampshire Conference where Mrs. Thompson made herself a valuable servant of God and the church, at Bristol and Keene. Returning once more to the home of her childhood and youth, she continued to do the work of her Divine Lord by the side of her husband in Easton, Lewes, Denton, Odessa, Felton, Delaware City, and Silverbrook in the city of Wilmington. At the close of the pastorate in the last named appointment a short period of rest in retirement was enjoyed, then back into the ranks again at the call of the church, and at the front she went with the zeal of her youth, closing the chapter in St. Michaels, Md. and at Millington, when heeding the warning of failing strength, these servants of God retired and moved to Smyrna where they spent one year of supreme happiness in the quiet of their own little home, after 46 years in the active work of the ministry.

Mrs. Thompson was a retiring spirit, a quiet womanly woman with all the qualities and graces of a true and faithful wife; a helpful companion, a true and sympathetic friend to all people, and by her kindness of heart won lifelong friends for her husband, for the church she delighted to serve and for herself. She was unselfish in her loyalty to the Methodist Episcopal Church, whose doctrines she thoroughly believed and ardently supported. She was a devoted, conscientious, christian, a loving, sacrificing mother, who lived a life that left a wholesome influence behind. She held to the highest ideals of life, her ambitions were pure, her faith in God was strong and to the very close of the day she manifest the love of her heart for her Lord by being a worthy ambassador for Jesus.

She leaves two children to mourn her departure, Mr. George C. Thompson, a banker in Baltimore, and Mrs. Lewis M. Price of Smyrna, Delaware.

The funeral service was held on Wednesday, February 21, 1917, at the home of her daughter, her pastor presiding. Reverend C. W. Prettyman, D. D., her former pastor, and Reverend R. K. Stephenson, D. D., a close friend of the family, delivered very appropriate eulogies. Her body was then laid to rest by the side of that of her husband, in the family

burial plot in Glenwood Cemetery in Smyrna, Delaware, where it awaits the call of the resurrection on the last day.

In her work through life, in her conversations with her friends, in her countenance, and in her general demeanor she demonstrated the fact that

“The grave itself is but a covered bridge
Leading from light to light through a brief darkness”.

GEORGE C. WILLIAMS.

REPORTS

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

DOVER DISTRICT.

The year is gone all too soon. Work is done forever, so far as this space of time is concerned, and we come now to make a partial report of what has been accomplished on the Dover District. Partial it must be because there is so much that enters into the day's work of the Church which cannot be written down with human pen, or spoken by human tongue. I desire first of all to register my profound gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His abounding goodness to me, for health and strength to prosecute the work assigned me, for the privilege of having a part, though ever so small, in advancing the interests of His kingdom on earth. Also, to make note of the very helpful attitude of my immediate predecessor in office, who aided me in every possible way to get hold of the work at the earliest moment. Calling my attention to the few unfinished problems on the District, and giving me a detailed plan of visitation for the first quarter so that I could readily find places, and meet the people who would be of great help to me in doing my work; and further I would like to say here and now what is in my heart to say respecting the brethren who have constituted the working force as the leaders of the Lord's hosts in this part of His field. They have all, without a single exception, been manly, brotherly men, kindly disposed, accommodating and helpful in their attitude toward me. I have not a single word of complaint to offer against any man on the Dover District. They have been self-sacrificingly devoted to the work in hand, though some of them have had painfully hard fields to cultivate. They have gone at it in a heroic spirit and if they have had complaints to make they have kept them to themselves so far as I know. And if it were agreeable to them and considered wise by the powers that be I should be glad to spend whatever time I may have in this work in company with these men as co-workers.

Changes: There were but few changes found necessary in the list of appointments as they were announced at last Conference. Early in the year Bro. R. H. Wilson, a local preacher supplying Little Creek Charge was compelled to relinquish his work on account of sickness, and Bro. Thos. Pardee was appointed to fill the vacancy. Milford Neck and Williamsville both of which were left to be supplied at last Conference were placed in charge of Bro. B. P. Moore, a recent graduate of the Conference Academy at Dover, Del. Bro. Moore has met this rather difficult situation with wisdom and tact, and the work is well done. The people desire him to return for next Conference year. On Jan. 8th, 1917, the Rev. B. L. McFarland, who was completing three very successful years at Wyoming, was transferred by Bishop McDowell to Wyoming State

Conference and stationed at Pine Bluff, Wyoming. Rev. R. T. Coursey, Conference Evangelist, was placed in charge of this work.

Rev. R. H. Lewis, who a few years ago was stricken in the midst of life's youth, usefulness and promise with that dread scourge tuberculosis, lingered awhile in the shadows of seeming defeat and in the midst of the ashes of found hopes (but sustained the while by his unflinching faith in God) on Aug. 30th, 1916, quietly slipped the shore-lines of this life and sailed away on the sea, the far harbors of which is the City of our God. His faithful and devoted wife, parents and sisters remain on this side where the shadows deepened when his smiles ceased to lighten the home life of those so near and dear to him.

One of our stalwart laymen has fallen by the way this year, full of years and usefulness—Bro. John Cannon Short, Ex-U. S. Marshall and prominent Methodist. He was well-known in Methodist circles and did a great work in his day, in the community in which he lived, and the evidences of his faith and faithfulness will abide for many a year. His home church was Cokesbury on Georgetown Circuit.

Brother T. C. Smoot met with a very serious automobile accident in the early winter, which has taken him from his work most of the time up until Conference. We are glad to know that he is nearing complete recovery and will soon be able to do full work.

Salaries:—There have been few changes in the pastors' salaries on the District this year. Advances have been made in the following charges:—Bridgeville, \$200; Milford, Federalsburg, Elliott's Island and Gales-town, \$100 each; Hooper's Island, Houston, Nassau and Canterbury, \$50 each; and Hickman, \$25.

We do not wish to unduly raise the question of money, but the men must live. The engine must be furnished with fuel or it will cease to run. With the constantly increasing cost of food, there is a crying need for larger support to keep our men on the firing line from actual want. There are men on this District who are compelled to try to live on as little as \$450. per year. They must keep a conveyance of some sort, in order to do their work at all—automobile or horse and buggy—and this with corn at \$1.00 per bushel and gasoline at 27c per gallon. Beside this they are men with families to maintain, and all this to be done on \$450. to \$500. per year. I need not tell you that this cannot be accomplished. No, they cannot even have the bare necessities of life. They must needs suffer for want of food and clothing. This they heroically do in silence. Talk of the heroic days of the Fathers, (and no one would lessen the glory of that after-glow,) but we have instances of similar heroism here and now. I would not suggest less for home missions outside our immediate borders, but we ought to have on this District alone at least \$1,500. available for these pressing cases to supplement the shamefully low salaries, so that a man need not be compelled to try to do a man's full work on a child's rations. It is just as necessary for this work to be done as any on the face of the earth. And honor demands that the discharge of our duty (not the bestowing of charity) should begin at home. The fault does not lie with the men who are on these

charges, nor yet altogether with the charges themselves, but because of conditions which we cannot control. In parts of the territory there has crept in that irresponsible, wild-fire sort of so-called higher religion which has honey-combed some of our communities and weakened the Church and the cause of true religion. Here we need the sound doctrines of the Gospel of the Son of God as presented and taught by the Methodist Church more even than in some other more fortunate places. We need this in order to keep the Ark of the Lord steady. Shall we pauperize the Church and make her faithful ministers suffer, or shall we, as the strong Church we are, sustain the men in these difficult places and secure them as to their living, sending them forth unhampered by the leash of compromising poverty to do the real work which they are called of God and appointed by the Church.

Improvements:—While there have been no large church building projects on hand this year as in former times, there has been a good deal done to enhance our church property. Armory Church in Dover, Edwin Gardner, Pastor, has transformed the interior of their church by the installation of new pews and repainting and papering at a cost of \$325., all of which has been paid. Beckwith and Spedden Charge, E. L. Hubbard, Pastor, is projecting a new community house at Spedden Church like unto the one already built, and found to be so useful at Beckwith on the same Charge. Truly they are alive down there to the interests of Methodism. The only NEW building done this year is at Canterbury, A. R. Brown, Pastor, where a new room has been added to the old church for Sunday School purposes. The old part has been thoroughly remade at a cost of \$1800., all of which was paid previous to the day of re-opening. Woodside on the same charge has placed a new organ in the church at the cost of \$112.

Wesley, Dover, W. E. Gunby, Pastor, has accomplished a very much needed work this year in the complete renovation of the Sunday School room, which was dark, dreary and rather uninviting to children and young people. This has all been changed by the placing of hard wood floor, painting throughout of the woodwork, walls and ceiling. New chairs have replaced the old pews and an electric light system has been installed and a new piano purchased. Also some very necessary repairs to the parsonage premises, costing in all \$2,300., of which \$1,700. has been paid.

At Felton, Bro. W. E. Matthews, has led the people in a much needed improvement to the Sunday School room by decorating the ceiling and side walls with ornamental metal and the placing of a new carpet upon the floor. It looks like a new place. The cost was \$600., all of which has been paid.

One of the most tasty and artistic audience rooms is to be found at Houston. There is perfect harmony in coloring from carpet to ceiling. This is largely due to the mechanical skill and good taste of the pastor, W. S. Grant. Not only has the interior been beautified but they have also placed a new asbestos roof on the church costing in all \$960. All

paid. Bro. Grant has toiled with his own hands to make this much needed improvement possible.

Milton, Z. H. Webster, Pastor, has completed repairs to church and parsonage at a cost of \$500. All paid.

White's Church on Nassau Charge, Bro. G. S. Allen, Pastor, has been made almost like new. The cost of this improvement was \$971. Paid.

St. George's Church on Mt. Pleasant Circuit, Bro. Harry Taylor, Pastor, has been thoroughly repaired. Metal walls, new carpet, fresh paint, and with the improvements to Mt. Pleasant Church the total cost is \$525. Paid. These much needed repairs were made possible by the hard working pastor and his good wife, who put themselves into it without stint.

On Salem Charge, Bro. E. S. Barrett, Pastor, Thompson's Church has been completely rebuilt. The Pastor has made this improvement possible by working day in and day out as a mechanic. The cost of \$549. does not sound large in figures for such times as these but no greater work has been done on this District than this. We hereby acknowledge the liberal support and co-operation with the Pastor of a Mr. Daniel Rue, who stood sponsor for the entire project.

Rehoboth has had a busy year under the leadership of Bro. D. W. Jacobs, improvements \$135., a splendid revival, a large men's Bible class, salary fixed at \$1,000. for next year and Bro. Jacobs must return as pastor.

Bridgeville under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Howard Davis, has recarpeted the church and made other improvements at a cost of \$636., all of which has been paid.

Bro. C. H. Atkins, with his own hands, has beautified and improved the parsonage at Leipsic both within and without at a cost of \$166., all of which has been paid.

Seaford, Bro. J. J. Bunting, Pastor, has placed a new floor in basement, carpet for auditorium and other improvements costing \$700.00.

Other charges have made improvements as follows:—Bethel on Bethel Circuit, \$309; Cambridge, \$179; Crapo, \$62; Elliott's Island, \$300; Farmington, \$195; Frederica, \$54; Georgetown Circuit, \$160; Greenwood, \$200; Laurel, \$348; Magnolia, \$340; Milford Neck, \$45; Millsboro, \$50; Seaford Circuit, \$42; Zoar, \$200; Federalsburg, \$100; Georgetown, \$121; East New Market, \$42. Total for improvements about \$14,000.

At Ellendale the proposed church has not materialized but they have laid the foundation and purchased cement blocks for the walls at a cost of \$1,000., which has been paid, and in all probability they will complete the church this coming year.

Debts: Debts have had some attention and quite an advance has been made along the line of debt paying. Lewes has paid \$1200. and plans are on foot to completely liquidate the debt next May on the occasion of the anniversary of the dedication of the new church. Laurel has paid this year, including some accrued interest, \$2576. Cambridge with

Brother Pilchard ever on the job has paid \$4,489. which reduces the debt to \$22,000. from \$39,000. four years ago. Truly this church has been doing things, yet there is much land to be possessed. They need, must and will have shortly a new parsonage. Cambridge will see to it that the pastor of this great and growing church shall have the comforts of life by supplying a home in keeping with the homes of his people.

There is a work now vigorous and promising in the west end of the town which needs and by all means ought to have a young minister as their pastor. They have a fine and growing Sunday School under the leadership of Bro. J. E. Drennen as Superintendent, but Cambridge, with all her other problems, does not see just how she can finance this movement until it is securely on its feet. The church at large should do something here and now, or soon it will be too late. Other folks will see the value of the situation and step in and Methodism will again be the loser.

Other charges have paid on old debts as follows:—Rehoboth, \$275; Zoar, \$220; Greenwood, \$236; Lincoln, \$100; Crapo, \$55; Milford, \$500; East New Market, \$123; Reliance, \$480; Georgetown, \$508.

Total amount paid on old debts about \$12,000.

Benevolences: Extreme weather and unspeakable roads for most of the time during the winter and early spring have hindered the pastors in making the final dash and last minute pull to bring up the money for the benevolent causes. In most cases this eleventh hour policy is not by design, nor with the consent of the preachers, but is largely due to the fact that the people in many instances will not put down the cash until the last moment. I have known cases where the pastor has gone from house to house in the earlier part of the year trying to gather up the money for these purposes, but has been unable to do so, because the people felt that it was not needed until about Conference time, hence two or three trips must needs be made.

However from the reports received up to the time of this writing I think we shall reach the standard of last year, possibly a little in advance. The statistical tables will tell the true story of how much has been gathered, but in no sense will they tell the story of HOW it was done.

Sunday Schools: The Sunday Schools have had a fairly good year. Some features of the work are very encouraging, especially the increased interest in the grown-ups in this work as it appears in the Adult Bible Class movement. Perhaps the largest new class formed this year has been at Rehoboth where Bro. D. W. Jacobs has organized a class of nearly 90 men. The greatest problem presents itself in connection with the rural schools. The attendance on these has been interfered with for many reasons. The average attendance of the district will be very materially lessened this year not because we have less children but because of the fact that many of our schools were closed for quite a long time on account of infantile paralysis. This, of course, could not be helped. We want to be law-abiding citizens, but some of us are so dense in our thinking that we cannot understand why in a given town or community

a Sunday School must be closed in order to preserve the health, while at the same time moving picture places are wide open admitting people of all ages and classes to them. It seems by this that churches are dangerous places, a menace to health, while saloons, theatres and other places of public entertainment are perfectly safe.

There is another form of paralysis which has effected our country schools more than even the law respecting the dread disease above mentioned. It is the camp-meeting paralysis. For weeks and weeks on end in our territory, schools have been demoralized, some killed outright, not to have another day of life until the germ of this disease has been frozen out by an intervening winter, and some of them hardly get back to life and have only a few days of normal activity when they are again attacked by the same disease and pass out again. Alas, that the Church should have a part in so defeating itself by undoing and destroying the work of the Lord in the name of the Lord.

There is still another disease which has sprung up in recent years; it is deadly; it kills. For want of a better name let us call it "autophobia." By this the church is depleted, the Sabbath is being desecrated. Whole families have it and the sickness is of such severity and has such a debilitating effect that it is necessary to take the Lord's day from early spring until the mud comes in the fall to roam the country round in search of health sufficient to keep them going for their own interest and work the other six days of the week. The Sunday School and all the services of the Church, for that matter, are forgotten in the mad search for physical diversion and momentary pleasure. They know not where they are going but they are on their way. Just going away from the Lord and eternal life.

Revivals: There have not been so large and sweeping revivals as we hoped for in the beginning of the year. There are times and seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and there are times when it seems that the heavens are closed. Surly this must be from the earthward side, as the Lord does not withhold from men His bounties and His blessings unless there are conditions made by men which He will not overrule.

Most interesting and profitable meetings have been held at Williamsburg, resulting in 82 conversions; Crapo, 68; Elliott's Island, 63; Houston, 40; Lewes, 35; Milford, 57; Rehoboth, 42; Vienna, 38; Cambridge, 35; Lincoln, 32; Armory, 36; Nassau, 26; Laurel, 27; Little Creek, 26; Reliance, 25.

All other charges have reported meetings held and conversions numbering less than 25.

These seeming meager results are not due to the lack of interest and devoted toil for the Master on the part of the brethren. They have labored earnestly and unreservedly for the spread of the Kingdom. We sow, the seed may lie dormant for a season, but God will give the increase, and we are sure His word will not return unto Him void.

As far as we can ascertain the conversions on the District number about 1000.

Temperance: Temperance legislation has gone forward by leaps and bounds. In fact, it has out-stripped the fond hopes of the most sanguine among us. The decision of the Supreme Court of the United States upholding the constitutionality of the Webb-Kenyon bill and the West Virginia State Wide bill was hailed with delight by the temperance people, and we had hardly ceased wondering what would be the value to the cause when both Houses of Congress passed by unheard of majorities, the Reed rider attached to the Post Office Appropriation bill, which makes it, by national law, absolutely unlawful to ship any amount of spirituous or other liquors into dry states.

Our own Delaware legislature has done itself proud in the way of temperance legislation this year. The House of Representatives passed the Loose Anti-Shipping bill by a vote of 27 to 5, and shortly thereafter the Senate concurred therein by a vote of 13 to 3, and Governor Townsend signed it just as soon as it was presented to him and it immediately became effective. We can see with our eyes shut that it is effective. This is the first real protection we have had from the "beast" since our local option law went into effect. The resubmission bill for Wilmington and Rural New Castle County was passed by the House, and for a while it looked like it would meet with defeat in the Senate. After a prolonged contest it was reported out of the committee and passed the Senate March 20th by a close vote of nine to eight. The House also passed the bottle law repealer, which was later concurred in by the Senate by a substantial majority.

These events seem to us to be the finger of prophecy pointing to the not very distant day when we shall have not only a dry Kent and Sussex, but a dry Delaware from Wicomico to the Brandywine and from Caroline to the sea.

Epworth League: It must be confessed that this Society which should be the right arm of the Church is not so vigorous as it ought to be. It was intended primarily to be a young peoples' society, a sort of religious school in which to train our young people for larger usefulness in the Church. In most cases it is difficult to get the ones for whom it was intended to take any active, earnest interest in it. Many of our Leagues are officered by people farther advanced in years, and the devotional meetings are conducted by those who no longer claim to be young people. The President of the District, Bro. Howard Davis, has sought to arouse and maintain interest in this very important work of the Church. A splendid convention was arranged for at Lewes, Del., in the fall, but it was rather poorly attended. The program was excellent, the spiritual tone of the convention was very good and for those who were present it was a very helpful season. The General Conference has honored us by placing one of our number, Dr. R. K. Stephenson, on the Board of Control.

Conference Academy: The Conference Academy at Dover is in an excellent condition. The enrollment this year is equal to or a little larger than that of last year, despite the fact that infantile paralysis played its part in hindering the work here. While they have no infants

in this school yet the Board of Health directed Dr. Budd to notify the parents of prospective students that no one under seventeen years of age would be allowed to enter. For a time things looked exceedingly discouraging and much of the good work done by the Principal during the summer went for naught. Despite this fact the school is up to former years in numbers and the personnel of the student body was never better. In the way of christian character, interest and efficiency the faculty at this noble institution stands second to none.

Ladies Aid Society: The Ladies' Aid Societies constitute one of the most useful, if indeed not the most useful, of agencies to bring things to pass in a material way, at least. They are vigorous, energetic, resourceful and stand many a time in the breach when the men, all too busy elsewhere, allow the Lord's business to go by default. They meet emergencies and deficiencies all the way from a broom to sweep the sanctuary to payments on the ministers' salaries, which in some instances would go unpaid but for them, and the reports in the Fourth Quarterly Conferences this year have shown that they, without exception, have money in their treasuries, after having thus faithfully served their respective churches.

What an object to those who allow the indifferent, lagging, no-method-manner of conducting church finance which prevails in many places. They proceed on the principle that "many mickles make a muckle," and this well worked will keep money in any church treasury.

This brief record shows only some of the things which have been accomplished in the name of our Lord on our District this year. The mark reached is not so high as we desired it to be, but such as it is we lay it at His feet and honestly say we have done what we could, and leaving these records and the memories of the past here we face the future with the high purpose to do better in the days to come, to live nearer to God and to do our full share of labor for Him during the hours of the day just dawning upon us.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM R. MOWBRAY.

EASTON DISTRICT.

Twelve months ago, agreeable to the official judgment of Bishop Joseph F. Berry, the writer exchanged the numerous duties of a Wilmington City pastorate for the larger responsibilities of the Superintendency, involving the varied interests of 44 pastors and 90 churches, the working force of the year on the Easton District. All too swiftly the weeks have passed, and today, standing upon the outer margin of another Conference year, we make bold to recount something of what has been accomplished.

Through all the year, amid the toil and travel of the district, I have enjoyed continuous Divine safe-guarding and guidance, and herewith make grateful acknowledgement of the same. Surely, "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us". By such Divine favor, I have been enabled to

keep all official engagements, except four; three being due to impassable roads, and the fourth on account of brother O'Brien's funeral. All other appointments of the year have been promptly met.

I have visited and preached in 84 of the 90 churches on the district, preaching more than once in 34 of these, and in several of them three times. Two of the six, not yet visited, are closed to any service.

Death has lessened our Conference roll, but not one of the pastors from Easton district has fallen from the ranks. The shadows, however, have crept alarmingly near some of the parsonage homes; notably, Concord, Centreville, Clayton, and Smyrna Circuit. Among the lay-members of the district, two, well and favorably known to this Conference, have transferred their membership to the "church triumphant". Alfred G. Cox, long a member of our church at Middletown, for almost 40 years superintendent of Bethesda Sunday School, and a hitherto familiar figure at our Annual Conference sessions, on Thursday, November 23rd, last, passed peacefully to his well-earned heavenly home. While, on Sunday, February 18th, this year, Mrs. Mary C. Thompson, widow of our late Henry S. Thompson, quietly slipped away into the unseen circle, there to join her recently crowned companion, "in the palace of the King". A suitable minute will be presented at the proper time by the Rev. George C. Williams.

To all the known phases of the district work I have endeavored to be consistently attentive. Moreover, with all these varied interests in their hands and on their hearts, I am persuaded Easton district pastors have earnestly striven to give a good account of their stewardship. All have been diligent sowers of the seed. Early and late, fervent and faithful, patiently, prayerfully working toward the coveted harvest. The tabulation of the certain gleanings from these 44 fields proves no small task, and by some may be thought an effort to sing the praise, in particular, of those who seemingly have done much, where given figures are taken in the reckoning of results; but not so, others with harder fields to cultivate, and less encouragement to persevere therein, have done equally as well, if not better, and are deserving of much more honorable mention than the usual passing notice can possibly afford. However, a few of the outstanding features of the year's work should be noted.

But one new church enterprise has been attempted on the district, at Kent Island, Rev. George S. Thomas, pastor. The old church at Stevensville, while in good state of preservation, has been unfortunately located, quite inconvenient and difficult of access, especially in certain seasons of the year. This has constituted an annoying problem, hitherto not easily solved. The solution, however, seems close at hand. Mr. Charles B. Downes, a devoted member of that church, has presented the trustees with a large, desirable and centrally located lot valued at \$1000, and, in addition to this, gives \$7000 in cash, with which work has been begun toward the erection of a modern structure, more in keeping with the needs of Methodism on that island. The foundation is already finished, and work is to be pushed to completion; the building probably being ready for dedication by the early autumn.

The year has been full of labor for Otis B. Reed at Marydel. Much has been done there by way of property improvement. In spite of unusually discouraging conditions, this brother succeeds in giving full assurance of his usefulness. Three of the four churches, Marydel, Templeville and Hartley, have been successively renovated, repaired, repainted and reopened at the cost of \$450, promptly paid, and this was no small achievement in view of existing circumstances. In addition, he brings to Conference a splendid benevolent report, with 79 conversions as the fruit of persistent revival effort. Frank White at Cordova, has also been diligent in like matters. Both at Chapel and Matthews he has carried forward extensive improvements to successful finish with the cost, \$718, all cared for. At the latter church, an artistically arranged metal ceiling and a fine new lighting system, are among the new features that add decidedly to the attractiveness of that rural church building.

Preston, under the careful management of J. T. Richardson, has contracted for a handsome pipe organ, now being built and soon to be installed by the Estey company, at the cost of \$2000.

At Chestertown, a long felt need has been delightfully met in the construction of a fine brick parsonage, at a cost of \$6500. This new home, on the old parsonage site, is one of the most attractive in that town. Ornamental, substantially built, compact, convenient and up-to-date in all of its appointments. Our people at Chestertown are justly proud of their achievement, while T. F. Beauchamp, the pastor, was never more comfortably housed and cared for than at the present time.

Extensive changes have been made to the parsonages at Clayton and Still Pond. In both instances bath rooms have been added, water put in and other modern conveniences provided, that greatly contribute to the comfort of the pastors and their families. At Clayton the cost was \$500. At Still Pond, \$600. Betterton, on Still Pond charge, has added to their already beautiful church by the Bay-side, a new lighting plant at an outlay of \$350. In each of the foregoing instances the work was made possible, and the expense provided for almost entirely by the Ladies Aid societies.

At Bozman the exterior of parsonage property has received particular attention. The surroundings of the preacher's home have been so greatly transformed as to attract public attention and elicit most pleasing comment from the people in general. The credit of this needed change is due to the pastor, W. W. Chaires, and the bills for the work were cheerfully met. The spiritual and financial conditions of the Bozman work are excellent.

Other minor but important improvements to church and parsonage property have been made at following places, with the accompanying cost paid thereon. Ridgely, \$550; St. Michaels, \$400; Smyrna, \$331; Fairlee, \$296; Crumpton, \$306; Preston, \$300; Oxford, \$280; Cecilton, \$275; Centreville, \$250; Hillsboro, \$240; Sudlersville, \$218; Church Hill and Burrsville, \$200, each; Kenton, Rock Hall and Henderson, \$150, each; Pomona, \$131; Wye Mills, \$120; Smyrna Circuit, \$80; Salem Circuit,

\$55; Concord and Trappe, \$50, each; Cheswold and Piney Neck, \$25, each. Total, \$4682.

In November last, W. L. White at Easton, with the assistance of Bishop J. W. Hamilton, succeeded in wiping out the debt of \$2250 that stood against the church there. Other charges report the following amounts paid on old indebtedness,—Still Pond, \$750; Tilghman, \$720; St. Michaels, \$375; Middletown, \$252; Bayside, \$198; Hillsboro, \$150; Centreville and Kenton, \$100 each; Oxford, \$50; Piney Neck, \$40; Royal Oak, \$35; Marydel, \$28; Henderson, \$25. Total, \$2833.

Easton officials have at last rightly concluded that their preacher's home is far from being model, comfortable or in keeping with other properties in that beautiful county seat. For several weeks past the trustees there have found themselves in somewhat of a strait betwix three; not knowing whether to rebuild in part, sell out and buy elsewhere, or tear down and build anew. Whatever the decision, Easton has determined to do something, and that something will mean a parsonage that will be worth while; the final analysis of which will prove a rival to the best within the Conference bounds. Since writing this report the pastor informs me that in this connection it should be said, that all too little recognition is given the Ladies Aid Societies of our churches. Preeminently optimistic, progressive and dependable, the work of these consecrated, self-sacrificing women is more largely seen and felt than a few facts or figures can ever express. On Easton district this year the aggregate sums collected and gleaned by these societies reaches the splendid amount of \$9375. The individual society outlay ranges from \$19 to \$782; while the total expended by them in church and parsonage improvements and comforts approximates \$8260. Moreover, almost every society reports a fine balance in hand with which to begin another year's work. Few other organizations of the church can make such a creditable showing. What would the average Methodist parsonage and its inmates do were it not for the touches of these tireless, self-denying women?

Two charges, Denton and Odessa, rejoice over the introduction of new financial systems this year. In both cases the results have been most gratifying. Budgets have been readily covered, bills regularly met, pastors promptly paid, and with ease larger contributions than for years have been made to the general benevolences. Each of these churches have breathed freely during the year, and are particularly happy over neat balances with which to continue the good work. As much should be said of Easton and Smyrna, where all obligations of the year were promptly and systematically covered. Salaries have advanced and collections all reported up to apportionments, some exceeding the high marks of one year ago, and no one has been heard complaining of any hardship having been inflicted upon the membership by excessive apportionments. Pastors are popular and the people happy under the existing circumstances.

Perhaps today, as never before, there is need of keener conscience on the part of the officary and membership of the churches regarding

the proper and adequate support of the ministry. Some things that transpire in quarterly conferences under the call of the 17th. question, would not look well in print, and, perhaps should not be referred to here; but the fact remains, that some of the churches still insist upon begging their pastors, and, even after they have done their work well, virtually compel them to go around the community asking alms. During the year it has been pathetic and painful to meet such conditions. In spite of the fabulous prices realized by some of our people for their work and produce; and, notwithstanding the highly strenuous living demands of today, it has been somewhat disheartening to note how First Quarterly Conferences work shy of the 16th. question. By vote deliberately defer action thereon unto the 2nd. and 3rd., not a few absent themselves from both of these, and then at the fourth, with practically no effort having been made to collect funds, put up the plea that no estimate has ever been made for the support, and consequently they have nothing to work to. You well know what that sort of maneuvering means for the unprotected and unfortunate pastor. The want of a workable financial system, and a willing-to-work official board, in both of which all too many of the churches are found wanting, is the answer to the query as to why some pastors are not better paid. Possibly 10 of the 44 charges on the district follow the discipline ("in part"?) in the matter of pastoral support, and in each case where followed, the value of the plan is clearly demonstrated. By it the pastor is placed upon a footing with men of other callings, and receives his weekly or monthly allowance with some degree of regularity. Whereas, in almost every other instance, he is made to wait, and wait long, for what is due, and what he needs, in order to maintain his self-respect and credit in the community, as well as shield those dependent upon him from humility and the keen sense of pinch. The following charges increased their estimates this year,—Easton, Centreville, Denton, \$200, each; Kenton, \$150; Smyrna Circuit, \$135; Clayton, Smyrna and Tilghman, \$100, each. Several others have signified their intention of increasing in this coming year. Pastoral support on this district ranges from \$300 to \$1500. The average (supplies included) being \$856. About \$2.70 per day, or 25 per cent. less than the present daily wage of the hod-carrier. Still the appeal is for better preaching, better pastors, higher grade men.

The benevolent interests have received the usual careful attention and, while complete figures could not be furnished for this reference, I am quite confident the reports will make a good showing for the district. In a number of the important interests there will be an advance by the following charges,—Bozman, Burrsville, Cecilton, Centreville, Chestertown, Crumpton, Denton, Easton, Fairlee, Galena, Hillsboro, Kenton, Marydel, Millington, Odessa, Ridgely, Rock Hall, Salem Circuit, Smyrna, Smyrna Circuit, Still Pond, Sudlersville, Townsend. Some report apportionments in full where one year ago there was considerable decrease. It is due most of the pastors and people to add, that the figures reported, represent well planned and persistent effort, full worthy of far larger return. With determination born of their devotion to and zeal for these

causes, the pastors have toiled early and long; in certain places facing no little opposition, while trying to win success, where success was least promising, and hence compliment and not complaint is their due. In addition to the regular apportioned benevolences the district contributes \$584 to the Anti-Saloon League; \$327 to the Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia; \$457 to the Wilmington City Missionary Society, and \$366 to sundry outside interests.

No history of Peninsula Methodism can ever be complete that does not contain definite records of the foot-prints and travels of Frances Asbury. We read with pardonable pride the numerous references in his "Journals" to certain sections of our Conference territory. For this reason, if for no other, we should manifest interest in the Asbury memorial soon to be erected in the City of Washington, D. C. At the second quarterly Conference of each charge, I called special attention to this proposition and urged an offering from each church. The following pastors have thus far reported,—H. C. Shipley, G. C. Williams, W. H. Kenney, G. S. Thomas, J. R. Bicking, L. P. Corkran. Others I presume have overlooked the request. Each church on the district should be represented in the offering before the statue is dedicated.

When it is remembered that Easton district suffered its share from the somewhat general exodus toward the "upper regions"; at some places a score and more entire families removing, taking with them many of our most active and liberal workers, as many as 75 scholars from a given school, we are inclined to believe that we will do well to sustain the record of one year ago. Some portion of our loss doubtless enters into the upper district's gain. However, like "bread cast upon the waters," it is confidently expected that not a few of those who have gone from us will return again, when the war is over and the munition fever has abated.

The Sunday School work, perhaps is not as flourishing as might be hoped for. 84 schools should be reported this year. In the rural sections, in spite of the protracted quarantine by the Delaware state board of health, the numerous stormy periods since the first of January, and the all but impassable roads, quite a number of the schools have been regularly convened. Two facts, however, are to be lamented, first, that of a growing need of trained, loyal and consistent teachers for classes that seem so eager to learn the Word. And, second, if anything a more serious condition, that of the use of the Bible as a text book having become the exception, rather than the rule. The Berean leaf, or some other printed help, for both teacher and scholar, is regularly substituted for the written Word. Surely it is to be regretted that the "Book of books" has thus been so largely displaced. Two state and one county convention were held within the district lines this year. At Denton, Smyrna, and Townsend respectively.

The Epworth League continues to be a potent factor among us. Last year 30 Senior chapters, with a membership of 1706, and 24 Junior, with an enrollment of 1274 were reported. 2980 young Methodists under definite religious discipline and scriptural training on this district alone.

Many of these readily give abundant evidence of marked ability, and are fully capable of counselling others of much riper years, both in the doctrine and discipline of the church. The Superintendent of the Juniors reports to me that there are 31 active chapters this year, and 27 of these are using the regular course of study for the Juniors, or parts thereof. The annual convention was held at Sudlersville, in October, under the efficient direction of C. T. Wyatt, who was ably sustained by an attractive program, participated in by 100 delegates and about 25 pastors.

Special attention has been given to records, deeds and insurance. The developments here have been quite interesting. Personal examination of membership and quarterly conference records resulted in certain disclosures that were amazing. In some instances the former are inexcusably defective, and can, by no method of deciphering or reasoning, be made to favorably compare with Annual Conference reports, and I have wondered where some get, or keep their data necessary for these reports. Others literally defy interpretation, and are utterly useless as guides to pastors coming to new work. The responsibility for this cannot be charged to quarterly conference committees on church records; but rather rests with the negligent and careless pastor, and with him alone, since to his particular care for accurate keeping that record is committed. Quarterly Conference records were found in which not a single notation had been made, and nothing was obtainable either for record or reference. The loose leaf method of record has worked harm here, as it does in most cases. I have endeavored to correct this error on Easton district as far as possible. In almost every charge the quarterly conference record, not the best, true, but a decided improvement over what has been in use for this work, has been installed, explained and emphasized, and in about half of the Conferences, the entries have been made under the special supervision of the District Superintendent. Legal papers have been looked up, property rights studied, tangles straightened out, rights and privileges of officials and membership faithfully inquired into. Properties hitherto uninsured, have been insured; while others have been induced to increase the amount of policies carried on churches, parsonages and furniture.

Delaware, and especially New Castle county, native soil of the writer, has been somewhat in the lime-light of late. By every conceivable channel of traffic, and by means of all sorts of intrigue and subterfuge, the shameless booze joints of upper and lower New Castle have polluted the entire territory of Easton district with their miserable output. Thank God, our own loved state, small, but historic and usually in the van of every good and patriotic movement, seems to be yielding before the giant wave of moral progress that is now sweeping over the whole country. Prospects daily brighten for Delaware becoming another dry unit to be added to the goodly number already lined up in that column. Thanks, furthermore, to the noble, heroic men that grace the present Delaware Legislature, men with moral backbone and having the courage of clear, clean convictions, not a few of them members of our own communion, by whose votes another popular expression on the "wet and dry" issue is

given. One more chance, a fair chance, and the "better element" of Wilmington citizenship, together with that of rural New Castle, will place the right label on that mournful wail of the wet advocates,—“unfairness to Wilmington”. The “little cloud that rises out of the sea” is far larger than that “of a man’s hand”, and hastening toward the 6th of November next, seems, even now, to the vision of many, to be breaking with tokens of certain victory for the forces of righteousness and temperance.

It is a matter of no small gratification to be able to report successful building and improvement enterprises; larger achievement in raising important benevolent interests; and it is no less encouraging to note every sign of a more liberal advance in the matter of pastoral support; but the prime and ultimate ambition of every true pastor should be, and is, that of the salvation of the unsaved. There have been no wide-spread revivals on the district; however, pastors, with but few exceptions, have planned wisely and well for their revival work. If any error occurred here, it was with those who, for reasons best known to themselves, thought it wise to defer special efforts to the beginning of the calendar year. Severe weather, bad roads and an unusual amount of sickness militated against these. Nevertheless there have been some very gratifying results. A few have advised me of the number of conversions. Concord heads the column with 115; Marydel, 79; Piney Neck, 58; Greensboro, 50; Smyrna Circuit and Hillsboro, 40, each; Rock Hall, 37; Fairlee, 30; Crumpton, 29; Clayton and Smyrna, 23, each; Kent Island, 20; other charges reporting an aggregate of 259.

I am profoundly grateful to God for the precious privilege of standing with my brethren during these twelve months as a humble helper in the business of the King. All honor to those who, with clear heads, honest hearts and willing hands, have helped me in the year’s labor. The church, appreciating their heroic and holy endeavor, will surely find them out and bid them to higher and larger opportunities of service. Their score is kept above, their record is known on high. “They shall not lose their reward”. May the great Head of the church continue His favor to these His servants who have untiringly toiled, and to the people to whom they have faithfully ministered. With heartfelt thanks to all who have in any way shown kindness to me, I respectfully submit this report.

W. A. WISE.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

The entire Peninsula was stunned when, on the 26th day of last October, the newspapers announced that Dr. T. A. H. O’Brien, Superintendent of the Salisbury District, had suddenly died of heart disease. Of unusually sturdy physique, few would have selected him for such an end; and surely not at the comparatively early age of sixty-four. Dr. T. E. Martindale, retired and residing at Salisbury, was very soon thereafter appointed by Bishop McDowell to succeed to the District. But hardly had our people settled to a realization of Brother O’Brien’s departure, when

they were again aroused by the startling intelligence that Brother Martindale had left us as suddenly as his predecessor, and of the same dread malady. Both possessed the qualities of leadership to a pronounced degree, and their going not only creates a keen sense of loss, but has caused Salisbury District to pass through an experience which is perhaps unprecedented in the history of the church. They were true men, and we shall sorely miss them; but the situation, harrowing as it is, serves only to lift our eyes to a street of gold and attune our ears to an angelic song. For we preach no Gospel that can be depressed by death. Across the gaping grave it spreads its luminous arch of Eternal Victory.

On Tuesday, February 20th, the writer was notified by Bishop McDowell of his appointment to the Superintendentcy of this District for the purpose of closing its affairs for the year. We proceeded at once to Salisbury, and, by the brave assistance of those so recently bereaved, came into possession of important data relating to the work. There remained, however, only six weeks of the Conference year—one of which would be occupied by the session itself—and we foresaw the impossibility of doing much more than to conduct the remaining Quarterly Conferences, of which there were sixteen, gather such information as was available from preachers and churches for use in the cabinet, and touch the points of greatest need in an effort to assist them to preparation for Conference. These are the things which, under God’s blessing, we have tried to accomplish.

There are many matters of which you would be glad to hear, and upon which it would be pleasant to report—such as Sunday Schools, Epworth Leagues, Periodicals, Ladies Aid Societies, Church Boards, Systems of Finance, &c.—but having been unable to reach more than a third of the charges, and those only once, we would esteem it neither wise nor delicate to attempt a detailed report. Of a few of the more outstanding things, however, we feel we can speak.

While the year has been marked by nothing particularly unusual in revivals, all the preachers have gone steadily forward maintaining their usual high standard in bringing men to Christ. From practically every charge comes the good news of sinners born of the Spirit. A particularly triumphant note is sounded from Stockton: Brother Luther Mezick and daughter, two of the sweet singers of the Peninsula, were with Rev. O. B. Rice, who says: “We had 95 conversions in our home church, and at Franklin City, 132, of whom 102 were adults.” At two other points, where the pastor conducted his own meetings, there were 62 conversions, one of these meetings resulting in the salvation of a church which was about to be abandoned. 289 conversions, and a debt of \$875 on the Stockton Church paid, with a promise of advance in support, rejoices the heart of a faithful spiritual shepherd.

Benevolences in some instances are ahead, and in some instances slightly behind, those of last year. The reports coming to our hands indicate that the District at least holds its own in this most important branch of the work. We cannot however, refrain from saying that, in view of our vast world-opportunities, we are falling, in this particular,

far below not only what God expects but what seems easily possible. This Peninsula ought to contribute, at the least calculation, \$100,000 a year to the treasuries of the general Church for the advancement of her great benevolent enterprises.

In paying of debts and improvements to church property, the District has been occupied perhaps beyond the ordinary.

At Berlin on June 25, 1916, the last vestige of their indebtedness of \$12,858 which they had been gradually reducing for two years, was paid off, and the mortgage burned by Dr. T. E. Martindale in the presence of a crowded house. A local paper says: "While the flames were slowly devouring the document, and the bell was ringing, the congregation sang the doxology." Rev. T. R. VanDyke, by whom the church was built, preached at the evening service. A grateful people presented their pastor with \$100 in gold, and repaired to their homes feeling that the end of a long and toilsome road had been reached in glorious victory. In addition to this, nearly \$500 has been placed upon other improvements.

Last year Dr. O'Brien in his report, said: "There are certain funds belonging to Ocean City Methodism which by action of this Conference were placed in the hands of the trustees of Berlin M. E. Church." The pastor says: "I wish to report that the amount was \$200. It was from the sale of the Tabernacle which the trustees of Berlin, by order of the Conference, sold some years ago. While the Conference did not authorize our trustees to pay the above, they paid it to the trustees of the Atlantic M. E. Church of Ocean City, Md., in September."

Rev. F. N. Faulkner is leading at Delmar in the construction of a commodious, up-to-date parsonage, which, when completed, will be worth, including lot, \$7,500 to \$8,000.

A splendid opportunity confronts Methodism at Fruitland, Md. For several pastorates the matter of an enlarged church has been under consideration. Under the leadership of Rev. George F. Newton it has been brought to a head. Actual rebuilding began September 16. Soon thereafter a community canvass netted \$3400 pledged to be paid on or before the day of reopening. The total cost of rebuilding and property improvements will reach not less than \$5000, all of which the pastor expects to have in cash by the 1918 Conference. This building will be electrically lighted, heated from basement, and will accommodate not less than 400 people.

Brother E. H. Marshall reports that the Church at Girdletree has been made almost new inside and out at a cost of some \$2200, which is practically all paid.

Grace, at Salisbury, under the spiritual and energetic leadership of Rev. H. S. Dulaney, has erected a splendid frame church building, with parsonage. The auditorium has a Sunday School addition of 28x28 feet. The building has a roomy recess pulpit, cement cellar, and many modern appointments. Its roofs are of Peach bottom slate. Its walls, neatly adorned, are of patent plaster. It is lighted by both gas and electricity and heated from basement. The parsonage has six rooms and bath, with front and rear porches. The entire improvements cost a little over

\$5,100, of which only \$929.18 is not either paid in cash or covered by subscription. To this enterprise Mr. W. P. Jackson gave a house and lot estimated at \$1500 and \$500 in cash.

Brother E. W. McDowell, at Chance, reports the expenditure of more than \$5000 on improvements, the main project being the rebuilding of the Church at Dames Quarter at a cost of \$4500 and its dedication practically free of debt.

An \$1800 parsonage enterprise has been carried through, and paid for, by Brother W. G. Harris at Sharptown; and Rev. T. J. Sard of Tangier Island reports \$2500 expended by his people in improvements.

We found Asbury, the mother Church at Salisbury, "rejoicing and blossoming as the rose." The Sunday School Superintendent, Brother Atwood Bennett, reports the School actually embarrassed for lack of room. Congregations are unusually large. The missionary offerings, from all sources, exceeds \$1,100, with entire benevolent report reaching \$2987. The pastor, Dr. J. T. Herson, since coming among us, has, in response to calls from our preachers, delivered an average of three sermons a week outside his own pulpit. We esteem him a brother indeed, and a true yoke-fellow in the gospel.

An artistic little church has been built at Hebron this year under the guidance of Rev. W. M. McCann at a cost of more than \$10,000. \$1,100 had been raised prior to this year, \$5000 was raised and paid on day of dedication, and the trustees hold \$1000 in subscriptions. Placing support of pastor at \$900 our people in this community are preparing to do more effective work for the Master.

Brother Jas. L. Derrickson was by trade a builder. At Pittsville, where he is now stationed, they greatly needed a parsonage; and he has personally superintended its construction, "laboring with his own hands" as once did the great apostle. The house is commodious, comfortable, splendidly arranged, one of the best rural parsonages we have seen. Altho this enterprise cost \$2494.97, there remains unpaid only \$353.97.

At Pocomoke City, with a 54% increase in annual average attendance, an addition has been built to accommodate the growing needs of the Sunday School. \$3200 have been expended on improvements; benevolences have increased 70%; an increase in membership has been 33 1/2%. Brother W. O. Hurst is rejoicing in the blessing God has put upon his labors.

Brother D. J. Givan has this year completed the building project at Princess Anne. Our people at that point now have a \$30,000 property, with only \$4125. unpaid. And \$1921.50 of this is covered by subscription, leaving \$2203.50 not provided for. The Ladies Aid Society paid this year in cash \$1187.38. A new pipe organ is being provided for. To this Mr. Carnegie has donated \$900 and more than \$400 have been contributed by the people. Surely both the pastor and his people are to be warmly congratulated on the results achieved.

Several advances have been made in ministerial support for next year. Among others, Smiths Island, Roxana, and Quantico go to \$1000, and Tangier Island to \$1500.

We are increasingly impressed with the spirituality of our preachers, and the genuine sacrifices they are making for the extension of God's Kingdom. If nobility is to be measured by unselfish devotion to an unworldly end, I do not believe there is, as a whole, a nobler body of men on earth than the ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It is glorious consolation to the men themselves, but it is not enough, that their devotion is to be recognized in heaven. God commands that there shall be some recognition of it on earth. The Church is supposed to represent her Lord and to embody His Spirit. These messengers of a heavenly Kingdom should be as dear to her as to her Divine Head. She should feel the holy thrill of the identity of her life, love, and interest, with theirs and His. No high purpose is served by keeping these men upon starvation support. By such a course they are weakened and dwarfed, rather than strengthened and developed. Oh that our great Church could catch a fuller vision of the divine will in this matter, and come into that large place where it would be possible to meet the challenge of this awe-inspiring age! Then might she indeed "put on her beautiful garments" and go forth to welcome Him whose dominion is to be "from sea to sea!"

In closing this inadequate review of the work of a large and stricken District, we crave the charity of our brethren; and pray that our efforts may contribute something, however small, to the ultimate glory of the great King.

E. H. DASHIELL.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Wilmington District brings a good report from the "far flung battle line." It has been a year of arduous toil, but toil rewarded with glorious victories. With joy we bring our sheaves, gathered "in sunshine and shadow", but gathered in faith and love.

After years of hopeless struggle against the inroads of disease, our comrade, Rev. Steven Martindale Morgan "was not, for God took him." Brother Morgan was a "good soldier of Jesus Christ." An appropriate memoir will be presented at the Memorial Session.

Two changes have occurred in the list of appointments as they appear in the minutes. The Revs. E. S., and E. C. Cadle, who were supplying Elk Neck and Christiana respectively, were at their own request released. Revs. O. E. James and Harry D. West have finished the year on the respective charges, and in each case these brethren have made full proof of their ministry.

The work of the district has presented some problems whose solution called for more than human wisdom. Never in a ministry of nearly a generation have I felt so keenly the need of the guiding of His presence as during the past year. On the human side the perfectly beautiful loyalty of my co-workers has lightened the burden and cheered the way. No man burdened with the care of the churches ever enjoyed loyalty more steadfast and true than has been accorded me. Blood brothers

could not have excelled the devotion and affection these men have given me. Their solicitude lest I break under the strain, their sympathy and support will remain one of the sweetest memories of my career.

No more vexing or taxing problem has confronted us than the problem of the rural church. The set of the tide cityward, the demand for stations to take the place of circuits brings to our very doors this perplexing problem. Upon its right solution much depends for the future of our church. Plans are already maturing for an experiment under the immediate care of the District Superintendent looking toward a solution of this problem.

The one crying need of the district on the material side is the adoption of a sane, workable financial plan. This we have in the New Financial Plan. It is ideal, it is workable, and workable ANYWHERE. Take but one instance. Mt. Salem in Wilmington, and Mt. Pleasant on the Pike, the one a city church, the other a country church, have both worked this plan. With what result? It worked just as well in the country as in the city. If any pastor still finds a place in this doubting Thomas class, let him get along side of brothers VanDyke and Kelso and see what will happen to his doubts.

It is significant in this connection to note that fully one-third of the total increase in the Benevolent offerings of Wilmington District last year came from Mt. Salem, and the three churches that make large advances this year, viz., McCabe, Mt. Pleasant, and Mt. Salem, all have the New Financial Plan. Under this plan McCabe has nearly trebled its Missionary offering. I cannot resist the conviction that when the pastor solidly commits himself to this plan there will be little doubt as to the outcome. With this plan worked, there will be no more dread about bad roads, no more frantic eleventh hour struggle to reach the apportionments, the money needed will be in hand.

It is gratifying to note that Wilmington district has taken an advanced step in the direction of a juster recognition of the Apostolic utterance "the laborer is worthy of his hire." But the Preacher is more than a hired man. No true minister can be adequately compensated in the coin of the realm. Money he must have for he is mortal, but the dollar mark is not the sign manual of his calling, nor can it in any real sense measure his worth to the community.

Twenty-seven out of the 53 charges have added to the pastor's salary this year, the following amounts. Asbury, and New Castle, \$300 each; Kingswood and Brack-Ex, \$150 each; Scott, Richardson Park, East Lake and Port Deposit, \$200 each; Elk Mills, Newport, Charlestown, North East, Mt. Pleasant, Chester-Bethel, Trinity, Silverbrook, Mt. Salem, Harrison St., Union, and Stanton, \$100 each; Ebenezer, \$50; and Cherry Hill and St. Johns, \$25 and Hill Crest \$25 each; making a total of nearly \$3700, with a larger advance in prospect for next year.

Commendable activity has also been evinced in the matter of improvements and payment of debts. The most notable achievement in the way of debt paying is at McCabe Memorial, where the Rev. Jas. W. Easley with his accustomed energy and ability has provided for the \$11,000,

that was becoming not only a burden but a bar to the enlargement of the plant. This church is destined in the near future to become second to none in the city, and when it comes into its own the constructive work of brother Easley will be found to have been a determining factor in the building of a strong, loyal Methodist Society. In addition to this achievement the benevolences show a tremendous increase over last year, the missionary offering being \$130 beyond the official apportionment, and this increase the result not of special effort, but from the weekly offerings through the New Financial Plan.

One of the first things toward which the Rev. J. Howard Gray directed his attention on assuming charge of Epworth was to dispose of the venerable mortgage that had equalled its face in interest. The plan proposed was heartily endorsed by his officials, and on the day appointed to celebrate the victory the full amount, \$5000, was provided for, and \$3000 of it is already paid. Bishop Joseph F. Berry, who was the preacher of the day, in a letter to me said, "I have never seen more royal giving than I witnessed at Epworth last Sunday—nor more capable management than shown by brother Gray in disposing of this troublesome debt."

A miracle has been wrought at old Asbury, the mother of Wilmington Methodism, where a debt of \$1700 has become a memory, and \$2100 in the bank toward an endowment fund to make secure the future of this glorious old church, and \$378 in improvements. I incline to the opinion that it would have been most difficult to have found a man who could have rescued and revitalized this church as successfully as the Rev. Geo. White Dawson has done. In the opinion of not a few the fate of this church was sealed, brother Dawson has written a new chapter in its history. This has been done by an expenditure of energy, and tireless and persistent labor such as I have never witnessed. Brother Dawson's appointment was peculiarly providential. It might be mentioned in passing that to make more effective his labors friends outside the church equipped him with an auto, a merited recognition. It has been a dream of mine that in the not distant future Wilmington Methodism may in some measure at least duplicate what Boston Methodism has in Morgan Memorial, and the central figure in that dream is Asbury church and its optimistic pastor.

The Rev. J. L. Johnson had not been many days at Scott church before he determined that the beautiful house provided for its pastor by this church must be freed from debt. It does not take long for brother Johnson to get the machinery in motion, and the expected happened March the 11th, when the smoke of a consumed mortgage testified to the effectiveness which this preacher had shown in bringing his plans through, and there was in hand over \$300 more than was needed. Not only so Scott brings to this conference the largest offering to Benevolences in the history of the church. While maturing his plans for the extinction of the debt brother Johnson busied himself by doubling the enrollment of the Sunday School, and adding largely to the membership roll. Scott is enjoying the red letter period of its history under brother

John's care. Thinity and Perryville served respectively by R. H. Adams and Geo. Bounds, join the debt paying procession by taking in the case of Trinity \$1000 from its debt, and at Perryville, \$2000. St. Pauls, Wilmington, takes \$1000 from its debt and has created a sinking fund that will take care of a definite sum each year. Dr. V. S. Collins has wrought constructively at this point, and the church for the first time in a score of years meets its current expenses without the usual special collection. Dr. E. P. Roberts has the distinction of serving in the only college town in Delaware. He is a worthy representative of the best traditions of Methodism. Twelve hundred dollars have been raised outside of the regular expenses. Delaware City church, Rev. T. N. Given, pastor, comes into possession of a \$7000 parsonage, the gift of the late Mrs. Sarah Brewer, and the Ladie's Aid Society has refurnished the house making the occupants of the parsonage more comfortable.

The ministry of the Rev. T. R. VanDyke at Mt. Salem is simply phenomenal, no other word adequately describes it. In an increased membership, a Sabbath School that has outgrown its present quarters, over \$700 increase in the Benevolences in two years, exceeding the official apportionment for missions this year by \$140, a \$2000 pipe organ paid for, and an improvement costing \$14,000, to meet the actual needs of the work, making a total for improvements this year of \$16,000, and every department of the church in full swing, more than justifies the use of the adjective. When the new stone addition is completed Mt. Salem will have an equipment equal to the best. It is regret unfeigned that for health reasons brother VanDyke seeks a drier climate. The Wilmington Conference will lose a valuable asset, when this minister and his capable family, for every member of the family fits into the work of the church, go from us. Fortunate the church to which they go, and we will follow them with our prayers wishing for them every good thing.

The seating capacity of Eastlake has been doubled at a cost of \$9000. when one sees the extent of that improvement it is a marvel of perfection and economy. And when it became known but a few days ago that the pastor, the Rev. E. C. Sunfield, brought this undertaking to a successful issue while enduring at times physical torture, it will be seen that the days of heroism are not past. It is with sorrow unfeigned that brother Sunfield in obedience to the advice of his physician retires from the active ministry. God grant that the retirement may be only temporary. The once dingy and unattractive church at Elkton has been literally transformed without and within by an expenditure of \$2700, all of which was in hand before the day of reopening. Not only so Elkton is one of the few churches on the district that exceeds the official apportionment for Missions, and reports this year by far the largest amount in its history for the general Benevolences. A term on a district has not spoiled Dr. Jones from effective work in the pastorate, and his sane and delicate handling of a difficult problem, the character of which all know, merits the highest commendation. At Holly Oak a property costing \$5000 has been secured for Sunday School purposes. The foresight of the pas-

tor, aided by his loyal supporters and a generous gift from John S. Mullin, Esq., made this much needed provision possible. Dr. V. P. Northrup, pastor at Brandywine, is vindicating his appointment to this historic church. Nine hundred dollars spent for cathedral stained glass windows, the adoption of the New Financial Plan, and a gracious revival tell their own story. Newport responds to the leadership of the Rev. Asbury Burke by raising over \$1000 for debts and improvements, and the spiritual tide at the flood. Hockessin, Rev. D. F. MacFaul, pastor, expends for improvements \$1000, and the Epworth League has installed a telephone in the parsonage with the first year's rent paid. It is but simple justice to say that these material improvements were made possible through the efforts of Mr. E. C. Imsweiler, a trophy won during the ministry of brother MacFaul. The Rev. E. H. Collins closes four singularly successful years at Madeley, where \$940 for improvements and \$10,000 have been raised, and the membership more than doubled. Rev. Luther Broadway found Kingswood weak and unorganized, paying a salary of \$400, he has put it on a safe, sound basis, with a property in perfect repair, a salary doubled, and a membership trebled, raised this year for debts and improvements \$600. Rev. J. P. Outten of Cookman gives a good account of his stewardship and reports paid this year on debts and improvements \$1000. The work of the Rev. G. T. Alderson at Harrison St. is superb. With its great Sunday School led by I. Elmer Perry, Esq., a born Sunday School man, its core of trained workers, a pastor who has a genius for organization, its eligible location, the future of this church is assured. \$750 for improvements. At Silverbrook, Rev. Elwood E. Jones, pastor, in addition to the unprecedented success of the present year, a \$15,000 improvement is planned for the coming year to meet the actual needs of its growing Sunday School under the superintendency of Joseph H. Coley, Esq. Mr. Bailey, one of the trustees, has donated a plot of ground valued at \$1500, thus making the new building a certainty. There are already in bank \$8000 toward the enterprise. Brother Jones is a "workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

North East, Rev. G. R. Neese, pastor, reduces its debt to the extent of \$1000, and the church was never in better condition spiritually. Through the generosity of Mr. James Gam, not a member of the church, St. Georges, Rev. Geo. E. Wood, pastor, has a new lighting system in the church and commodious horse sheds, a long felt necessity. Though facing an ebb tide in the population of Port Deposit, because of adverse industrial conditions, the Rev. F. X. Moore reports \$1200 on improvements and an increase in the Benevolences. Elk Neck presented to the Rev. O. E. James, when he assumed its pastorate three months after Conference, a problem serious enough to dishearten the most optimistic. Fifty-five conversions and benevolences 100% beyond last year is his answer to the challenge to defeat. Rev. W. B. Horner at Charlestown has more than fulfilled the prophecy, when he accepted his hard task. Fifty conversions, the salary and benevolences advanced, and \$550 spent for improvements partly tell the story. The Rev. J. C. McCoy comes back

from the gates of the grave bringing the best report of his pastorate at Zion. Though out of his pulpit for months he conquered adverse circumstances and won out. Thirty-one conversions, and \$500 for church improvements is a fair record for a disabled preacher. At Rising Sun, the Rev. A. Prettyman during his two years has wiped out debts, and put into improvements \$1000. Rising Sun has launched the New Financial Plan, and it promises large things for the future. Rev. J. W. Gray at Ebenezer forges ahead of the best record of this charge. His has not been an easy task, but he accomplished it with faith and good nature,—no one has felt the lash or felt the weight of the club.

One of the most striking examples of church development is at Grace church, Wilmington. It was popularly supposed for some years past that this really great church had seen its best days. With the passing of the men of large wealth who had lavished their money, when the need arose, many looked with misgivings at a future none too bright. By the sane and capable leadership of that princely man, Dr. Herbert F. Randolph, the church has entered on a program that would have staggered the vanished leaders. From an annual budget on assuming the pastorate less than two years ago of \$7,500, the budget now is over \$17,000. During these less than two years over \$30,000 have been spent for improvements, \$16,000 of that amount this year, the total income for all purposes this year was \$31,000. The evening congregations tax the capacity of the great auditorium. And all this has been accomplished without fuss or fret or friction. With its new parish house, its assistant pastor to assist in caring for the rapidly expanding work, Grace church enters upon a career that will make for the building of the Kingdom. It is but just to add that Dr. Randolph is a brother beloved, and a man who believes in old fashioned Methodism including a religious experience for both pulpit and pew.

St. Pauls church, Wilmington, makes a new departure in its policy. When Dr. V. S. Collins announced his desire for a new pastorate, a committee was appointed to confer with the Bishop and District Superintendent. The outcome was an invitation to the Rev. Dr. Arthur H. Thompson, a man highly recommended by Bishop McDowell, at a salary of \$2500. I am ready to take my full share of the responsibility for this movement. I believe it will be fully justified as the days go on. This was a statesmanship like thing for this church to do as it faces new conditions. Wilmington is crowded with people of average means who are open to church approach. We lose nothing. We gain. A church takes the rank to which it is entitled, and one of our own men goes to a much larger salary than he received here, and under conditions that will add years to his effective ministry.

The total for debt and improvements for the year reached about \$100,000.

It has been a conviction with me for years that any righteous plan that would show our people how far below the average our Conference is in the support of its ministers, and that would at the same time help

to break down the walls that have made neighboring Conferences a forbidden territory, is worth while.

It might be opportune just here to remind ourselves that a goodly number of our men have gone to other Conferences via the transfer route, without exchange and to treble the salaries in some cases fourfold that support received here. As I read you are thinking of these men many of whom have come to distinction in their new fields.

Considerable space has been given in this report to the city, and why not? All Denominations are addressing their best efforts toward solving the problem of the city. Chicago Methodism, for example, proposes raising a fund of \$500,000, and other cities are following. Wilmington must not lag behind. These modern Babylons must be made safe places to live in, they must be won to Jesus Christ. And brothers, this is OUR problem whether we till a farm or toil in the grime and dust of a great city. It is the problem of the church. "The hand cannot say to the foot, I have no need of thee." The right solution of this problem means good to the whole church, and to the commonwealth as well. Permit me to thank the Conference for its timely aid in the past, and implore a continuance of that aid in the future.

The City Missionary Society under the secretaryship of Dr. E. L. Hoffecker, and the presidency of Caleb E. Burchenal, Esq., supported by a competent board of directors, has made some progress. We need to realize, however, more fully that the biggest problem modern Christianity faces is within our own borders. These hordes of aliens upon our shores must be Americanized and evangelized. The pressing needs and larger program of our City Society will be submitted to the Conference at this session.

I cannot forbear a word relative to the work of the Rev. E. H. Dashiell in the interest of the Conference Claimant's Fund. Gifted with a peculiarly gracious quality of personal approach which disarms opposition and wins confidence, and with a genius for clear, convincing statement, he has shown his unquestioned fitness for this work, and more than justified his selection. I do not hesitate to put myself on record as saying that in my judgment the biggest job for the time being that this Conference faces is the completion of this fund. The reproach of the church in its treatment of the veterans must be taken away.

It is with glad hearts that we hail the coming of the new day in the Diamond State as concerns the banishment of king booze. The Legislature has put on the statute books the most drastic law against the saloon that we have ever had. The handwriting is on the wall, the saloon must GO. It is but simple justice to say that the Rev. E. C. Prettyman, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League has had much to do with this good result. Despite dire threats of personal violence he kept in the middle of the pike and gave no quarter to the rum men. He was loyally supported by our ministers and laymen. Thank God the church of John Wesley is still militant, and when folks really want things done they turn instinctively to the Methodist church. We have in Dover this year

the best legislature that has been there for a quarter of a century, and we have a Methodist, class leader Governor whose influence for righteousness has told mightily in the outcome.

The various activities of the church as related to the work of the district are in an encouraging condition. More and more are the energies of the church being directed toward the Sabbath School as a fruitful field for spiritual conquest, and a training agency for our youth. The District Epworth League guided by its president, Mr. T. B. Ely, is renewing its youth, and the outlook for an unusually prosperous year is most hopeful. The Ladies Aid Societies and the auxiliaries of the Woman's Home and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies are one of the biggest assets on the district. One of the most beautiful things about these consecrated women is that they just do things, without ado, or fuss or grouch. I have not for thirteen years heard a grouch from any of these societies in their reports to the Quarterly Conferences.

What of the spiritual fruitage of the year? The results are less striking than in the year past, but substantial gains were made as the following survey will show.

It will be remembered with what intensive vigor the Lyon campaign was prosecuted last winter in the city of Wilmington. Methodism was a large factor in the campaign. It is my deliberate conviction based on ascertainable facts that movement was and still is a distinct spiritual and moral asset to Wilmington. To organize and intensify the work of the churches, to raise the moral tone of the city, not counting the harvest of souls, was worth while.

I was a bit curious to observe the spiritual victories of the present year. Would the number of conversions equal the average of former years?

In 1913, the year preceding the big drive by our Commission on Evangelism, 18 Wilmington churches reported 433 conversions, the rest of the district reported 479, a total of 912. Last year as a result of the Lyon campaign 20 Wilmington churches reported 1455 conversions, and 31 churches outside the city reported 463. This year 15 Wilmington churches report 580 conversions, and 19 churches outside the city report 480. That is, 51 churches in 1913 reported 912 conversions, this year 34 churches report 1060, considerably above the normal number. Silverbrook reports this year nearly 100, while Grace, Scott and Epworth nearly reach the 75 mark. Elkton and Hopewell from outside report 80 conversions each, while Elk Neck and Newport report 50 each.

It will be readily seen from the above survey that the expected reaction failed to materialize. Further comment would seem unnecessary.

This report would be incomplete if it contained no expression of gratitude to the great Head of the Church for the abiding of His presence during the year. Language is lame when it seeks to voice the gratitude of the heart. With the perplexed and troubled Disciple in answer to the repeated questioning of His Master we can say "Thou knowest all things, Thou knowest that I love Thee."

ROBERT WATT.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Auditing.

Rev. T. E. Terry has paid out the following amounts as Treasurer of the Conference Board of Domestic Missions: To W. R. Mowbray, for Dover District, \$318; To W. A. Wise, for Easton District, \$220; To Robert Watt, for Wilmington District, \$334; the District Superintendents of Salisbury District have received a total of \$466.25.

Report of W. R. Mowbray: Received of T. E. Terry, Treas. Domestic Missionary Society, \$318; received of W. J. Downing, Treas. Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, \$66.75—Total \$384.75. Paid to: Armory and Asbury, \$125; Lakesville, \$49.75; Salem, \$60; Church Creek, \$50; Williamsburg, \$55; Hickman, \$25; Hooper's Island, \$20—Total, \$384.75.

Report of W. A. Wise: Received of T. E. Terry, Treasurer of Domestic Missionary Society, \$220.00; received of W. J. Downing, Treas. Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, \$68.50—Total, \$288.50. Paid out to: Oxford, \$60; Wye Mills, \$40; Cheswold, \$30; Galena, \$25; Queens-town, \$20; Church Hill, \$20; Millington, \$20; Trappe, \$15; Bayside, \$15; Fairlee, \$15; Henderson, \$10; Royal Oak, \$10—Total, \$280.00; balance in hand, \$8.50—Total \$288.50.

Report of Salisbury District: Received of T. E. Terry, Treasurer of Conference Board of Domestic Missions, and from Treasurer of Board of Home Missions and Church Extension the total sum of \$466.25. Paid to: Mardela Springs, \$100; Claremont, \$50; Ocean City, \$150; Stengle, \$75; Holland's Island, \$50. Amount in hand, \$41.25.

Report of Robert Watt: Received from J. W. Colona, Conference Treasurer, from Conf. Board of Domestic Missions, \$334.00. Paid to: Chester Bethel, \$40; Delaware City, \$35; Hockessin, \$40; Cherry Hill, \$35; Kingswood, \$40; St. John's, \$30; Port Penn, \$20; Brack Ex, \$25; Colora, \$25; Charlestown, \$25; Claymont, \$15; Elk Neck, \$15; Town Point, \$21—Total, \$366.00. Overpaid, \$32.00.

Received from R. M. Cooper, Treasurer, for Mrs. Annie Chatham, \$200. This amount was properly applied as per voucher.

Bible.

The Bible is God's last word, and man's highest attainment in the realm of spiritual truth. It is the paragon of books, the acme of expression possible to human language, the product of a golden manhood, fused by holy fires of Grace, and cast into forms of matchless and enduring strength and beauty.

What literature can surpass or equal the elegance, felicity, and vigor of the Psalms and Prophets? What law is so deep, so universal, and eternal, yet so sublimely simple as the Sermon on the Mount?

What songs are like the songs of Zion?

Where, amongst the great achievements of great men, can be found the faintest approach to such prophecies as those of Daniel and of John in the Apocalypse, which lie along the far horizon of Time, and bound the sweep of human vision, like a vast range of snow-capped mountains?

The Bible is the one great monument of human genius that will survive the fall of empires and the wreck of worlds. It is the truth of eternity given to the Children of Time for their salvation.

It contains such a deathless principle of Life, that, if the Church should wither, her fruitful branches should be hewn away, her strength should be laid prostrate, and every root and fibre of her life be snapped; yet if the Bible should still be scattered in the earth; from its living truth, as from a vital and indestructible seed, would spring a new generation of saved men; the Church would again put forth leaf and flower, and fill the world with the rich fruition of faith and love.

Our souls also are to be tried by this eternal Word.

Therefore, if we learn nothing else, we should learn this. We should be, like Wesley, "Men of one Book." Its language, word for word, should be stamped upon our memories and engraved upon our very souls. Its Laws should be obeyed; its institutions hallowed, its principles advanced, its purposes endorsed and followed. Its spirit should sway our spirits. Its noble ideals should exalt us. Its liberty should make us free. The knowledge of its saving truth should be spread abroad, until "the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea."

Of all the great Agencies engaged in the propagation of the Gospel, in this land of ours, the American Bible Society is the very last that must be hindered or hampered in its labors, for on its work depends the success of all the others, and the chief end of their existence is to spread its product in the earth.

Your Committee is convinced that a book containing such polished and graceful rhetoric, such forceful logic, such grand and stately imagery, and such enduring truth, should not be denied to the pupils of our public schools. Why should we feed their growing minds only on a secular literature which is, at best, but a faint shadow of the rich substance of the Word of God?

We trust that the Legislatures of Maryland and Delaware will, at the next session, enact laws providing that the Scriptures shall be read daily in our public schools.

Sabbath Observance.

Our Divine Lord, in meeting the criticisms of His enemies concerning the Sabbath, said, "The Sabbath was made for man." It was to be a period for physical and mental relaxation and recuperation, but much more was it to be a time for the quickening and enrichment of his spiritual life.

Believing this the Christian Church cannot but view with alarm the growing tendency to change the Sabbath from a Holy Day wherein Jehovah is worshipped and Christ is lifted up, into a holiday that panders to the pleasure loving desires of the populace.

Mindful of this menace to the sanctity of the Sabbath we welcome as an ally any man or any organization, whose aim is the preservation of this sacred institution.

Hence, we gladly endorse the Lord's Day Alliance, which under the inspiring leadership of Dr. W. W. Davis, has done such heroic work in arousing public sentiment favorable to the preservation of the Sabbath and defeating legislation hostile to it.

We welcome Dr. Davis, and his earnest and selfsacrificing assistant, Dr. Howard Kelly, to our pulpits and bid them God speed in their splendid work.

We recommend that a committee be appointed consisting of the District Superintendent and one minister and one layman in each District, which shall cooperate with the Lord's Day Alliance.

Believing however, that the church itself should bear its full share in this battle for the Lord's Day, we further recommend that the District Superintendents and Ministers shall preach at least once a year in every charge on the subject of Sabbath Observance, and that in every Sunday School special days shall be set apart in which addresses shall be made on the value of the Sabbath to the home and the church.

Sunday Schools.

The Sunday School is no longer a minor phase of religious work. It has become the great educational and evangelistic agency of the church. It is the church in its most constructive aspect. It is, therefore, with great pleasure that we learn of the substantial advance which is being made along all lines of Sunday School work.

The new Elementary Department of our Sunday School Board is seeking to get into touch with all our schools in order to give wiser and more energetic attention to this, perhaps the most important Department in our work. We recommend that the divisions which constitute the standard of the International Sunday School Association be adopted by all our schools, that especial attention be given to the Cradle Roll and that the Graded Lessons be introduced wherever possible. One of the great weaknesses in this, as indeed in all our work, is the lack of trained workers. The statistics of the General Board show that only about 18% of the Superintendents of the Beginners and Primary Departments have made, or are making any preparation whatever for their work. We urge all our pastors to give special attention to this problem of trained teachers in every department of the school, for it is vital to the largest success.

The teen age is, perhaps, the most dangerous period in the religious life, but is also the period of greatest opportunity. The greatest leakage

in our church life occurs at this point. Something must be done to correct this great evil. In this connection the Organized Class for boys and girls of the teen age is being emphasized by the Sunday School Board. There are now 5417 of such classes with a membership of 74,084. It is becoming increasingly clear that the church is awakening to the problem and opportunity of adolescence and is preparing to meet them.

The Adult Bible Class movement is still in the swing of progress. 1604 new classes have been organized during the year, making a total of 13,920 now enrolled. Probably a third more are organized, but not enrolled. It is not necessary that we endorse the Adult Bible Class movement. It has demonstrated its value and is rapidly becoming an indispensable factor in the work of Sunday Schools and church. We urge that all our Adult Bible Classes be enrolled with our own Board.

The Centenary celebration of the Missionary Boards is to be observed in 1919. This celebration presents a strategic opportunity for Missionary advance throughout the Sunday School field. The Board of Sunday Schools is planning to enter aggressively into the Centenary campaign. Its immediate aim is to secure from every school a vital and permanent interest in missionary education. A million dollars for Missions in 1919 from the Sunday Schools is the goal in terms of finance. But the program is larger than that. "Every Christian a Partner" in the evangelization of the world is the real slogan for the quadrennium facing us. We pledge our hearty co-operation in the Partnership Plan as formulated by our Sunday School Board.

We give our most cordial commendation to the various publications of our own Board. They were never better and no loyal Methodist pastor will be satisfied until he has them in use in the school or schools of the Charge he serves.

Temperance.

That we shall have a saloonless nation in the near future seems assured by recent victories in the temperance field of activity. Twenty-five States have banished the saloon and there is a prospect of several others doing the same this year; the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States upholding the Webb-Kenyon law which protects the dry states from inter-state commerce law in the liquor traffic; the Reed amendment to the Post Office bill passed by Congress making it a felony to ship liquor into dry States, the bill prohibiting the use of the United States mail to newspapers, magazines, circulars, etc., advertising liquors when addressed to persons or firms living in dry states where such advertisement is prohibited, and the bill passed by the same Congress making the District of Columbia dry after November 1, 1917, as well as Alaska and Porto Rico, all point to a dry country and a saloonless nation in 1920 seems assured.

That Maryland and Delaware are making progress that pointed to their joining the ranks of the dry states is seen by the fact that seventeen of the 23 Maryland counties have banished the saloon and that there

is a strong demand that these counties be made bone dry by the next Legislature. That the Delaware Legislature has passed drastic measures protecting its dry territory, repealing the iniquitous bottle law allowing saloons to sell a quart of intoxicating liquors beside that sold to the customer over the bar, the resubmission of the liquor question to the voters of Wilmington and rural New Castle County, all point to an early destruction of the traffic in these states.

We commend the Anti-Saloon League and the W. C. T. U., on their work done at the Delaware Legislature, also the work of the Law and Order Society in the city of Wilmington, as well as that being done throughout the nation by our own temperance society. We strongly endorse these organizations and pledge them our hearty support in their effort to destroy the liquor traffic. We deeply regret that Dr. T. M. Hare, because of ill health, has been compelled to relinquish the superintendency of the Maryland-Delaware Anti-Saloon League. We extend to George W. Crabbe, his successor, our highest felicitations and cordiality welcoming him and pledging our loyal support and cooperation in the work of making the territory comprising Maryland and Delaware bone dry.

We desire to express our appreciation for the sympathy and support of Governor Townsend in our efforts to secure the splendid results in the Delaware legislature, and for the splendid men in the legislature who stood by us to the last, without whose support these measures could not have been passed, and we would not forget the untiring effort of our efficient superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Delaware, Rev. E. C. Prettyman, for his splendid efforts in this behalf.

Following are the names of the members of the Delaware Legislature who remained true to the Temperance forces during the fight for temperance legislation:—Senate, New Castle County, James B. Hickman, John M. Walker, Harvey Hoffecker, Frank R. Poole; Kent County, Jos. Frazier; Sussex County, O. A. Newton, Edward Brown, Charles Mitchell, Ira L. Long. House, New Castle County, Willard S. Gregg, W. T. Boyce, Harry Ahern, Thos. J. Green, Martin B. Burris, Jos. C. Hitchinson; Kent County, John W. Tarbutton, D. F. Loose, Cooper Gruwell, E. C. Daly, George Kersey, J. W. Killen, G. E. Swain, A. B. Peet; Sussex County, John Prettyman, Coulter Messick, E. H. Tindall, J. T. Chipman, S. N. Culver, S. J. Lewis, D. C. Hall.

Freedman's Aid Society.

The work of the Freedman's Aid Society we believe to be one of the real tests of modern Christianity, namely, the power and willingness of that Christianity to Christianize the alien elements within the borders of the home-land, that would elsewhere be objects of Foreign Missionary effort.

Certainly at no time was there greater need than now that the work of not only evangelizing the Colored Race—already largely done—but also of so training them as to be helpful, and not hurtful elements in the

Christian and Civic life of America, should be prosecuted with all diligence; nor was there ever a time when such prosecution was more likely to produce good results.

In view of the fact that an average increase of \$4.00 from each pastoral charge would fully double the amount raised, and restore our Conference to its former position in this matter, we urge that District Superintendents and Pastors place an emphasis on this cause and endeavor to bring to pass the increase suggested.

Womans Foreign Missionary Society.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is one of the essential arms of the Church. This organization has done a most commendable work in the past, and is splendidly equipped to do even more successful work in the future. It has lent able assistance to the Parent Board of the Church and is in every day worthy of our sympathy and support.

May God's blessing follow the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and may their efforts in the future be crowned with the greatest success in their work in the vineyard of the Lord.

Woman's Home Missionary Society.

For over 35 years those elect women of our Church, known as the Woman's Home Missionary Society, with woman's genius for the practical and her intuitive grasp of the value of the ordinary despised "little things", has gleaned widely among us for nickels and dimes, and bits of other kinds of helpfulness, totaling through these years many millions of dollars. The harvest for the past year was nearly \$1,000,000, of which \$4738.83 came from our own Conference bounds.

All these moneys, the major portion of which would probably never have gotten into the Lord's treasury through other channels, have been poured out in a multitudinous ministry to the needs of the homeland, no small amount of it finding its way into the humbler homes of our brethren scattered throughout this nation.

The spirit and purpose of this organization being in every wise so commendable, and its place among us as an increasingly potent agent of the Church and Kingdom so clearly established, your committee earnestly recommends that the pastors and churches of this Conference give it much fuller co-operation in its efforts to bring into its fellowship of service the good women of our Methodism on this peninsula.

Epworth League.

The Epworth League was organized to promote "intelligent and vital piety among the young people." This, effected, will result in the development of activities in harmony therewith.

Organized Bible and Mission Study Classes, Conventions, Institutes and Rural Conferences, add vitality to the program.

The Junior League is the greatest force in the development of the future church. The Graded Course of Study should be used extensively, and the Juniors should be held until graduation, knowing that it is during the teen ages that our boys and girls are most likely to slip out into the world.

Plans are materializing for holding Sub-District Conventions on all the Districts, with a final rally in the form of a Conference Convention at a central point within the Conference to continue about three days, with a program along Institute lines. Every charge is urged to send representatives.

The uniform blanks should be used by the Chapters and District Leagues for their several reports. Blanks may be procured from the Secretary of the Conference Board.

Methodist Hospital.

The Methodist Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia is one of the institutions of the Church upon which every Methodist can look with pride. Its doors are ever open to those of every race and creed who may need its services. It has steadily gone forward in efficiency until today it ranks among the best.

We commend the energetic and efficient service rendered by the retiring Secretary, Dr. J. D. Martin, who has served faithfully for 11 years and pray that in return for his service he may hear the Master say, "inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto Me."

We hail with delight the newly appointed Secretary, Dr. C. M. Boswell, and recommend—

1. That the pastors call the attention of our people to the merits and efficiency of our own institution.
2. That we invite Dr. Boswell or his representative to visit our churches to present the cause of this institution.

We believe that to call the attention to the valuable use of which jellies and preserves may be used would inspire our young people societies to take up the work and provide for them service such as would be helpful to them. A voucher would be received which will help in our collections and be a blessing to those who participate.

Periodicals.

One of the mighty factors for good or evil is the press of today. The press and pulpit must go hand in hand to counteract the bad effects of unwholesome literature. The mind is ever in need of information. Our denominational papers need a wider circulation, than they are now having. The needs of our Methodism are being met by "The Christian Advocate." We commend it heartily, and urge all of our pastors to take it, and recommend it to our people. The Methodist affords a splen-

did medium for Conference information, and earnestly commend it. The "Epworth Herald" is a fine paper for our young people especially, and urge our pastors to endeavor to give it a wider circulation.

Thanks.

The 49th Session of the Wilmington Annual Conference will soon be a memory. It has proved to be one of rare interest and pleasure, combining profit and delight, and marked by the spirit of brotherly kindness and love. We wish to record our profound gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for His goodness and mercy in permitting us to enjoy such a feast of good things for body, mind, and spirit.

We express to our honored President, Bishop W. F. McDowell, our hearty appreciation of the way in which he has conducted the business of the Conference; of the urbanity of manner and speech displayed in all his dealings with the brethren; of the fairness and firmness of his parliamentary rulings; of the kindness of the wit and humor which have so often enlivened the proceedings of the Conference, like the beams of the morning sun upon the dew-kissed earth, causing every blade of grass to glow like pendant diamonds. And above all our hearty thanks for the splendid and helpful lectures, addresses, and sermons by which the minds and hearts of all have been stimulated and enriched. May these teachings become concrete in our lives, making us better Ministers of the Gospel of Jesus. God bless Bishop McDowell. God bless his good wife, who has honored the Conference with her gracious presence. Their visit has been a benediction, and in their departure from our Conference session they will be followed by the fervent prayer that they may be long spared each to the other, to the Church of their love, and to the world.

Our thanks are tendered to the capable and energetic Pastor of St. John's Methodist Episcopal Church, and to the Board of Trustees, Committee of Arrangements, and the Janitor, for the use of this beautiful building, and for the excellent provisions made for our comfort and convenience.

Also, to the Choir for the enlivening and inspiring music, which has assisted in making our crowded anniversaries seasons of intellectual and spiritual enjoyment.

Also to the accommodating Pastor and Trustees of the Methodist Protestant Church for the use of their well arranged and commodious building, and the many courtesies given.

Also our thanks are due to the Rector and congregation of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church for kindly attention and entertainment.

To the Rev. Dr. Bickley, of the Philadelphia Conference, we acknowledge our indebtedness, for his able and impartial administration of the delicate duties committed to his care.

Our hearty thanks are due to the people of Seaford and Blades, who

have opened their homes and hearts for our reception and entertainment, and have spared no courtesy or effort to make our stay comfortable and enjoyable. They have made this session of our Annual Conference an event never to be forgotten by the recipients of their kind attention.

We also gladly thank our heard-worked Secretaries for the splendid record they have made. Altho some of them were new to the work, they have, with the skill of veterans, proved their adaptability by their efficiency.

Also our thanks belong to the gentlemen of the press of Seaford, and other cities, for the fair and courteous reports of the proceedings of the Conference.

Also to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for all favors granted.

In conclusion, we assure our good friends of Seaford, with whom we have enjoyed a week of fellowship and hospitality unexcelled, that should they again extend an invitation to the Conference to hold its session in their beautiful town, the invitation would be sure of unanimous acceptance.

And now, brethren of the Conference, let us, while thanking God for all that is past, also trust the Lord and Bishop McDowell for what is to come; and go to our various fields of toil filled with the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

SPECIAL AND FINANCIAL.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

A year of steady advance in the work of the W. F. M. S. has been ours. The women seem more interested than ever before, and while we regret that every woman in our Conference is not a member, we are most grateful for those who give it their support by gifts and prayers. A number of new Auxiliaries have been formed as well as Young Women's Societies, Standard Bearer Companies, King's Heralds, and Little Light Bearer Societies, and when these all combine with their dues it makes a fine total. It has been the very best year in every respect the Conference has known, and we must notice just here that the Society is just two years younger than the Conference.

There has been paid to Branch Treasurer for the year from the portion of the Conference in Delaware, \$2,853.96; From Baltimore Branch, \$1,112.00—Making a total of \$3,965.96.

Many of you will recall the rousing meeting held last year in Union Church when Dr. Mary Stone made her strong appeal for her work, and a special offering was made for it. Because we had as a Branch made no appropriation for that particular work the gifts could not be counted by our Branch Treasurer, and the money was sent by Conference Treasurer direct to Dr. Stone before she left for China. It would have been a pleasure to have added the amount given by each

Church to the Pastor's voucher, but it could not be done, and the only way we can publicly acknowledge the gifts is to have them placed in this report for publication. The object of the gifts was a Cot in Dr. Stone's Children's Hospital and there was pledged that day: From Whitesville, by Rev. J. A. Buckson, \$10; Grace King Heralds, Wil., \$10; Jas. Fridell, Dover Dist., \$10; Grace Ch., Wil., Miss Grace Quigg, Mem., \$10; Mrs. Eli Mendenhall, \$5; Dover Dist., Rev. Henry Budd, \$10; McCabe Memorial, Wil., \$21; Brandywine Ch., Wil., \$10; Mt. Salem Ch., Wil., \$10; Scott Aux. to S. B., \$10; Grace Gleaners, \$10; St. Paul's S. B., \$10; St. Paul's Aux., Miss Mundick, \$5; L. M. Price, Easton Dist., \$10; New Castle Aux., \$10; Middletown, Mary L. Cox, "Mem.," \$10; Wil. Dist. E. L., \$10; Union Aux., Wil., \$10; J. A. Leach, Dover Dist., \$10.

There was sent to Dr. Stone the price of 23 beds, amounting to \$231, which gave the privilege of placing a name plate on each, and the naming of the Ward, the Wilmington Conference Ward. It was a glad offering from our Conference and made the heart of Dr. Stone most happy because she was helped so much in her work for the children.

So the sum total given by our Conference for work among Foreign women and their children amounts to \$4,196.96.

M. R. LINCOLN, Conf. Treas.

Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society.

The year has been one of transition and reconstruction. The property 222 West St., Wilmington, used for the Italian congregation, has been sold, and a new and more desirable site at the corner of Eighth Street and Grant Ave. has been purchased, and a worthy man and a large stock holder in the land company from which the lot was bought gave the secretary \$500 to help forward the enterprise. Plans have been adopted and the contract awarded, and the new church will be completed as early as possible. It will cost approximately, including the lot, \$10,000. The pastor, the Rev. J. A. Pignatiello, and his accomplished wife are doing excellent work. The European war has hindered the growth of work materially. Fifteen of the members were reservists and answered the call of the colors and went to Italy and took their places in the ranks. Some of them are dead and others serve in the trenches.

The English speaking mission under the care of Miss Lillian B. Carter has done well and would have done better had not the health of Miss Carter broken under the weight of her burden. Miss McClelland has assisted her and no backward step has been taken.

The Treasurer's books show the income of the Society for the fiscal year from all sources—\$4339.24. Expenses including interest, salaries, rents, supplies, etc.—\$3907.92. Total in bank, \$431.32.

Property of the Society.—Sale of 222 West St., \$6000; lot on Union St., \$600.00—Total, \$6600.00. Mortgage indebtedness, \$2300.00. Equity \$4300.00.

E. L. HOFFECKER, Corresponding Secretary.

Home Missions and Church Extension.

Home Missions. Received from Philadelphia, \$1250. This was disbursed as follows:—Wm. A. Moore, \$1000; Robert Watt, \$18; R. K. Stephenson, \$17.50; T. A. H. O'Brien, \$108; W. A. Wise, \$54.; W. R. Mowbray, \$52.50—Total, \$1250.

Church Extension. Received from Philadelphia, \$600. This was disbursed as follows:—Nelson, Hebron, \$200; St. Paul's, Wenona, \$400.—Total, \$600.

Conference Deaconess Board.

The Conference Deaconess Board held its annual meeting March 2, and found the work well conducted during the year. The work did not begin until October, 1916, because work among children was not begun because of the epidemic prevailing everywhere. A partial report of the Superintendent will show how faithfully they have all worked since that time. The workers at this time in the Home are Mrs. Margaret A. Sweet, Superintendent; Mrs. Lorena Finley, Preceptress, Wilmington Conference Academy; Mrs. Minnie E. Cole, Parish Worker, Scott M. E. Church; Miss Satira Wilson, Kindergartner in the Home; Miss Blanch E. Compton, Probationer's Settlement; Miss Edna Harrison, Student, Employed in the Home. Our Superintendent is still just as efficient as ever, a marvel of ability seldom found. Miss Charlotte Arnold in July asked for an indefinite leave of absence on account of illness in her home and she has not been with us since that time, but all their Licenses were approved and certified by the Local Board, Mar. 1, 1917. Mrs. Finley is still most acceptable as Preceptress of Wilmington Conference Academy. Mrs. Cole is still a willing winning worker at Scott M. E. Church. Miss Wilson has charge of the Kindergarten work in the Settlement and assists in all class work. Miss Blanch Compton came to us Sep. 18, 1916, a graduate of National Training School, Washington, D. C. Miss Edna Harrison came to us from Tilghman, Md., Nov. 1, 1916, is doing good work, with joy. Miss Dickerson of Laurel, Del., entered the Training School in Washington, D. C., in October, is doing fine work as a student. Miss Ruth Benson will finish her three years' course in that institution in May, 1917. A choice young woman, Miss Mazie Usher, has served one year in the Homeopathic Hospital in Wilmington as a nurse, after which she expects to take a Bible training for a Deaconess. Miss Marian Smith of St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, is in the same school fitting herself for the work dear to her heart. May we not justly be proud of our Wilmington Conference girls?

The work done by our workers is far-reaching, for the children come to the Kindergarten, and the grades reach up and out to Epworth Leagues, Mothers Meetings, Boys Clubs, and the influence is felt far and near. More than 200 families are under the touch of these workers each week.

We must leave much of the report out for lack of space, so will give but a summary of work done. Number of calls made, 2754. Papers and Tracts given, 354. Meetings attended, 976. Meetings conducted, 165.

Children taught in Sunday School, 571. Number adults taught in Sunday School, 411. Children taught in Jr. League, 1557. In Industrial work, 3078. Kindergarten, 6682. Much of necessity must be left out but the foregoing has been done by three Deaconesses and two assistants since Oct. 9, 1916. We are still calling loudly for more room, and more money to enlarge our work and Home. The supplies which have previously come to us from all over the Conference have not been so large this year, we feel sure not from lack of interest, but from unfavorable conditions. Late in the year we gave our Superintendent authority to act as Field Worker and she will go to any church by invitation to present her work.

The financial part of our report is also most important. There has come into the Treasury this year as follows: From Mar. 1st, 1916 to Mar. 1, 1917—

By balance Mar. 1, 1916, \$60.39; By Cash, \$1690.36; Supplies, by vouchers, \$275.41; For repairs, from Grace Circle, \$6.50—Making a Total of \$2,032.66.

Disbursements—From Mar. 1, 1916 to Mar. 1, 1917, \$1734.15; Value of supplies, by vouchers, \$281.91—Total, \$2,016.06—Leaving a balance Mar. 1, 1917, of \$16.60.

Wilmington Conference Education Society.

The Managers of your Education Society beg leave to report that during the Conference year they have aided 19 students in 3 schools, as follows: 6 students in Wilmington Conference Academy, \$250.; 8 students in Dickinson College, \$400.; 5 students in Drew Seminary, \$625—Total, 19 students—\$1275.

As the Conference is aware the income of the Society is derived from three sources, viz., from a fund left by the late James Riddle, known as the Riddle Fund; from special gifts, to aid special students, known as the "Special Fund"; and the collections taken annually in all of the churches and known as the "General Fund." The Riddle Fund, amounting to \$400 annually, is for the purpose of supporting two students each year in Drew Seminary, one of whom shall be studying for the Foreign Mission field of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the other shall be studying for the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church within the bounds of the Wilmington Annual Conference. From this fund \$500 has been expended during the year. Any individual or church contributing \$25. or more at any one time is allowed to name the beneficiary of such gift. Such gifts constitute our "Special Fund." From this source no income was received during the year.

Our principal source of income is the collection supposed to be taken annually in all our churches and is known as our "General Fund." From this source, if from any, the great majority of our students must be aided. For three years your Managers have been pleading that the Conference place \$1000 per year in the treasury for this important work; but our appeals have been answered by granting us but \$404 in 1915,

\$433 in 1916 and but \$479 in 1917. This is less than one-half the amount actually needed.

When your Board of Managers met in October last they were met with applications for aid for 15 men in three schools that required \$850 this current year, and there were but \$122 in the treasury with which to meet these demands.

By authority of the Board of Managers the President and Secretary issued an appeal to every Pastor in the Conference pleading the urgent need of immediately forwarding to the treasury the full apportionment for Conference Education. This appeal was endorsed by the four District Superintendents and the Presiding Bishop; yet out of 196 Pastors to whom the appeal was sent but 22, one in nine, responded, and the 22 responded with a total of \$212. So at this writing we have not been able to help a single student from this fund during this current school year.

In view of the imperative need of increased funds to perform the work committed to our care your Managers recommend the following:

1. That we urge upon all our Pastors the necessity of raising the full amount apportioned by the District Superintendents for education, and to forward the same as soon as possible after Children's Day to the Secretary of the Society.

2. That we take at once an offering of at least \$400. to aid students during the current school year.

VAUGHAN S. COLLINS, Secretary.

Conference Claimant Endowment Commission.

Dear Brethren:

The gray head—the old preacher—now comes into your presence—bent with age, crowned with the thorns of sacrifice, and yet with face illuminated by the glory of God. Before this broken messenger of the Cross let Methodism arise, for he is her spiritual "father." If criticisms are to be offered, let them not be heard here. If there be conflicting interests, let their clamor be hushed. This is the place for awe and veneration. The vicinity of the burning bush and the spot from which Elijah ascended were not more holy. For we stand with this gray head upon the mount of ascension, and are soon to hear the soft swish of an angel's wing, and witness a triumph as majestic as that of the Tishbite's.

At the Conference of 1916 subscriptions to our Endowment had reached \$67,047. At the present Conference, 1917, they have climbed, under God's peculiar blessing which we humbly and gratefully acknowledge, to \$118,401—a gain of \$51,354. If to this be added the \$13,423 originally held, it brings the total to \$131,824. Of this sum more than \$50,000 is now invested and drawing interest for our retired ministers. Included in these figures is the \$1000 given at this Conference by Mrs. Wm. A. Clash, of Cambridge, Md.

Not a few subscriptions have come in the form of bequests. Mr. Webster Kinder, of Bethel Church, near the seat of this Conference; Mr.

Harry A. Roe, of Denton, Md.; and another faithful brother whose name I am not at liberty to divulge, have each placed \$1000 in their wills for this sacred fund. Mrs. Sarah C. Brickley, of Rising Sun, Md., sets aside \$500 in the same way. Another bequest provides not less than \$3,000 and still another as much as \$10,000. The latter, however, is contingent.

The year has brought in \$1,731 in new subscriptions from the ministers.

Your secretary occasionally finds it necessary to visit Churches more than once. At the first they are unprepared, and foundations must be laid for a second visit. But, be it said to their credit, this does not often occur. Usually our people are glad to hear and willing to respond, for they are more and more widely awakening to this holy obligation. Where the offering has been taken, the response has been as follows: Greensboro, \$840; Bridgeville, \$700; Seaford Circuit, \$150; Selbyville, \$600; Snow Hill, \$1055; Georgetown, \$1193; Townsend, \$500; Rehoboth, \$290; Frederica, \$700; Magnolia, \$280; Clayton, \$650; Crapo, \$706; Camden, \$250; Asbury, Crisfield, \$2,100; Princess Anne, \$500; Chincoteague, \$475; Oriole, \$565; Denton, \$1,275; Middletown, \$800; Elkton, \$1,200; North East, \$1,800, \$600 of which is in the form of a contingent bequest by Mrs. M. W. Moore; Rising Sun, \$1,100; Newark, Del., \$1,300. It should be noted that the work at a number of these charges is incomplete, and that they expect to fully meet their proportion, which is as much to the Endowment in five years as is paid to pastoral support in one. Another of our own Peninsula men, a friend of Dr. Watt, has indicated his purpose to give at least \$5,000.

To the present date, Asbury, Crisfield,—independently of large sums or bequests—leads the Conference in responding to the fund, having pledged within a few dollars of \$2,100.

We have often wondered how professing Christians, with estates, could—in the face of the revelations of the Bible—meet death and pass to the judgment with practically no recognition of God in the disposition of their possessions. Bishop Warren never said a more beautiful thing than when he reminded Methodists of this class that, when providing for their LOVED ONES, they should not forget Jesus. The mystery to us has always been how, if their hearts were really occupied by His love, they COULD forget? The divine is stronger, sweeter, higher, more commanding, than the human. Earthly heirs should be given every proper consideration, but not to the exclusion of the claim of Him to whom we owe all our prosperity; and no truly Christian heir will expect or desire such consideration. How glorious the opportunity to have earthly gold transmuted into that of the skies! And certainly, when our people are making their wills, the Church presents to them nothing more urgent, worthy, or Christlike, than the endowment of our aged ministry. Indeed, it has been officially declared SUPREME, and should, in the thought and affection of our people, have absolutely first place until CONSUMMATED.

Your Secretary has received uniform courtesy and assistance from

everybody concerned—members of the Conference, supplies, and laymen. They have done all in their power to make the work pleasant and successful. One point, however, ought to be emphasized: which is, that, in the creation of this Endowment, 200 ministers ought to be persistently at it, instead of one. It must, of course, be lead by the Secretary, but every man in the Conference should have his eyes open for opportunities to set aside money for it or to induce members of his flock to provide for it in their wills. There is yet much hard work ahead of us, and every man should consider himself specially commissioned of God and the Church to promote the great end.

Do we as a Conference feel, upon review, that we have done well? Let us dismiss it! We have done nothing in comparison with what should have been done. We should be appalled at the littleness of it all. Our denomination has over \$81,000,000 invested in educational institutions, and less than \$9,000,000 to protect its aged ministers against the ravages of want. There is no ground here for congratulation; but for humiliation and deeper consecration. May the blessed day speedily dawn when Methodism shall extend her strong arm, and say, with infinite tenderness, to her old and broken father in Christ: "Lean on me!"

E. H. DASHIELL, Secretary.

**MEMORIAL FUNDS FOR CONFERENCE CLAIMANT
ENDOWMENT.**

To Wm. A. Clash, husband; Eben E. Payne, father; and Maria Coke Payne, mother. By Mrs. W. A. Clash, Cambridge, Md.	\$5000.00
To Mrs. Eliza P. Clark, Milford, Del. By action of the Conference in recognition of bequest	\$7100.00
To Mrs. Annie C. West, Middletown, Del. By action of the Conference, in recognition of bequest	\$3254.35
To Wm. Chance, father; and Susan Chance, mother. By Charles B. Chance, Sudlersville, Md.	\$ 100.00
To Rev. John Hough and Rebecca E. Hough. By their daughter, Mrs. James P. Hoffecker	\$ 500.00
To Margaret Layton Grier. By her sons, Drs. G. Layton and Frank L. Grier	\$1000.00

Board of Stewards.

The Board of Stewards congratulates the Conference upon the people's growing appreciation of the Christian Ministry, as evidenced by the annual increase in ministerial support. The total amount paid pastor's salaries in 1912 was \$180,324; in 1916, \$204,634.00, an increase of 12 3-10%. The total amount raised for Conference Claimants in 1912

was \$10,378.00; in 1916, \$13,207.00, an increase of 27 3-10%. The average annual increase in pastor's salaries during this period was \$4,662.00. The average annual increase in the Conference Claimant Collection was \$556.66.

While the amount contributed to the Claimant Cause has steadily grown, the number and claims of the Claimants have grown also. After increasing the annuity rate in eight years from \$3.50 to \$10.00, last year because of additional claims we were compelled to drop to \$9.00.

We are now facing a new difficulty. The last General Conference raised the annuity rate of the Widow's claim from one half to three fourths. To meet this 50% increase at last year's rate would consume over \$1,000.00. To prevent a further cut in the annuity rate the chairman of the Board of Stewards sent to all pastors early in the year the statement, that unless the apportionment of 9 1/2% of salary was raised by all the charges, the Board of Stewards would be compelled to reduce the annuity rate to \$8.00, or possibly \$7.00.

The discipline expressly states that the pastor is entitled to his salary in full only as all other claims for Ministerial support are met. Last year fifteen charges reported a deficiency on pastor's salaries, only ten on the District Superintendent's support, while eighty charges reported a deficiency in the Conference Claimant Collection:—Twenty-four on Dover District, eighteen on Easton District, eleven on Salisbury District, and twenty-seven on Wilmington District; with a total deficiency of \$2196.00! And the Quarterly Conferences of some of the delinquent Churches requested the Board of Stewards to allow from \$300.00 to \$600.00 to Claimants within the bounds of the local Church.

Backward steps are often tragic. Had the Charges met their apportionments there would have been no reduction of annuity this year. We could have returned to the \$10.00 basis of two years ago. But we deeply regret to report that the funds in hand only permit the payment of \$8.00, against the legal rate of \$14.00—an honest debt with only fifty-seven cents on the dollar! While the annuity rate has been reduced from \$9.00 to \$8.00 the total annuities paid is \$1883.00 more than last year, owing to the increase in the number of Claimants and the increased amount paid the widows under the new law.

Permit the Board of Stewards to appeal to the sixty-two ministers who failed to meet their apportionments this year. Some of you have labored in difficult fields. A few have met with apathy, unfriendliness, or perhaps hostility to the Cause. You may have thought that the people did not have the money. In very rare instances this was probably true. But more often several times as much is wasted as is given to the Lord. If the Church only received the fragments she would be well fed. If the membership tithed their incomes the Church would fare sumptuously every day. We earnestly request the prorating of ministerial support in every charge.

The claim to a comfortable support inheres in the Gospel Ministry. Such claim is not invalidated by his being retired, and at his death passes to the dependent members of his family. We appeal to your sense

of justice that you give our worthy Claimants a "square deal." We appeal to you for your own protection; for it may be sooner than you think, you will be standing where our honored Veterans are today. Then it will cheer and comfort your heart to remember that you did your full duty.

Permit us to call attention to paragraph 335, section 3 of the discipline, which reads, "Each congregation shall observe annually one Sunday as Conference Claimants' Day. The second Sunday in May shall be so observed, unless another day be substituted by the Annual Conference, and shall be known as Veterans' Day." We urge our pastors to call the attention of their congregations to our Annuity Agreement as a safe and profitable investment, and to remember the Claimant Cause in their wills.

There were Claimants last year, 28 ministers and 47 widows. This year there are 32 ministers, 49 widows, and 2 orphans. Three Retired Ministers and two widows have died during the year.

There has been received during the year \$12,262.00 of the \$200,000 Endowment ordered by the Conference two years ago. Our Treasurer's report shows that we have \$50,065.00 invested, the income of which goes to the support of Conference Claimants. The returns from invested funds amount to \$2170.00. Receipts from all sources for distribution, \$18,802.00. Amount necessary to meet all claims, \$29,698, which is \$10,896 more than the amount received.

Annuity Fund: Book Concern Dividend, \$2,712.00; John C. Rose Fund, \$34.48; Interest on Investments, \$2,170.52; amount of Collections from the Churches set over to Annuity Fund by vote of the Conference, \$8,690; Total, \$13,607.00. Full Annuity Claims, \$23,812.60.

Special Fund: Dividend from the Board of Conference Claimants, \$200.00; Remainder of Collections from the Churches after taking \$8,690.00 for Annuity Fund, \$4,995.00. Total, \$5,195.00.

Distribution of Annuity Fund: 31 Retired Ministers, 898 years of service at \$8.00 per year, \$7,184; 49 Widows, 1050 years of service at \$6.00 per year, \$6,300.00; 2 Orphans, 77 years of service at \$1.60 per year, \$123.00; Total, \$13,607.00.

Distribution of Special Fund: 17 Retired Ministers, \$1915.00; 1 Supernumerary, \$455.00; 31 Widows, \$2,819.00; 1 Orphan, \$69.00; Total, \$5,195.00.

Total Collection from the Churches, \$14,405.00, of which the Conference Treasurer will forward to the Board of Conference Claimants 5%, or \$720.00, leaving for distribution, \$13,685.00.

Collections by Districts:

Dover, \$3,277.00; Increase, \$172.00.

Easton, \$3,142; Increase, \$228.00.

Salisbury, \$3,810; Increase, \$174.00.

Wilmington, \$4,176.00; Increase, \$624.00.

Total increase, \$1,198.00.

Respectfully submitted,

W. O. HURST, Chairman.

ELWOOD W. JONES, Secretary.

Distribution of Conference Funds.

CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES.

Date of Claim	Service	Estimate of Q. C.	Annuity Claim	Annuity Paid	Special Fund	Amount Paid
RETIRED MINISTERS.						
1910	40					
1906	17					
1905	27					
1917	26	350	378	216	84	300
1917	20		364	208		208
1913	20	600	280	160	300	460
1917	36		504	288		288
1906	44	550	616	352	148	500
1871	5					
1904	21		70	40		40
1914	31	600	294	168	142	310
1906	30	450	434	248	62	310
1916	32	450	420	240	110	350
1916	32	150	448	256	104	360
1917	12		168	96	54	150
1916	30	500	420	240	215	455
1889	18	500	252	144	116	260
1917	35		490	280		280
1916	48		672	384		384
1913	26	450	364	208	112	320
1891	28	400	392	224	151	375
1912	38	100	532	304	71	375
1917	32	600	448	256	74	330
1915	40		560	320		320
1917	38		532	304		304
1916	39		546	312		312
1897	24	600	336	192	113	305
1915	38		532	304		304
1901	24	300	336	192	33	225
1906	21		294	168		168
1914	31		434	248		248
1913	28	500	392	224	26	250
1917	19		266	152		152
SUPERNUMERARY.						
1916	23	500			455	455
WIDOWS.						
1915	43	350	452	258		258
1903	21		221	126		126
1881	8	250	84	48	152	200
1909	40		420	240		240
1903	9	220	95	54	81	135
1879	10	180	105	60	120	180
1895	4	300	42	24	131	155
1896	33		346	198		198
1915	30	300	315	180	10	190
1915	16	300	168	96	214	310
1916	10	200	105	60	45	105
1909	31		326	186	54	240
1870	8	200	84	48	152	200
1872	17		150	179	102	102
1905	25	213	263	150		150
1872	1	150	11	6	69	75
1891	17	200	179	102	68	170
1914	40		420	240		240
1891	20	300	210	120	80	200
1906	16	360	168	96	74	170
1893	25		263	150		150
1908	26	250	273	156	34	190
1904	43	300	452	258		258
1900	32	300	336	192	73	265
1879	16	400	168	96	104	200
1917	9					
			95	54		54

Date of Claim	Service	Distribution of Conference Funds.		Estimate of Q. C.	Annuitant Claim	Annuitant Paid	Special Fund	Amount Paid
CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES.								
WIDOWS—Continued.								
1915	38	Maenichol, Maude, 2523 N. 12th St., Philadelphia, Pa.	500	399	228	122	350	
1917	23	Martindale, Sallie W., Salisbury, Md.		242	138		138	
1893	13	Melvin, Frances M., 419 E. 31st St., Baltimore, Md.	350	137	78	97	175	
1917	24	Morgan, Minnie Spear, 913 Washington St., Wil., Del.		252	144		144	
1914	40	Morris, Henrietta, Manasquan, N. J.	300	420	240		240	
1916	10	Murray, Pauline, Snow Hill, Md.	450	105	60	120	180	
1909	35	Nelson, Evelyn, Snow Hill, Md.	300	368	210		210	
1917	33	O'Brien, Mary Cornelia, 1313 W. 8th St., Wilmington, Delaware		347	198		198	
1887	21	O'Neill, Mary A., 234 N. Carey St., Baltimore, Md.		221	126		126	
1882	6	Prettyman, Emma, Salisbury, Md.	300	63	36	149	185	
1893	14	Robinson, Emma R., Perryman, Md.	250	147	84	66	150	
1904	35	Shepherd, Mary E., Frankford, Del.	400	368	210		210	
1884	15	Shilling, Emma E., The Marion, Wilmington, Del.	250	158	90	95	185	
1905	12	Sidell, Sarah D., 5336 Ella St., Olney, Philadelphia, Pa.	300	126	72	113	185	
1901	12	Swain, Martha H., Dover, Del.	350	126	72	153	225	
1903	37	Sypherd, Josephine, 22 S. Stenton Place, Atlantic City, N. J.		384	222		222	
1914	9	Talley, Elva, Route A., Wilmington, Del.	250	95	54	96	150	
1878	10	Thomas, Mary F., 604 Broome St., Wilmington, Del.	127	105	60	40	100	
1906	30	Todd, Alice C., Wenonah, N. J.	225	315	180	45	225	
1878	12	Weston, Laura E., Norwood, Pennsylvania	200	126	72	88	160	
1913	43	White, Elnora, Millington, Md.	400	452	258	17	275	
1905	20	Wilcox, Emma L., Salisbury, Md.	300	210	120	30	150	
1900	8	Williams, Martha S., Delanco, N. J.	200	84	48	127	175	
ORPHANS.								
34		Cannon, Emma J. W., Washington, Congress Heights, D. C., Mrs. Emma E. Cannon, Trustee		95	54	6	60	
43		Murray, Edwin N., Snow Hill, Md., Mrs. Pauline Nelson, Trustee		120	69		69	

LAYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

MORNING SESSION.

OPENING—The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Laymen's Association was held at St. John's Methodist Episcopal Church, Seaford, Delaware, March 30, 1917. A love feast in charge of Brother Joseph Mallieu was held during the first hour. It was a season of enthusiasm and spiritual uplift. At 10:00 A. M. the session was called to order for routine business by the President, Walter O. Hoffecker. President Hoffecker in an address called attention to several problems of the Church of today, namely:—Saving the boys, better support of the ministry, meeting the requirements for the Conference Claimant's Endowment Fund, and a broader view of religious activities. Remarks emphasizing the statements by the president were made by Bros. John T. Taylor and David S. Clarke.

INTRODUCTIONS—Rev. Chas. W. Karns addressed the Association on the Conference Claimants Fund, giving some of his experiences in

this work and impressing upon the laymen the importance of this fund in building up efficiency in the ministry. Rev. E. C. Prettyman spoke of the work of the Anti-Saloon League during the past year. He outlined briefly the legislation secured during the session of the General Assembly of Delaware and the plans for pressing the work in the future. Dr. W. W. Davis, General Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, told of attempted legislation in Maryland to legalize the desecration of the Sabbath (movies, Sunday baseball, sale of tobacco and soft drinks, etc.), and asked the laymen of Wilmington Conference for more earnest support. Rev. W. Kay Lord spoke concerning the Delaware Children's Home Society. He gave instances of children being wronged and asked for better protection for immature girls.

ROLL CALL AND COMMITTEES—The roll was called and 78 delegates were found to be present. The following committees were appointed: Resolutions—Bros. Victor C. Hitchens, T. B. Ely, M. B. Burris, Jay Williams and F. M. Jones. Finance—Bros. L. M. Price, P. S. Shockley, H. P. Cannon, and W. B. Genn. Nominations—Bros. J. Herman Anderson, I. J. Morgan, A. L. Johnson, and John T. Taylor.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was opened by singing, led by Bro. W. O. Hoffecker. Bro. C. H. Jefferson led in prayer. Dr. J. O. Spencer, of Morgan College, was introduced and presented the needs of the Freedman's Aid and of Morgan College especially. Dr. Chas. M. Boswell, Corresponding Secretary of the Philadelphia Methodist Hospital, told of the work at that institution, also of its needs, especially a new maternity hospital.

ADDRESSES AND DISCUSSIONS—Bro. Samuel Shaw, Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, addressed the Association on the subject, "The Layman's Position in the Local Church." Said he, "The Layman should give whole hearted support to whoever is sent as pastor. Our local church is to continue when the pastor has gone to another charge. We laymen should live so close to God that we learn to love His house and be proud of it. Let us know our Bible, then we will not disgrace our Master by ignorance of His Word. Religion should so brighten our countenances that we may gladden the days for our companions. Be evangelical in our lives that we may lead others in the way." Bro. Thos. N. Rawlins discussed, "What can be done to increase giving to the several benevolences of the Church?" The keynotes of his arguments were "create interest in the special cause," "know thoroughly the cause to which we are contributing." We may do this by getting men thoroughly familiar with the causes to present them in the several churches. Care must be taken however not to overdo the work especially at regular preaching services. Bro. Rawlins then outlined the condition and the need of our local Conference Claimants Fund. Bro. E. J. Winder spoke on "Evangelism in our Conference" and then gave his impressions of the last General Conference. He was followed by Bro. Martin

B. Burris, another of the lay delegates to the General Conference, who gave a most interesting address on "Some Impressions of the General Conference."

FINANCE—The Committee on Finance through the Chairman, Bro. L. M. Price, reported that the accounts were found correct and recommended a collection of \$25.00 to defray the expenses of the Association. Collection was then taken and \$19.80 received.

A telegram from Gov. John G. Townsend expressing regret on account of inability to attend this session of the Layman's Association, was read by the President.

NOMINATIONS—The Committee on Nominations reported the following: President, A. L. Johnson; Vice-Presidents—P. S. Shockley, Dover District; Martin B. Burris, Easton District; R. Fulton Powell, Salisbury District; I. Elmer Perry, Wilmington District; Secretary, C. A. Short; Treasurer, L. M. Price. The nominees were unanimously elected to the respective offices.

RESOLUTIONS—The Committee on Resolutions, through its Chairman, Victor C. Hitchens, reported the following resolutions, which were taken up in their order and adopted:

I.

Lord's Day Alliance.

WHEREAS, The best interest of home, of civic welfare, and of the Church demand the keeping of the Sabbath Day sacred and holy,

WHEREAS, The Lord's Day Alliance is doing effective service in preserving the sanctity of this day, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Layman's Association of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, that we, feeling the importance of this work in its effect upon our own Conference, do endorse the Lord's Day Alliance in its great work and the splendid services of Dr. H. A. Kelly and Dr. W. W. Davis and pledge to the work and the Alliance our heartfelt cooperation.

II.

Increased Pastoral Support.

WHEREAS, We, the Laymen of the Methodist Episcopal Church, realize that the Ministers of our Church, as the Servants of God, are doing the greatest and most important work on earth in the uplift of humanity and the salvation of man from sin; and that the best interests of civilization are promoted by the presence of the Spirit of Christ in the hearts of men, and

WHEREAS, Our ministers are human and subject to the human limitations of old age, sickness and death, at the same time, from the nature of their high calling cannot acquire an independent estate of their own; but, for best service, must be free to perform their high and holy work without business care; and

WHEREAS, The cost of living has been much increased of late, now therefore,

RESOLVED, That is is the sense of this Layman's Association that the salaries of the ministers of our Conference should be increased substantially so that our pastors be properly provided for in their high and holy labors.

III.

Anti-Saloon League.

The Layman's Association of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in annual session assembled, hereby record our hearty commendation of the valuable services rendered during the past Conference year by our brother and fellow worker, the Rev. E. C. Prettyman, Superintendent Peninsula District, Anti-Saloon League, and especially for his untiring efforts during the recent session of the legislature of Delaware in assisting to secure the passage of the Anti-Shipping Bill, the Bottle Law Repealer and the Resubmission Bills for Wilmington and Rural New Castle County, and

We pledge to our brethren and to the good people of New Castle County and Wilmington our heartiest sympathy and support in the coming election, and pray it may result in driving the saloon from our midst and that the little Diamond State may take her place among the "Bone Dry" States of the Union.

We also record our deep regret that T. M. Hare, because of his health, has been forced to relinquish the Superintendency of the Maryland-Delaware Anti-Saloon League, and we express to him our hopes and prayers for a speedy recovery.

We extend to Dr. Geo. W. Crabbe, his successor, our highest felicitations and greeting and most cordially welcome him to our district and pledge him and his co-workers our loyal support in their efforts to wipe out the liquor traffic in Delaware and Maryland.

IV.

Church Stewards.

We, the laymen of the Wilmington Conference in meeting assembled, realizing the great importance of conducting the material affairs of our churches on a business like basis cheerfully recommend the following pledge to the members of this Association and through them to the several charges of this Conference:

"We the undersigned Stewards, named at the last quarterly conference of Church to serve for the coming Conference year, hereby pledge ourselves faithfully and diligently to perform the duties pertaining to the office of steward during the term for which we are appointed and promise, if possible, to attend all meetings of the Board.

And it is understood and agreed by each of us that our office shall become automatically vacant if we be absent from three meetings of the Board in succession."

This pledge has been adopted recently by the Board of Stewards of

Immanuel Methodist Episcopal Church, Crisfield, Md., and in order that our Stewards may conduct our Master's business more efficiently and effectively, we earnestly request that all those laymen in attendance here today carry to their various churches the spirit and idea of this resolution and so far as practical secure like action on the part of the officials of their local churches.

V.

Thanks.

Be it resolved, That we extend to St. John's Methodist Episcopal Church our sincere thanks for the generous hospitality on the part of its people in providing for us a well appointed place of meeting with every convenience and comfort and to her ladies for bringing in easy reach of us all an excellent lunch. After all, what is a Brotherhood without a Sisterhood?

ADJOURNMENT—The Association adjourned sine die at 5:45 p. m.

C. A. SHORT, Secretary.	W. O. HOFFECKER, President.
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Officers of Lay Electoral Conference.

- 1872—President, John F. Williamson; Secretaries, Dr. W. T. Collins, I. T. Matthews.
 1876—Pres., R. J. Jump; Secretaries, I. T. Matthews, J. H. Bell.
 1880—Pres., John F. Williamson; Secy's, P. F. Causey, Dr. R. J. Price.
 1884—Pres., Henry F. Pickles; Secy's, Dr. R. J. Price, Henry S. Dulaney.
 1888—Pres., H. C. Dodson; Secy's, Dr. R. J. Price, W. H. Dashiell.
 1892—Pres., I. T. Matthews; Sec'y, Joseph Smithers.
 1896—Pres., H. F. Pickles; Secy's, R. M. Cooper, J. W. Coley.
 1900—Pres., Chas. B. Lore; Secy's, R. M. Cooper, J. S. Collins.
 1904—Pres., Chas. B. Lore; Secy's, R. M. Cooper, Wesley Webb.
 1908—Pres., W. O. Hoffecker; Secy's, C. A. Short, A. R. Spaid.
 1912—Pres., R. D. Jones; Secy's, C. A. Short, H. R. Moore.
 1916—Pres. E. J. Winder, Secy's, C. A. Short, A. Galt Starr.

Lay Delegates to the General Conference.

- 1872—Delegates, Daniel M. Bates, Walter H. Thompson.
 Alternate, John F. Williamson, Thomas Mallalieu.
 1876—Delegates, John F. Williamson, Thomas Mallalieu.
 Alternate, W. J. Jones, Dr. Geo. C. Tyler.
 1880—Delegates, I. T. Matthews, T. B. Coursey.
 Alternate, J. F. Dawson, P. F. Causey.
 1884—Delegates, F. A. Ellis, Alfred G. Cox.
 Alternate, Dr. A. E. Sudler, Jos. Pyle.

- 1888—Delegates, H. P. Cannon, L. S. Melson.
 Alternate, Joseph Pyle, Dr. A. E. Sudler.
 1892—Delegates, Dr. A. E. Sudler, Joseph Pyle.
 Alternate, I. T. Parker, J. W. Melson.
 1896—Delegates, Dr. W. L. Gooding, W. H. Jackson.
 Alternate, T. J. Truxton, G. F. Jones.
 1900—Delegates, Chas. B. Lore, G. E. Hukill, Jos. E. Holland, Geo. A. Cox.
 Alternate, S. H. Baynard, G. C. Moore, J. W. Fletcher, L. E. P. Dennis.
 1904—Delegates, C. B. Lore, H. P. Cannon, R. M. Cooper, J. E. Ellegood.
 Alternate, A. W. Sisk, Geo. C. Moore, L. S. Melson.
 1908—Delegates, J. P. Holland, I. T. Parker, W. O. Hoffecker, R. D. Jones.
 Alternate, John G. Townsend, Jr., Joseph W. Coley, J. C. Mullikin.
 1912—Delegates, Chas. H. Jefferson, John G. Townsend, Wm. Saulsbury,
 Joseph W. Coley. Alternate, Mrs. Jeannie M. Field, A. W. Sisk,
 Wm. T. Records.
 1916—Delegates, E. J. Winder, Thos. H. Bock, Melville Gambrill, Martin B.
 Burris. Alternate, I. M. Lenderman, W. O. Hoffecker, L. E. P. Dennis.

STATISTICAL
DOVER DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Membership					Epw'th League		Church Property							General Conference Expenses				
	Local Preachers	Prep'y Mem.		Full Members			Senior Members	Junior Members	Churches	Estimated Value	Parsonages	Estimated Value	Paid for Buildings and Improvements on Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses, Sexton, Fuel, Light, etc	Appropriated for the Quadrennium	Paid this Year	Balance Due
		Received During Year	Now on Roll	Full Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members	Deaths During Year													
1 Arm'y & As'y	1	35	117	12	2	20	2	2	2	\$ 4500	1	\$1500	\$ 300	600	100	275	110	2	6
2 Beck with	1	4	225	8	3	100	2	2	2	10000	1	2500	232	110	110	110	110	110	110
3 Bethel	1	4	221	8	3	100	2	2	2	450	1	1500	232	110	110	110	110	110	110
4 Blad's & Epw.	1	3	171	17	2	100	2	2	2	3200	1	1500	232	110	110	110	110	110	110
5 Bridgeville	1	12	385	3	75	65	1	1	1	6000	1	2500	650	3000	2060	2060	2060	2060	2060
6 Cambridge	2	30	40	535	2	9	100	1	1	80000	1	4000	170	3000	225	225	225	225	225
7 Camden	1	7	175	22	2	77	2	2	2	8000	1	1200	1912	136	136	136	136	136	136
8 Canterbury	1	7	204	22	2	77	2	2	2	8500	1	1200	1912	136	136	136	136	136	136
9 Church Ck & Taylors Isl.	1	4	4	126	2	2	3	3	3	7000	1	1500	150	55	159	159	159	159	159
10 Crapo	3	46	14	420	3	97	60	4	4	11000	1	1200	62	700	30	222	175	775	775
11 Dover	1	3	6	275	20	5	40	1	1	35000	1	8000	1200	120	700	775	775	775	775
12 E. N. Market	1	4	2	296	23	2	104	31	3	9000	1	2500	69	120	120	120	120	120	120
13 Ellendale	1	5	45	221	1	1	3	3	3	3600	1	900	1000	32	35	210	210	210	210
14 Elliott's Isl.	1	58	58	77	3	55	38	1	1	2500	1	400	300	32	115	115	115	115	115
15 Farmington	1	3	13	137	14	4	4	4	4	8000	1	1600	240	40	50	50	50	50	50
16 Federalsburg	1	22	24	257	7	2	28	35	1	6500	1	3000	155	391	391	391	391	391	391
17 Felton	1	90	30	300	5	1	25	28	3	12000	1	2000	450	225	17	17	17	17	17
18 Frederica	1	6	6	239	4	4	25	1	1	10000	1	3000	54	225	225	225	225	225	225
19 Galetown	1	1	26	70	1	40	1	1	1	1500	1	1500	1	50	50	50	50	50	50
20 Georgetown	1	8	12	518	6	5	100	75	1	15000	1	8500	150	672	2669	572	110	110	110
21 Georgetown Ct.	1	12	3	409	15	6	4	4	4	7600	1	1600	160	120	202	202	202	202	202
22 Greenwood	1	7	2	278	8	2	50	4	4	9600	1	2500	200	236	30	175	175	175	175
23 Harrington	1	8	6	300	8	8	1	1	1	10000	1	4000	8	1250	658	658	658	658	658
24 Hick'n & Epw.	1	7	7	111	15	2	30	2	2	3160	1	150	20	8	12	12	12	12	12
25 Hooper's Isl.	1	17	17	88	5	4	3	3	3	6000	1	1800	1000	827	59	59	59	59	59
26 Houston	1	20	12	161	45	12	40	15	3	9000	1	1800	1000	827	59	59	59	59	59
27 Hurlock	1	8	7	180	10	5	90	25	2	8000	1	1800	1000	827	275	275	275	275	275
28 Lakesville	1	3	2	166	4	4	5	5	5	9000	1	900	1000	80	80	80	80	80	80
29 Laurel	1	5	26	593	7	4	100	63	1	55000	1	5000	348	1912	16000	1704	118	118	118
30 Leipsic	1	3	3	107	8	1	2	2	2	7060	1	1600	175	90	118	118	118	118	118
31 Lewes	1	24	38	364	12	9	50	45	1	25000	1	3500	1300	1810	627	627	627	627	627
32 Little Creek	1	32	32	250	24	3	3	3	3	12500	1	2200	100	50	250	250	250	250	250
33 Little Creek	1	27	27	121	6	5	20	2	2	4800	1	800	275	700	300	300	300	300	300
34 Mag. & Br Ch	1	3	3	276	1	5	30	3	3	8500	1	2000	340	125	125	125	125	125	125
35 Milford	1	46	51	380	6	6	100	60	1	15000	1	5000	200	300	675	675	675	675	675
36 Milford Nk & Williams'le	1	7	7	157	40	1	1	2	2	2900	1	46	46	55	55	55	55	55	55
37 Millsboro	2	10	17	187	9	2	40	27	3	5000	1	1000	50	225	225	225	225	225	225
38 Milton	1	14	206	206	5	1	14000	1	1	14000	1	3000	500	239	239	239	239	239	239
39 Mt. Pleasant	1	4	4	275	3	1	3	3	3	5200	1	2000	525	12	5	10	1	9	9
40 Nassau	1	16	2c	330	1	6	24	16	3	7000	1	1000	971	100	100	100	100	100	100
41 Rehoboth	1	89	50	296	16	50	2	10500	1	2500	135	275	700	300	300	300	300	300	300
42 Reliance	1	18	35	204	20	2	3	3	3	4000	1	2500	450	350	90	90	90	90	90
43 Salem	1	2	2	48	4	2	20	4	4	4000	1	800	549	118	40	40	40	40	40
44 Seaford	1	5	9	360	1	3	60	4	4	6600	1	2500	20	25	220	140	140	140	140
45 Seaford Ct.	1	26	16	99	1	1	3	3	3	6000	1	1200	20	25	140	140	140	140	140
46 Vienna	1	65	20	160	10	3	3	3	3	5500	1	1500	25	150	150	150	150	150	150
47 Williams'bg	1	10	20	290	2	2	2	2	2	14000	1	2000	1700	200	200	200	200	200	200
48 Wyoming	1	12	12	203	2	2	4	4	4	7000	1	170	223	200	100	100	100	100	100
49 Zoar	1	12	12	203	2	2	4	4	4	7000	1	170	223	200	100	100	100	100	100
Total	26	777	800	12009	386	185	1420	878	118	542810	43	103350	13809	9259	48002	14027	35	24	15

STATISTICAL
DOVER DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Sunday Schools														Collec's for Bd. of S. S.					
	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars not includ'g Home Department and Cradle Roll	Members in the Home Department	Children on the Cradle Roll	Total Enroll't in all Depts Incl. Cradle Roll, Home Dept. Off's, Teach's, Seals	Average Attendance of all Grades	Officers and Teachers Ch. Members or Probationers	Scholars Incl. Home Dept. Ch. Mem's or Probationers	Members Sunday Sch. converted during Conf. Year	Accessions to Church from Membership of S. S.	Church	Sunday School 10% of Sunday Sch. Miss. Offering	Sunday School Expenses, Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	Collec's for Bd. of S. S.	Collec's for Bd. of S. S.	Collec's for Bd. of S. S.			
																		Church	Sunday School	Miss. Offering
1 Armory and Asbury	1	17	100	20	20	157	90	17	80	20	15	6	6	15	15	15	50			
2 Beckwith	1	40	280	20	20	340	160	40	135	25	25	6	6	25	25	25	75			
3 Bethel	1	35	315	30	30	380	152	34	150	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	105			
4 Blades and Epworth	1	34	300	54	54	388	96	32	126	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	90			
5 Bridgeville	1	18	275	47	47	340	178	18	185	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	145			
6 Cambridge	1	63	710	20	20	871	373	63	639	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	300			
7 Camden	1	26	225	49	49	330	175	26	175	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	145			
8 Canterbury	1	36	218	254	254	125	8	125	6	40	40	4	4	40	40	40	50			
9 Church Creek and Taylor's Island	1	27	125	152	152	79	25	42	6	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	66			
10 Crapo	1	72	523	505	505	277	66	299	50	20	20	6	6	20	20	20	20			
11 Dover	1	25	160	24	24	224	130	25	100	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	159			
12 East New Market	1	52	380	15	15	447	208	52	87	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	160			
13 Ellendale	1	47	309	24	24	380	180	47	182	16	16	3	3	16	16	16	88			
14 Elliott's Island	1	15	90	21	21	126	85	15	60	30	30	1	1	30	30	30	155			
15 Farmington	1	26	140	57	57	200	85	26	71	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	75			
16 Federalsburg	1	31	234	20	20	326	184	29	139	18	18	2	2	18	18					

STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAME OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Ministerial Support (Support of Pastor, Support District Supt., Support Bishops, Support Conf. C'mnts), Baptisms (Total Deficiency, Adults Baptized, Children Baptized, Baptized Children under instruction as Probaters).

TREASURER'S DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference (Missions, Bd. of S. S., Bo'd of Education, American Bible Society, Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Pub. Morals, General Deacons Board, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Woman's Home Miss. Soc., City Missionary & Church Extension Society, Philadelphia Hospital, Anti Saloon League, Domestic Missions, Annual Conf. Investments for Conf. Claimants, Central Office Expen. E. I.), Other Cash Items.

STATISTICAL
EASTON DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Membership			Epw'th League		Church Property						General Conf'ce Expen's							
	Local Preachers Received During Year	Prep'ry Mem.	Full Members	Senior Membets	Junior Members	Estimated Value	Parsonages	Estimated Value	Paid for Buildings and Im-provements on Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parson-ages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parson-ages	Current Expenses, ton, Fuel, Light, etc.	Appropriated for the Quadrennium	Paid this Year	Balance Due				
																Members on Roll	Non-Resident Mem-bers	Deaths	Churches
1 Bayside.....	3	11	98	1	100	2	\$ 5000	1	\$ 1000	\$ 10			100	12	3	9			
2 Bozman.....	18	18	231	7	71	2	8000	1	1500	276	480		235	12	3	7			
3 Burrsville.....	1		180			2	5500	1	1500	290			100	10	3	7			
4 Cecilton.....	8	23	176	2	80	2	10000	1	2000	275			570	20	5	15			
5 Centreville.....	6	10	290	16	80	1	9500	1	3300	250	100		235	24	6	18			
6 Chestertown.....	14	10	259	5	66	1	20000	1	8300	5200	1300		520	24	12	12			
7 Cheswold.....	9	9	193	12	40	2	8000	1	2600	25			300	14	14	14			
8 Church Hill.....	2	20	193	12	40	3	9000	1	1800	200		300	150	12	12	12			
9 Clayton.....	15	20	255	25	40	2	7000	1	3000	500	54	300	225	16	4	12			
10 Concord.....	86	266	266	9	80	3	10000	1	2000	125		50	140	11	3	9			
11 Cordova.....	16	16	146	7	20	3	7000	1	1300	718		50	115	12	3	9			
12 Crumpton.....	6	6	178	7	40	1	5500	1	1000	300		150	11	11	11	11			
13 Denton.....	12	24	285	25	70	1	10000	1	3500	245	900	650	500	24	6	18			
14 Easton.....	13	28	296	2	20	2	8000	1	2000	245			112	10	2	8			
15 Fairlee.....	22	19	185	3	50	2	8000	1	2000	440			250	12	2	10			
16 Galena.....	5	10	124	2	25	4	8000	1	2000	1800			280	20	5	15			
17 Golts.....	21	21	230	28	66	4	12000	1	5000	500			280	20	5	15			
18 Greensboro.....	7	2	116	5	45	1	4500	1	2000	146	25	300	140	8	8	8			
19 Henderson.....	1	40	195	33	57	2	8700	1	1500	150	140		170	12	12	12			
20 Hillsboro.....	24	29	270	6	70	3	10500	1	3000	3500			300	8	2	6			
21 Kent Island.....	14	28	219	20	62	4	5000	1	2000	150			155	10	2	8			
22 Kenton.....	72	61	172	28	3	4	8000	1	2000	440			155	10	2	8			
23 Maryland.....	5	5	354	19	54	1	18000	1	6000	250	1050		456	20	5	15			
24 Middletown.....	15	17	219	20	7	1	7000	1	2000	46			142	10	10	10			
25 Millington.....	5	8	112	7	25	1	7000	1	2000	75			274	10	10	10			
26 Odessa.....	15	17	219	20	7	1	8100	1	2100	280	50	350	150	12	3	9			
27 Oxford.....	5	8	112	7	25	1	2000	1	1200	25	40	20	60	4	4	4			
28 Piney Neck.....	23	23	23	4	1	2	7000	1	2000	132			90	10	3	7			
29 Pomona.....	15	15	185	1	20	2	2000	1	2000	132			240	12	3	9			
30 Preston.....	14	14	185	4	50	3	15000	1	2000	300			100	8	2	6			
31 Queenstown.....	30	48	200	1	1	3	6000	1	2000				175	24	6	18			
32 Ridgely.....	4	10	185	39	5	40	10000	1	3000	150			300	12	1	12			
33 Rock Hall.....	30	10	325	15	9	3	6000	1	2000	35	35	165	100	8	2	6			
34 Royal Oak.....	15	15	385	8	3	147	27000	1	2500	400	300	450	600	20	5	15			
35 St. Michael.....	9	9	181	12	1	3	5000	1	2000				152	6	6	6			
36 Salem Ct.....	23	23	529	27	5	35	21000	1	3500	351		1100	1136	28	7	21			
37 Smyrna.....	26	34	286	10	6	86	8000	1	2000	80		600	187	16	4	12			
38 Smyrna Ct.....	2	13	264	32	4	115	22000	1	2000	350	750	2850	360	20	5	15			
39 Still Pond.....	10	14	256	5	1	75	10500	1	3000	218			200	12	3	9			
40 Sudlersville.....	15	167	163	10	35	80	9000	1	1500	100	750	2000	400	12	3	9			
41 Tighman Is.....	16	5	228	7	6	40	19500	1	3500	50			120	14	2	12			
42 Townsend.....	12	6	202	6	2	35	3000	1	2000	180			55	8	2	6			
43 Trappe.....	2	2	60	4	1	26	3000	1	2000				55	8	2	6			
44 Wye.....																			
Total.....	13	525	884	9102	488	132	2078	1136	92	427300	44	108900	16762	3874	11185	10803	490	122	385

STATISTICAL
EASTON DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGES	Sunday Schools														
	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars not including Home Department and Cradle Roll.	Members in the Home Department	Children on the Cradle Roll	Total Enroll't in all Depts. Inc. Cradle Roll, Home Dept. Off's, Teach's, Schls. Average Attendance of all Grades	Officers and Teachers Ch. Members or Probationers	Scholars incl. Home Dept. Ch. M. M. T's or Probationers	Members Sunday Sch. con-verted during Conf. Year	Accessions to Church from Membership of S. S.	Church	Collec's for Bd. of S. S.	10% of Sunday Sch. Miss. Offering	Sunday School Expenses: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	
1 Bayside.....	2	32	175	17	38	207	150	52	60					2	40
2 Bozman & Neavitt.....	2	22	231	17	38	808	187	112	15	15				1	68
3 Burrsville.....	3	30	400			430	200	16							100
4 Cecilton.....	2	34	207		12	253	114	34	125						90
5 Centreville.....	1	26	260	19	20	325	130	26	150						140
6 Chestertown.....	1	32	233		10	275	155	32	71						250
7 Cheswold.....	2	32	279	25	18	349	160	32							162
8 Church Hill.....	3	35	200		6	241	105	33	160						125
9 Clayton.....	2	30	225		16	271	140	30	150						(240)
10 Concord.....	3	35	245		20	304	190	35	245	100	81				50
11 Cordova.....	3	30	175	15	20	240	169	30	105	16	19				110
12 Crumpton.....	3	32	148			175	80	32	125	15	6				20
13 Denton.....	1	28	240	34	32	334	135	23	174	10	18				70
14 Easton.....	1	25	245		28	298	128	23	122	12	3				186
15 Fairlee.....	2	22	185	20	10	237	100	19	30	15	15				75
16 Galena.....	2	20	107	3		130	65	20	60	6	2				40
17 Golts.....	(2)	(22)	(120)	(20)	(25)	(187)	(100)	(20)	(20)						(125)
18 Greensboro.....	1	24	290		17	331	90		10	8	6				220
19 Henderson.....	3	32	175			207	125	32	8						48
20 Hillsboro.....	2	30	187		18	235	120	29		26	26				75
21 Kent Island.....	3	40	350			390	200	40	180	20	12				100
22 Kenton.....	2	25	152	18	41	236	90	25	165	10	10				150
23 Maryland.....	4	35	251		10	295	130	35	152	51					80
24 Middletown.....	1	21	124	63	14	222	82	21	100						107
25 Millington.....	1	19	81		25	124	60	19	20	4					25
26 Odessa.....	1	15	109	24	70	218	55	15	73	14	14				76
27 Oxford.....	1	26	123	18	25	192	65	25	90	5	4				55
28 Piney Neck.....	2	20	200			220	125	15	150	36					30
29 Pomona.....	2	30	90		10	130	60	28							30
30 Preston.....	3	38	284		16	338	200	38	200	15	14				85
31 Queenstown.....	3	40	200	10		250	100		20						40
32 Ridgely.....	1	18	200		13	231	90	18	180	2	2				100
33 Rock Hall.....	1	32	334	100	50	532	210	32	190	10	10				100
34 Royal Oak.....	3	20	144		14	178	75	20							60
35 St. Michael's.....	1	31	240	25	40	336	160	31	240						105
36 Salem Circuit.....	3	47	205			252	115	47	50	8	8				142
37 Smyrna.....	2	40	257	22	16	335	165	40	235	20	20				216
38 Smyrna Circuit.....	3	44	188	5	53	290	120	44	97	11	6				73
39 Still Pond.....	2	34													

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NAMES OF CHARGES	NAMES OF PASTORS	Ministerial Support										Baptisms			
		Support of Pastor			Support District Supt.		Support Bishops		Support Conf. Cl'mnts		Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	under instruction as Probaters
		Total Claim Including House Rent	Total Paid Including House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid					
1 Bayside.....	W. W. White	\$ 700	\$ 625	\$ 100	42	34	10	6	57	30	685	114	8	1	6
2 Bozman.....	W. W. Chaires.....	950	950	150	56	48	12	12	76	76	1086	20	1	17	2
3 Burrsville.....	W. N. Conaway.....	700	700	100	48	42	12	8	40	30	780	20	1	2	2
4 Cecilton.....	J. M. Mitchell.....	950	950	150	60	60	15	15	76	76	1101	10	10	13	10
5 Centerville.....	J. R. Bicking.....	1500	1500	800	84	84	21	21	114	114	1719	1	12	10	10
6 Chestertown.....	T. F. Beauchamp.....	1700	1700	500	84	84	25	25	114	114	1923	1	12	10	10
7 Cheswold.....	W. H. Kenney.....	1000	980	200	48	48	14	14	76	60	1102	36	1	6	6
8 Church Hill.....	J. L. Sparklin.....	950	950	100	58	58	15	12	80	65	1085	18	10	10	10
9 Clayton.....	C. N. Jones.....	1150	1150	150	63	63	14	14	85	85	1312	8	8	8	8
10 Concord.....	M. E. Wheatley.....	1000	1000	100	63	63	16	16	85	85	1164	3	23	2	6
11 Cordova.....	Frank White.....	900	900	100	56	56	14	14	76	76	1046	2	6	4	4
12 Crumpton.....	G. W. Stallings.....	900	900	100	56	56	14	14	76	46	1164	30	4	4	4
13 Denton.....	C. T. Wyatt.....	1900	1900	500	98	98	30	30	133	133	2161	2	9	9	9
14 Easton.....	W. L. White.....	1700	1700	300	85	85	25	25	133	170	1980	1	15	15	15
15 Fairlee.....	John White.....	725	725	125	41	41	10	10	57	57	833	1	9	4	4
16 Galena.....	J. W. Sutton.....	825	825	150	47	47	10	10	62	64	946	4	4	4	4
17 Golt.....	J. E. Horner.....	1175	1175	175	70	70	18	18	90	90	1358	15	15	45	45
18 Greensboro.....	H. T. Quigg.....	500	500	100	32	29	6	6	38	16	544	31	4	11	1
19 Henderson.....	L. E. Windsor.....	1150	1150	150	70	70	18	18	95	95	1393	2	9	9	9
20 Hillsboro.....	C. T. Jones.....	1050	1050	150	63	63	15	15	85	85	1213	21	16	16	16
21 Kent Island.....	G. S. Thomas.....	800	800	150	45	45	10	10	57	57	912	6	6	6	6
22 Kenton.....	J. L. Prettyman.....	800	800	100	49	49	12	12	67	67	928	2	22	22	22
23 Marydel.....	O. B. Reed.....	1400	1400	200	84	84	25	25	114	114	1623	6	6	6	6
24 Middletown.....	J. W. Jones.....	800	800	150	45	45	12	12	57	57	914	13	13	13	13
25 Millington.....	G. P. Smith.....	800	800	100	49	49	12	12	67	67	912	7	10	10	10
26 Odessa.....	H. C. Shipley.....	800	800	100	49	49	12	12	67	67	914	7	10	10	10
27 Oxford.....	E. H. Derricksen.....	830	830	130	42	42	11	10	57	30	912	28	12	6	6
28 Piney Neck.....	Alonzo Travers.....	500	500	100	21	21	5	5	38	20	546	18	9	9	9
29 Pomona.....	A. C. Smith.....	575	575	150	49	49	12	12	67	42	678	25	1	1	1
30 Preston.....	J. T. Richardson.....	1200	1200	200	70	70	18	18	95	95	1388	5	5	5	5
31 Queenstown.....	Frank Brisbin.....	720	730	120	42	42	11	9	57	50	831	9	1	20	20
32 Ridgely.....	W. F. Habbart.....	1400	1400	200	84	84	21	21	114	80	1585	34	1	4	25
33 Rock Hall.....	J. W. Prettyman.....	1200	1200	200	70	70	15	10	95	40	1320	60	4	31	42
34 Royal Oak.....	J. T. Rowleson.....	700	371	150	28	20	12	5	66	15	411	395	8	8	8
35 St. Michaels.....	Leonard White.....	1150	1150	150	70	70	18	18	95	95	1333	8	8	8	8
36 Salem Circuit.....	H. Covington.....	800	300	.....	24	24	6	6	29	29	359	17	17	17	17
37 Smyrna.....	G. C. Williams.....	1750	1750	250	105	105	27	27	143	143	2025	12	20	20	20
38 Smyrna Circuit.....	Milton McCann.....	1085	1085	150	63	63	16	16	86	86	1250	4	18	18	18
39 Still Pond.....	R. P. Nichols.....	1800	1800	200	77	77	20	20	105	105	1502	10	10	7	7
40 Sudlersville.....	L. P. Corkran.....	1050	1050	150	63	63	16	12	86	86	1211	4	12	12	12
41 Tighman's Is.....	Ivanhoe Willis.....	1100	1100	100	70	70	16	16	95	95	1281	.....	24	24	24
42 Townsend.....	Warren Burr.....	1200	1200	200	70	70	20	20	95	95	1385	2	17	17	17
43 Trappe.....	J. D. Reese.....	900	900	150	52	52	14	14	67	50	1016	17	14	14	14
44 Wye.....	W. B. Guthrie.....	700	700	100	42	42	10	10	57	57	809	8	1	1
Total.....		43685	43271	7100	2538	2498	653	617	3457	3142	49533	856	32	460	193

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NAMES OF CHARGE	Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference																	Benevolences as ordered by An. Conf.	Other Cash Items			
	Missions						B'd. of S. S.		B'd. of Education		American Bible Society			Woman's Foreign Missionary Society		Wom n's Home Miss. Soc.						
	Church	Sunday Sch.	Special Gifts	Church	Sund'y Sch	Spec. Gifts	Church	Sunday Schools	Public Education	Children's Fund	Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Pub. Morals	General Deacons Board	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Cash	Supplies	City Missionary & Church Extension Society	Philadelphia Hospital			Anti Saloon League	Domestic Missions	Annual Conf. Investments for Conf. Claims	Central Office Exp. E. I.
1 Bayside.....	25	10	25	25	10	25	2	2	6	3	1	1	1	1	15	3	1	1	1	1	1	1
2 Bozman.....	20	20	10	15	20	15	1	1	12	4	2	5	1	2	18	3	12	12	12	3	3	3
3 Burrsville.....	15	15	15	15	15	15	1	1	19	3	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
4 Cecilton.....	36	64	4	36	64	36	2	2	15	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
5 Centerville.....	50	75	4	50	75	50	10	10	39	5	4	1	1	62	10	53	10	10	66	3	3	3
6 Chestertown.....	12	225	13	225	13	225	15	2	25	5	4	3	163	42	25	20	57	5	5	2	1	1
7 Cheswold.....	35	35	30	30	30	30	2	2	20	2	2	1	1	15	20	57	5	5	2	1	1	1
8 Church Hill.....	50	50	50	50	50	50	2	2	14	4	2	1	1	20	20	57	5	5	2	1	1	1
9 Clayton.....	40	40	38	38	38	38	2	2	23	4	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
10 Concord.....	70	70	68	68	68	68	4	4	21	4	3	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
11 Cordova.....	35	15	35	15	35	15	3	3	19	2	2	1	1	7	15	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
12 Crumpton.....	10	37	10	33	10	33	4	4	19	2	2	1	1	1	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
13 Denton.....	74	86	74	86	74	86	25	7	48	15	10	5	33	33	39	18	109	10	426	2	2	2
14 Easton.....	45	146	76	45	146	76	4	4	44	5	5	2	174	96	12	19	15	20	582	3	3	3
15 Fairlee.....	46	14	45	15	45	15	2	2	21	3	3	1	1	1	10	11	10	11	10	2	2	2
16 Galena.....	15	25	16	15	25	16	1	1	4	2	1	1	1	1	5	8	14	8	14	5	5	5
17 Golt.....	105	105	105	105	105	105	8	6	40	5	5	1	66	2	20	85	16	78	3	3	3	3
18 Greensboro.....	11	11	11	11	11	11	1	1	5	5	2	1	1	8	8	7	14	5	5	5	5	5
19 Henderson.....	25	30	25	30	25	30	3	2	17	5	2	1	1	1	1	8	7	14	5	5	5	5
20 Hillsboro.....	50	30	50	30	50	30	5	5	30	4	2	2	1	1	80	2	10	10	10	10	10	10
21 Kent Is.....	25	25	25	25	25	25	5	1	18	2	1	1	1	1	31	10	14	5	5	5	5	5
22 Kenton.....	50	50	50	50	50	50	6	2	28	2	2	1	1	1	13	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
23 Marydel.....	100	125	100	125	100	125	15	10	40	5	5	1	147	146	24	10	43	20	81	2	2	2
24 Middletown.....	48	48	48	48	48	48	1	1	8	2	1	1	47	60	19	11	10	8	5	5	5	5
25 Millington.....	54	54	54	54	54	54	5	12	15	8	2	1	12	50	10	9	37	15	3	3	3	3
26 Odessa.....	8	20	7	7	20	7	3	2	12	3	2	2	7	1	7	3	12	10	5	1</		

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NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Membership					Epw'th League		Church Property					General Conference Expenses						
	Local Preachers	Prep'y Mem.		Full Members		Senior Members	Junior Members	Churches	Estimated Value	Parsonages	Estimated Value	Paid for Buildings and Improvements on Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses, Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	Apportioned for the Quadrennium	Paid this Year	Balance Due	
		Received During Year	Now on Roll	Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members														Deaths During Year
		Year	Year	Members	Members														Year
1 Annessex	78	205	2			2	3500	1	2000	35				80					
2 Asbury	30	80	560	2	5	25	15000	1	5000	700				600	350				
3 Berlin	7	22	275	20		35	1	25000	1	3000	495	2385		815	699				
4 Bishopville	80	90	290		40	4	8500	1	1500	775									
5 Cape Charles	29	200	10		46	40	1	6500	1	2500					325				
6 Chincoteague	6	9	151	9			2	4000	1	2500	50			125					
7 Claremont	1	23			20		1	3000	1	2000	200	100		90					
8 Crisfield	14	27	571		35	100	1	80000	1	8000	100		8460	1014					
9 Dagsboro	25	40	410	10		40	2	9000	1	4000	300	200	1800	300					
10 Deal's Island	45	50	323		75	40	2	14000	1	1000		900	1200	500					
11 Delmar	2	45	415		11	60	1	8000	1	7500	2000			250					
12 Frankford	20	26	321		2	40	3	6000	1	2000	400	75		200					
13 Fairmount	24	35	350	27	4	65	3	16000	1	2000	150	200	500	379					
14 Fruitland	1	24	219		1	65	3	9500	1	2500	1333			110					
15 Girdletree	25	35	242	8	1	21	3	8000	1	1600	2200	47	98	140	8	2	6		
16 Gumboro	6	5	293		3	20	4	5000	1	1000	50			125					
17 Hebron	2	26	160	20	6	40	4	12500	1	2500	7000		4000	125					
18 Holland's Is.	2	2	77		2	40	1	2000	1	700				60					
19 Marcella Sp'g	1	26	148			47	3	5600	1	1500	100	26		100					
20 Marion			116	10	1	25	2	8000	1	2000	135			80					
21 Mt. Vernon	46	46	820			60	2	9000	1	2500	100			225					
22 Nanticoke	17	7	110	5	4		4	12000	1	1200	125	300	160	-50					
23 Newark	20	20	170		2	40	3	6000	1	1500	100			150					
24 Ocean City	41	37	157		1	20	1	2500		900	50			100					
25 Ocean View			309		5	70	2	10000	1	2000		50	400	225					
26 Onancock	91	87	332	12	2	40	5	12000	2	3600				270		2			
27 Parsonsburg	41	10	276	6	5		3	9000	1	1500	210			125					
28 Pnoebus			(58)	(5)			(1)	(6000)	1	3000									
29 Pittsville	43	43	234		3		3	5500	1	2400	2141		353	125					
30 Pocomoke	5	19	408		3	70	1	23000	1	2000	2443		757	362					
31 Pocomoke Ct			(155)				4	4419	1	900									
32 Princ'ss Ann	64	49	280	20	40		1	28000	1	6000	8094		4680	433					
33 Powellville	28	35	270	2	5	20	4	5500	1	800	100	180	150	75					
34 Quantico	27	35	270		5	37	4	8000	1	1800	1000	175	130	160					
35 Roxana	3	12	265		4		2	5000	1	1200	65			142					
36 St. Peter's	18	31	290		8		2	7800	1	1500	150		150	185					
37 S'b'y-Asbury	50	80	659	26	5	100	75	1	50000	1	8000	1500		650					
38 "Grace	15	24	200	61	2	50	35	1	10500	1	1500	5800		2000	185		1		
39 Selbyville	25		368	3	4		2	22500	1	2500	509				15	5	10		
40 Sharpstown	1		216		3	55	33	1	7000	1	2500	1600		200					
41 Smith's Isl.	6	12	451	1	10	150	75	3	7000	1	1500	600	832	333					
42 Snow Hill	6	8	440		50	64	1	30000	1	2500	700			539					
43 Somerset	60	26	285	16	3	80	75	2	12000	1	1500	3000	59	564					
44 Stockton	73	216	247	9	2	120	4	20000	1	2000	200	850		100					
45 Tangier	21	30	467		2	200	150	1	15000	1	1500	2500		500					
46 Westover	10	8	126	20	1	30	30	2	5000	1	1500	200	65	160	90				
47 Whitesville	1	40	380		3	81	40	4	13500	1	1200	220		30					
48 Stengle	11	7	42		1	22		1	1000		15								
49 Venton	9	9	51				1	2500		110									
Total	24	1213	1257	13147	302	143	1990	1290	107	548019	47	112900	47696	6685	30917	11299	23	16	16

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NAMES OF CHARGES	Sunday Schools													
	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars not including Home Department and Cradle Roll.	Members in the Home Department	Children on the Cradle Roll	Total Enroll't in all Depts. Inc. Cradle Roll, Home Dept. Off'r, Teach's Schs, Grades	Average Attendance of all	Officers and Teachers Ch. Members or Probationers	Scholars incl. Home Dept. Ch. Mem's or Probationers	Members Sunday Sch. conferred during Conf. Year	Accessions to Church from Membership of S. S.	Church	Collec's for Bd. of S. S.	
													Sunday School	10% of Sunday Sch. Miss. Offering
1 Annessex	2	21	120		10	151	75	21	120	35	35			85
2 Asbury	1	32	500		77	609	800	32	300	30	20			225
3 Berlin	1	22	283	31	35	371	153	22	180	4	4			250
4 Bishopville	4	63	585		15	613	300	63	225	25				125
5 Cape Charles	1	30	264		21	315	160	30	235		20			197
6 Chincoteague	2	25	240		35	300	190	25	150		4			115
7 Claremont	1	14	120			134	75	14		14	23			80
8 Crisfield	1	38	517		85	640	242	38	215	6	2			209
9 Dagsboro and St. Georges	2	36	450	30	30	546	275	36	320	20	10			200
10 Deal's Island	2	35	200			236	150	36	10	10	5			135
11 Delmar	1	35	450	20	65	570	275	35	360	38	38			200
12 Frankford	3	60	300		30	480	250	60	200	25				175
13 Fairmount	3	39	262		31	332	141	39	163	14	14			56
14 Fruitland	3	39	282	10	33	364	165	34	225	3	3			110
15 Girdletree	3	34	301	12	7	354	178	34	287	23	23			113
16 Gumboro	5	50	420			470	195	50	180	5	5			100
17 Hebron	1	16	134		25	175	130	16	60	20	15			45
18 Holland's Island	1	14	45			59	40	14	35					25
19 Marcella Springs	3	30	170			200	100	30			26			100
20 Marion	2	25	150		25	200	150	25	108					80
21 Mt. Vernon	2	32	240			272	195	32	190	50	40			175
22 Nanticoke	4	50	323		12	385	220	50	60	8	5			210
23 Newark	3	40	200	12	13	265	125	40			2			160
24 Ocean City	3	36	240		10	286	160	30	90	50	20			100
25 Ocean View and Millville	2	48	320	12	50	430	190	48	260	4	4			101
26 Onancock	5	58	654	4	25	741	411	45	380	91	91			178
27 Parsonsburg	3	42	382			424	275	45	300	35	35			85
28 Pnoebus	(1)	(12)	(78)			(90)	(69)	(12)	(14)					150
29 Pittsville	3	30	300			330	200	30	200	40				186
30 Pocomoke City	1	29	366	12	30	437	238	29	300	7	75			3
31 Pocomoke Circuit	4	35	200			285	100	35	150	35				50
32 Princess Anne	1	22	346		4									

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NAMES OF CHARGES	NAMES OF PASTORS	Ministerial Support										Baptisms			
		Support of Pastor			Support District Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support Conf. C'mnts		Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Baptized Children under instruction as Probationers
		Total Claim Including House Rent	Total Paid Including House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid					
1 Annessex	J. E. Parker	\$ 525	\$ 525	\$ 75	\$ 39	\$ 39	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 62	\$ 30	\$ 604	32	5	8	5
2 Asbury	V. E. Hills	1750	1750	250	98	98	28	28	142	142	2018		16	15	
3 Berlin	W. E. Greenfield	1820	1820	120	78	78	24	24	114	120	1542		4	12	22
4 Bishopville	R. C. Jones	925	925	125	52	52	16	16	76	76	1069		19		
5 Cape Charles	W. O. Bennett	1240	1284	240	65	65	20	20	95	95	1464		4		
6 Chincoteague	L. B. Morgan	1200	1200	200	65	65	21	21	95	95	1381		14	4	
7 Claremont	J. T. Graham	570	570	120	29	29	10	10	48	48	657		1	3	
8 Crisfield	C. A. Hill	1800	1800	300	97	97	31	31	142	142	2070		1	41	
9 Dagsboro	J. C. B. Hopkins	1200	1200	200	65	65	21	21	95	95	1381		1	8	
10 Deals Island	G. W. Hastings	1250	1250	150	72	72	22	22	104	104	1448		1	18	
11 Delmar	F. N. Faulkner	1450	1450	150	84	84	22	22	123	123	1679		4	18	
12 Frankford	C. W. Strickland	1150	1150	150	65	65	18	18	95	95	1328		1	2	
13 Fairmount	A. W. Goodhand	1425	1425	150	83	83	25	25	121	121	1654		12	44	
14 Fruitland	G. F. Newton	800	800	100	45	45	14	14	67	67	926		1	2	
15 Girdletree	E. H. Marshall	925	899	125	52	52	16	16	76	76	1022		4	8	8
16 Gumboro	W. S. H. Williams	775	775	75	46	46	14	14	66	20	855		2	63	
17 Hebron	W. M. McCann	1050	1050	150	57	57	10	10	95	20	1137		75	10	18
18 Holland's Is.	S. T. Horsman	336	336	36	19	9	5	5	28	28	378		10	4	
19 Maryland	W. V. Moore	505	505	75	32	32	5	5	40	40	582		5	14	
20 Marion	G. E. Sterling	900	900	100	52	52	14	14	76	50	1016		26	6	
21 Mt. Vernon	W. H. Revelle	1200	1200	200	65	65	18	18	95	80	1363		15	12	
22 Nanticoke	W. F. Dawson	1100	1100	100	65	65	19	19	95	95	1279		10		
23 Newark	J. A. Hudson	1000	1000	150	55	55	12	12	76	25	1092		51	1	
24 Ocean City	W. C. Poole	850	850	46	46	6	6	6	49	49	951		2	8	
25 Ocean View	J. W. Fogle	1025	1025	125	58	58	18	18	85	85	1186		2	11	
26 Onancock	O. T. Baynard	1810	1810	230	105	105	30	25	140	140	2080		5	10	20
27 Parsonburg	D. J. Moore	1050	1050	150	59	59	16	16	86	86	1211		2	12	
28 Phoebus															
29 Pittsville	J. L. Derrickson	950	950	150	52	52	14	14	74	50	1066		24	3	8
30 Pocomoke City	W. O. Hurst	1400	1400	200	78	78	22	22	114	114	1614		25	17	
31 Pocomoke Ct.	W. V. Harris	400	400	75	21	21	6	6	32	32	459				
32 Princess Anne	D. J. Givan	1300	1300	300	65	65	17	17	95	95	1477		3	5	
33 Powellville	M. W. Marine	750	750	50	45	45	13	12	71	42	849		30	3	22
34 Quantico	W. P. Taylor	1050	1050	100	61	61	16	16	90	90	1217		19		
35 Roxana	J. M. Lindale	700	700	100	39	39	12	12	57	57	808		3	4	
36 St. Peters	Daniel Wilson	1150	1150	150	65	65	19	19	95	70	1304		25	10	
37 Salisbury															
38 Asbury	J. T. Herson	2150	2150	350	117	117	37	37	171	171	2475		9	14	40
39 Grace	H. S. Dulany	1000	800		65	52	10	10	76	76	938		213	6	
40 Selbyville	W. H. Briggs	1400	1400	260	78	78	27	27	114	114	1619		6		
41 Sharptown	W. G. Harris	1100	1100	100	65	65	16	16	95	95	1276		1		
42 Smith's Island	Harry E. Reed	1050	1050	150	60	60	18	18	85	85	1213		1	27	35
43 Snow Hill	L. E. Poole	1550	1550	250	85	85	28	28	124	124	1787		2	12	
44 Somerset	E. W. McDowell	1160	1160	100	69	69	18	18	100	100	1347		22		
45 Stockton	O. B. Rice	950	950	100	56	56	18	18	80	80	1104		16	31	15
46 Tangier Island	T. J. Sard	1350	1350	150	78	78	21	21	114	114	1563		105		
47 Westover	W. F. Atkinson	700	700	100	39	39	14	14	57	57	810		5		
48 Whitesville	J. A. Buckson	1100	1100	100	65	65	18	18	95	95	1278		2	30	
49 Stengle	J. W. Hardesty	300	275						2	5	282		25	14	
50 Venton	J. W. Wooten	800	800		19	19	3	3	18	18	340				
Total		50941	50734	6571	2870	2847	812	808	4143	3810	58199	624	115	707	238

TREASURER'S

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Disciplinary Benevolences (as Ordered by the General Conference)															Benevolences ordered by An. Conf.		Other Cash Items				
	Missions					B'd. of S. S.			B'd. of Edu'ation		American Bible Society			Woman's For. Miss. Soc'y		Philadelphia Hospital		Anti Saloon League	Domestic Missions	Annual Conference	Central Office Exp. E. L.	
	Church	Sunday Sch.	Special Gifts	Church	Sund'y Sch	Spec. Gifts	Church	Sunday Schools	Public Education	Children's Fund	Church	Sunday Schools	Public Education	Children's Fund	Cash	Supplies	Philadelphia Hospital	Anti Saloon League	Domestic Missions	Annual Conference	Central Office Exp. E. L.	
1 Annessex	15	25	15	25													15	10				
2 Asbury		310	66	315		10		5	66			10	5	5	2		32	5				
3 Berlin		100		80	20	5	5	43	5	5	4	4	16			50	25	15				
4 Bishopville		60		50	2	2	5	18	5	1	2	2	23			14	1					
5 Cape Charles		77	5	78	2	2	5	20	2	2	2	2				23						
6 Chincoteague		74		70	3	3	5	20	4	4	5	5				16	20			346		
7 Claremont		80		29	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2										
8 Crisfield		57	168	14	168	24	2	23	52			10	10	5	2		14	6	43	15	40	
9 Dagsboro		72	58	40	62	58	10	12	41			5	4				31	26	22	15	7	
10 Deals Island		45	105	100	31	10	5	41	41			5	5	4			4	5	11	20	27	
11 Delmar		185		135	4			30	8			5	5	5	3		10	10	10	213	5	
12 Frankford		70		60	3			2	10			3	2				3	4	5			
13 Fairmount		80		70	5			20	40			5	5	10			29	2	5		3	
14 Fruitland		30	47	2	13	47	4	3	11	30		4	3				10	5			4	
15 Girdletree		15	38	12	12	19			2	3		2	3				4	2				
16 Gumboro		30		40	3			3	5			3	1				2	2				
17 Hebron		10		20	1			1	1			1	1				4	1				
18 Holland's Is.		10		10																		
19 Maryland		20		16	2			1	6			1	1				1	3				
20 Marion		10	15	10	15	6		2	18			2	4				2	8	5			
21 Mt. Vernon		50		50	4			5	5			3	2				5	2	5		2	
22 Nanticoke		50	25	50	25			2	2			5	2				3	31			5	
23 Newark		36		36	5			5	5			3	1								1	
24 Ocean City		25		1	2			2	5			1	1								5	
25 Ocean View		60		60	2			20	2			2	2				2	37	19	6	2	
26 Onancock		80	19	80	5			4	37			4	3				35	79	2	18	2	
27 Parsonburg		65	5	65	5			2	15			2	3				23	5	10		5	
28 Phoebus																						
29 Pittsville		20	20	20	15			3	3			3	3				3	4	3		7	
30 Pocomoke City		67	34	67	10			13	35			5	4				10	10	53	15	490	
31 Pocomoke Ct.		15		12	2			3	12			1	1				1	5				
32 Princess Anne		50		50	2			5	10			2	5				8		8	100	2	
33 Powellville		12	13	12	13			5	1			5	18				2	2	10		2	
34 Quantico		6	44	8	6	44		2	2			15	13				3	4	6		8	
35 Roxana		15	35	5	12	33		2	7			10	2				3	4	2			
36 St. Peters		100		35	50			2	4			30	4				13	5	3		12	
37 Salisbury																						
38 Asbury		60	430	145	60	430		25	70			108	10	18			241	71	63	93	25	800
39 Grace		36		10	76	76		5	10			5	2				4	2	4	5	10	3
40 Selbyville		50	50	50	50			8	17			5	4				31	58	66	15	110	
41 Sharptown		75		75	5			5	25			5	3									

STATISTICAL

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Local Preachers, Church Membership (Probationers, Full Members), Epw'th League, Church Property (Estimated Value, Parsonages, Paid for Buildings and Improvements, etc.), General Conference Expenses, Balance Due.

STATISTICAL

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Sunday Schools (Officers and Teachers, Scholars not including Home Department, etc.), Children on the Cradle Roll, Total Enroll't in all Depts., Average Attendance of all Grades, Officers and Teachers Ch., Members or Probationers, etc., Church, Sunday School, 10% of Sunday Sch. Mission's Offer'g, Sunday School Expenses, Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.

STATISTICAL
WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Ministerial Support (Support of Pastor, Support District Supt., Support of Bishops, Support Conf. Cl'mnts, Total Paid for Ministerial Support, Total Deficiency), Baptisms (Adults Baptized, Children Baptized under instruction as Probaters).

TREASURER'S
WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference (Missions, Bd. of S. S., Bd. of Education, American Bible Society, Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Pub. Morals, General Deacons Board, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Woman's Home Miss. Soc, City Missionary & Church Extension Society, Philadelphia Hospital, Anti Saloon League, Domestic Missions, Annual Conference Investments, Central Office Exp. E. L.), Other Cash Items.

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT—Recapitulation by Districts.

NAME OF DISTRICT	Ministerial Support										Sun'y Schools		Baptisms			
	Support of Pastor		Support of District Sup't.		Support of Bishops		Support of Conference Claimants		Total Paid for Ministerial Support		Total Enrollment in all Departments		Adults Baptized		Children Baptized	
NAME OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT	Total Claim Includ- ing House Rent.	Total Paid Includ- ing House Rent.	Rental Value of Parsonage	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Departments	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Baptized Children Under Instruction as Probars
Dover.....	47589	47426	6886	2452	2445	718	8758	8277	58866	727	116704	16832	601	58	601	121
Easton.....	43685	48271	7160	2540	2490	653	3457	3142	49535	855	94238	17088	85	460	183	183
Salisbury.....	5941	5734	6571	2870	2847	812	388	3810	58106	624	111673	18812	115	707	258	258
Wilmington.....	61828	61191	11803	2386	2351	945	4375	4176	68680	498	771601	17476	141	747	428	428
Conference total.....	208558	207262	31800	10258	10175	3158	8075	15768	14405	20280	394627	64418	846	2515	980	980
Last year.....	196033	194974	30189	9660	9550	3089	2915	13408	13207	20654	3818	64311	728	2046	1016	1016
Increase.....	7520	7648	1371	58	616	114	162	360	1198	9626	1114	58	102	382	431	36
Decrease.....																

NAME OF DISTRICT	Church Membership										Church Property					General Conference Expenses																	
	Prepr'y Full Mem.		Members on Roll		Members on Roll		Non-Resident Members		Deaths During Year		Senior Members		Junior Members		Churches		Estimated Value		Parsonages		Paid for Buildings and Improvements on Churches and Parsonages		Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages		Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages		Current Expenses, Gen- ton, Fuel, Light, etc.		Apportioned for the Quadrennium		Paid This Year		Balance for the Quadrennium
NAME OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT	Local Preachers	Enrolled During Year	Now on Roll	Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members	Members on Roll	Deaths During Year	Senior Members	Junior Members	Churches	Estimated Value	Parsonages	Paid for Buildings and Improvements on Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses, Gen- ton, Fuel, Light, etc.	Apportioned for the Quadrennium	Paid This Year	Balance for the Quadrennium														
Dover.....	26	777	800	13009	386	185	44	878	118	542810	43	103854	18300	9259	48002	14027	35	24	15														
Easton.....	23	525	884	9102	488	182	2078	1136	192	427800	44	108900	4762	3874	11185	10800	409	122	885														
Salisbury.....	24	1248	1927	13147	302	148	1930	1290	107	548019	47	129000	47682	6885	30917	11297	28	16	11														
Wilmington.....	47	1205	1170	12714	579	162	2260	1304	72	1110000	48	160450	47888	21256	100056	34197	151	43	21														
Conference total.....	110	3750	4111	48979	1755	622	748	4608	380	2628120	177	485600	123150	41074	190160	70324	708	205	538														
Last year.....	107	3852	3878	44861	1918	714	7195	4526	388	2490146	178	465350	121289	47804	183886	56845	1681	970	64														
Increase.....	3	2202	233	2108	168	92	187	882	1	187888	4	20270	3861	6230	6224	13489	928	705	469														
Decrease.....																																	

TREASURER'S REPORT.
RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

NAME OF DISTRICTS	Disciplinary Benevolences										Other Benevolences					Other Items																				
	Missions		Bd. of S. S.		Bd. of Education		Woman's Foreign Mission- ary Society		Woman's Home Society		City Missionary & Church Extension Society		Total Disciplinary Benevolences		Use within the conference, for Educational Endowments, for Philadelphia Hospital		Anti-Saloon League		Domestic Missions		Other Benevolences		Total Benevolences		Annual Conference Investments		Support of District Superin- tendent		Support of Bishops (Diocesan Fund)		Support of Conference Claimants		General Conference Expenses		Grand Total	
Board of Foreign Missions	Board of H. M. & Church Extension	Church	Sunday Schools	Public Edu- cation	Children's Fund	American Bible Society	Board of Temperance, Prohi- tion and Public Morals	General Deacons Board	Woman's Foreign Mission- ary Society	Cash	Woman's Home Society	City Missionary & Church Extension Society	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	Philadelphia Hospital	Anti-Saloon League	Domestic Missions	Other Benevolences	Total Benevolences	Annual Conference Investments	Support of District Superin- tendent	Support of Bishops (Diocesan Fund)	Support of Conference Claimants	General Conference Expenses	Grand Total												
Dover.....	2134	518	1794	1807	150	150	96	8	688	250	143	382	11247	688	704	245	6	1568	2218	25	2445	718	3277	30	21557	3277	30	21557	3277	30	21557					
Easton.....	1929	152	1283	1884	108	108	73	13	925	421	346	519	10105	635	638	290	178	1661	2638	75	2486	617	3142	122	24407	3142	122	24407	3142	122	24407					
Salisbury.....	3204	569	997	2833	5	5	147	17	95	297	110	624	11758	534	459	355	8	1304	2196	48	2749	818	3810	16	22751	3810	16	22751	3810	16	22751					
Wilmington.....	8008	1114	1745	3075	5	5	143	27	2330	1774	894	1850	18486	279	511	1108	124	2272	736	99	2330	919	4176	68	28875	4176	68	28875	4176	68	28875					
Total.....	1618	10275	2355	5789	9749	50	852	852	3338	865	3716	824	786	461	65	3988	2742	998	2575	51578	279	2318	2924	1240	366	6740	7188	247	9600	3072	14405	231	93680			
Totals for 1916	5357	15013	15013	3392	802	480	333	8520	3706	3047				2122	3354	1275	38																			
Increase.....	16052			322	22	256	128	65	468	29				279	196	430	267																			
Decrease.....	1833																																			

Note:—Denton reported \$15. for Domestic Missions too late for tabulation in above report.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY AND CHURCH EXTENSION STATISTICS.

DOVER DISTRICT.

Armory and Asbury—Edwin Gardner, Pastor.

Armory, \$5; Asbury, \$23\$ 28

Bethel—Tilghman Smith, Pastor.

Churches, \$10; Schools, \$70\$ 80

Blades and Epworth—J. Thomas Price, Pastor.

Schools, \$40\$ 40

Bridgeville—Howard Davis, Pastor.

Church, \$140; School, \$60\$200

Cambridge—S. N. Pilchard, Pastor.

Church and Schools\$340

Camden and Lebanon—Alfred Smith, Pastor.

Churches and Schools\$100

Canterbury—A. R. Brown, Pastor.

Church, \$10; Schools, \$40; Special Gifts, \$13\$ 63

Church Creek—Horace E. Truitt, Pastor.

Church, \$4; Schools, \$52\$ 56

Crapo—C. W. Moore, Pastor.

Churches and Schools\$200

Wesley—W. E. Gunby, Pastor.

Church, \$50; Schools, \$250\$300

East New Market—T. C. Smoot, Pastor.

East New Market Church and Sunday School, \$76; Cabin Creek
Church and Sunday School, \$33; Secretary Church and Sunday
School, \$26; Baraca Class, \$35\$170

Ellendale—John B. Kelley, Pastor.

Churches, \$80; Schools, \$40\$120

Elliotts Island—Charles H. Hudson, Pastor.

Church and School\$ 26

Farmington—John M. Kelso, Pastor.

Farmington Church, \$32; Farmington School, \$25; Prospect Church,
\$28; Staytonville Church, \$10; Staytonville School, \$12; Todd's
Chapel Church, \$24; Todd's Chapel School, \$21\$152

Federalsburg—F. C. MacSorley, Pastor.

Church, \$119; School, \$119; Sunday School (special) \$40; Passion
Week, \$27; Relief Fund, \$47\$352

Felton—W. E. Matthews, Pastor.

Felton Sunday School, \$91; Felton Church, \$72; Felton Epworth
League, \$14; Felton Public School, \$14; Manship Sunday School,
\$4; Manship Church, \$4; Masten Sunday School, \$1\$200

Frederica—W. W. Sharp, Pastor.

Church, \$60; School, \$238; Special, \$26\$324

Georgetown—J. W. Colona, Pastor.

Church, \$170; School, \$270\$440

Greenwood—E. B. Taylor, Pastor.

Trinity Church, \$81; Trinity Sunday School, \$10; Greenwood Church,
\$25; Greenwood Sunday School, \$46; St. Johnstown Church, \$10;
St. Johnstown Sunday School, \$5; Chaplain Church, \$20; Chap-
lain Sunday School, \$3\$200

Harrington—Louis E. Barrett, Pastor.

Church and School\$260

Hooper's Island—W. C. Buckson, Pastor.

Churches, \$32; Schools, \$18\$ 50

Houston—W. S. Grant, Pastor.

Churches and Schools\$110

Hurlock—L. W. Layfield, Pastor.

Church, \$140; School, \$100\$240

Lakesville—Charles W. Spry, Pastor.

Churches and Schools\$ 43

Laurel—F. F. Carpenter, Pastor.

Church and School\$300

Leipsic—C. H. Atkins, Pastor.

Churches and Schools\$ 20

Lewes—O. E. Jones, Pastor.Church, \$160; Epworth League, \$20; School, \$160; Pastor's Class
in Sunday School, \$10\$350**Lincoln—James H. Gardner, Pastor.**

Churches and Schools\$120

Little Creek—Thomas Pardee, Pastor.

St. James Church, \$20; Little Creek Church, \$20\$ 40

Magnolia and Barretts Chapel—Leolan Jackson, Pastor.Magnolia Church, \$27; Magnolia School, \$77; Barretts Chapel Church,
\$6; Barretts Chapel School, \$12; Bowers Church, \$2; Bowers
School, \$6\$130**Milford—R. K. Stephenson, Pastor.**

Church, \$300; School, \$300\$600

Millsboro—George R. Ellis, Pastor.

Churches, \$85; Schools, \$105\$190

Milton—Z. H. Webster, Pastor.

Church, \$72; School, \$128\$200

Mt. Pleasant—Harry Taylor, Pastor.Mt. Pleasant Church, \$25; Mt. Pleasant Sunday School, \$12; St.
Georges Church, \$16; St. Georges Sunday School, \$12; Kings
Church, \$20; Kings Sunday School, \$5\$ 90**Rehoboth—Disston W. Jacobs, Pastor.**

Churches, \$70; Schools, \$50\$120

Salem—Thos. S. Barrett, Pastor.Salem Church, \$15; Salem School, \$4; Linkwood Church, \$15; School,
\$4; Thompson Church, \$8; School, \$6; Griffith Church, \$10....\$ 62**Seaford—Jno. J. Bunting, Pastor.**

Church and School\$545

Seaford Circuit—D. J. Ford, Pastor.Bethel Church and School, \$110; Wesley Church and School, \$110;
Browns Church and School, \$60; Concord Church and School,
\$60\$340**Williamsburg—Wade H. Cummings, Pastor.**

Churches and Schools\$ 60

Wyoming—R. T. Coursey, Pastor.

Churches and Schools\$ 50

EASTON DISTRICT.**Bozman—W. W. Chaires, Pastor.**

Churches and Schools, \$75; Special Gift, \$10\$ 85

Burrsville—W. N. Conaway, Pastor.

Churches and Schools\$ 30

Cecilton—J. M. Mitchell, Pastor.

Churches and Schools, \$184; Jr. League, \$16; Special, \$4\$204

Centreville—J. R. Bicking, Pastor.

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

Chestertown—T. F. Beauchamp, Pastor.

Church and School\$475

Cheswold—W. H. Kenney, Pastor.

Church and School\$130

Church Hill—J. L. Sparklin, Pastor.

School\$100

Clayton—C. N. Jones, Pastor.

Church and School\$ 75

Concord—Melvin E. Wheatley, Pastor.

Church and School\$138

Cordova—Frank White, Pastor.

Church and School\$100

Crumpton—Geo. W. Stallings, Pastor.
 Double Creek, \$10; Union, \$33; Crumpton, \$47\$ 90

Denton—Clinton T. Wyatt, Pastor.
 Church, \$148; School, \$172\$320

Fairlee—John White, Pastor.
 Church and School\$120

Galena—J. W. Sutton, Pastor.
 Churches and Schools\$ 85

Greensboro—Howard T. Quigg, Pastor.
 Church and School\$180

Henderson—Lester E. Windsor, Pastor.
 Church and School\$ 16

Hillsboro—C. Turner Jones, Pastor.
 Hillsboro Sunday School, \$60; Ebenezer Church, \$50\$110

Kent Island—G. S. Thomas, Pastor.
 Stevensville Church, \$65; School, \$25; Kingsley Church, \$35; School,
 \$25; Senior League, \$5; Junior League, \$5; Trinity School, \$10. \$170

Kenton—J. L. Prettyman, Pastor.
 Church and School\$100

Middletown—J. W. Jones, Pastor.
 Church and School\$450

Millington—G. P. Smith, Pastor.
 Church and School\$ 86

Oxford—E. H. Derrickson, Pastor.
 Church and School\$ 55

Piney Neck—Alonzo Travers, Pastor.
 School, \$55; Church, \$15\$ 70

Pomona—Albert C. Smith, Pastor.
 Churches and Schools\$ 50

Preston—J. T. Richardson, Pastor.
 Schools, \$100; Churches, \$40\$140

Queenstown—Frank Brisbin, Pastor.
 Church and School\$102

Ridgely—W. E. Habbart, Pastor.
 Church and School\$160

St. Michaels—Leonard White, Pastor.
 Church and School\$175

Salem Circuit—Henry Covington, Pastor.
 Church and School\$ 50

Smyrna—George C. Williams, Pastor.
 Church, \$316; School, \$259; Landing School, \$3\$578

Smyrna Circuit—Milton McCann, Pastor.
 Friendship Church, \$56; School, \$45; Epworth League, \$10; Sever-
 son Church, \$14; School, \$6; Jerman Chapel Church, \$6; School,
 \$13; Epworth League, \$5; Junior Epworth League, \$3.....\$158

Still Pond and Betterton—Ranson P. Nichols, Pastor.
 Schools\$160

Sudlersville—L. P. Corkran, Pastor.
 Churches and Schools, \$120; Epworth League, \$5\$125

Townsend—Warren Burr, Pastor.
 Church and School\$180

Trappe—J. D. Reese, Pastor.
 Church and School\$ 85

Wye—W. B. Guthrie, Pastor.
 Church and School\$ 70

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Annemessex—J. E. Parker, Pastor.
 Churches, \$30; Schools, \$50\$ 80

Asbury—Vinal E. Hills, Pastor.	
School, \$625; Special, \$66	\$691
Berlin—W. Ernest Greenfield, Pastor.	
Church, \$80; School, \$120	\$200
Bishopville—Ralph C. Jones, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$110
Cape Charles—W. O. Bennett, Pastor.	
School, \$155; Epworth League, \$5	\$160
Chincoteague—L. B. Morgan, Pastor.	
School	\$144
Claremont—J. T. Graham, Pastor.	
School	\$ 55
Crisfield—Charles A. Hill, Pastor.	
Church, \$69; Junior League, \$2; School, \$336	\$407
Dagsboro and St. Georges—J. C. B. Hopkins, Pastor.	
Dagsboro Church, \$67; School, \$39; St. Georges Church, \$68; School, \$76	\$250
Deals Island—G. W. Hastings, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$281
Fairmount—A. W. Goodhand, Pastor.	
School	\$150
Frankford—C. W. Strickland, Pastor.	
Schools	\$130
Fruitland—Geo. F. Newton, Pastor.	
Church and Schools, \$120; Epworth League (special) \$17	\$137
Girdletree—E. H. Marshall, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$ 84
Hebron—W. M. McCann, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$ 30

Hollands Island—S. T. Horseman, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$ 20
Mardela Springs—W. Vaughn Moore, Pastor.	
Schools	\$ 36
Marion—George E. Sterling, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$ 50
Mt. Vernon—W. H. Revell, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$100
Nanticoke—W. F. Dawson, Pastor.	
Churches, \$100; Schools, \$50	\$150
Newark—J. A. Hudson, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$ 70
Ocean City—W. C. Poole, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$ 26
Ocean View and Millville—J. W. Fogle, Pastor.	
Ocean View School, \$93; Millville School, \$27	\$120
Onancock—O. T. Baynard, Pastor.	
Schools, \$160; Churches, \$19	\$179
Parsonburg—D. J. Moore, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$140
Pittsville—James L. Derrickson, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$ 75
Pocomoke Circuit—W. V. Harris, Pastor.	
Schools	\$ 27
Princess Anne—D. J. Givan, Pastor.	
Church and School	\$100
Powellville—M. W. Marine, Pastor.	
Churches and Schools	\$ 50
Quantico—Wm. P. Taylor, Pastor.	
Schools, \$88; Churches, \$12; Easter Offering, \$8	\$108

Roxana—J. M. Lindale, Pastor.

Roxana School, \$34; Church, \$20; Special, \$5; Sound Church, \$7;
 School, \$34\$100

St. Peters—Daniel Wilson, Pastor.

Churches and Schools\$100

Asbury, Salisbury—Joseph T. Herson, Pastor.

Special, \$145; Church, \$120; School, \$860\$1125

Grace, Salisbury—H. S. Dulaney, Pastor.

Church and School\$ 72

Selbyville—W. H. Briggs, Pastor.

Church and School\$200

Sharptown—W. Garfield Harris, Pastor.

School\$150

Snow Hill—L. E. Poole, Pastor.

Church, \$200; School, \$175\$375

Somerset—E. W. McDowell, Pastor.

Churches and School\$160

Stockton—Oren B. Rice, Pastor.

Stockton Church, \$13; School, \$100; Epworth League, \$12; Frank-
 lin City Epworth League, \$5; School, \$50; Runson School, \$27;
 Klej Grange School, \$8\$215

Westover—W. F. Atkinson, Pastor.

St. Pauls Church, \$15; School, \$20; Ladies Aid, \$5; Mt. Olive Church,
 \$15; School, \$15\$ 70

Whitesville—J. A. Buckson, Pastor.

Church and Schools\$115

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.**Bethel and Summitt—J. H. Wilson, Pastor.**

Churches, \$45; Schools, \$45\$ 90

Cherry Hill—J. F. Anderson, Pastor.

Cherry Hill Church, \$5; School, \$70\$ 75

Chesapeake City—M. D. Nutter, Pastor.

School\$ 60

Chester-Bethel—F. J. Cochran, Pastor.

Church, \$20; School, \$60\$ 80

Christiana—H. D. West, Pastor.

Churches, \$46; Schools, \$11\$ 57

Claymont—C. C. Harris, Pastor.

Church, \$29; School, \$30\$ 59

Colora—O. H. Connelly, Pastor.

Church, \$12; School, \$28\$ 40

Delaware City—Thos. N. Given, Pastor.

School, \$20; Church, \$40; Special, \$25\$ 85

Ebenezer—J. W. Gray, Pastor.

Schools\$ 70

Elk Mills—Charles D. Sharpless, Pastor.

School, \$30; Passion Week, (special), \$5\$ 35

Elkton—George P. Jones, Pastor.

Elkton School, \$422; Perkins Chapel, \$10; Couch's Chapel, \$10;
 Special Gifts, \$24\$466

Hockessin—D. F. McFaul, Pastor.

Church, \$40; School, \$35\$ 75

Hopewell—I. S. Whittaker, Pastor.

Church and School, \$85; Special, \$20\$105

Kirkwood—O. E. Walton, Pastor.

School\$ 5

Marshallton and Cedars—J. P. Otis, Pastor.

Marshallton Church, \$6; School, \$36; Cedar Heights Church, \$4;
 School, \$5; Self Denial Week, \$16\$ 67

Mt. Lebanon—J. H. Geoghegan, Pastor.

Church and School\$ 60

Mt. Pleasant—Hugh B. Kelso, Pastor.

Mt. Pleasant Church, \$110; School, \$40; Newark Union Church, \$46;
School, \$33; Bellefonte School, \$10; Holly Oak School, \$11.....\$250

Newark—E. P. Roberts, Pastor.

Church and School, \$235; Epworth League, \$5\$240

New Castle—J. H. Beauchamp, Pastor.

School\$250

Newport—A. Burke, Pastor.

Church and School\$155

North East—G. R. Neese, Pastor.

Church and School\$135

Perryville—Geo. W. Bounds, Pastor.

Church and School\$190

Port Deposit—F. X. Moore, Pastor.

School, \$150; Church, \$35; Junior Epworth League, \$5; Specials,
\$710\$900

Red Lion—R. T. Thawley, Pastor.

Church, \$15; School, \$20\$ 35

Rising Sun—A. P. Prettyman, Pastor.

Schools, \$90; Churches, \$110\$200

Stanton—Raymond W. Cooke, Pastor.

Church and School\$ 40

St. Georges—Geo. Emmett Wood, Pastor.

Church, \$37; School, \$28; Passion Week, \$11; Special, \$49.....\$ 76

St. John's—Julius A. Brewington, Pastor.

Church, \$50; School, \$50\$100

Zion Circuit—J. C. McCoy, Pastor.

Union Church, \$30; School, \$10; Calvert Church, \$20; School, \$20;
Zion Church, \$25; School, \$15; Ebenezer Church, \$20; School,
\$20\$160

Asbury—George White Dawson, Pastor.

Church, \$50; School, \$100\$150

Brandywine & Edgemoor—V. P. Northrup, Pastor.

Brandywine Church, \$49; School, \$183; Edgemoor School, \$23....\$255

Cookman—J. P. Outten, Pastor.

Church and School\$111

Epworth—J. Howard Gray, Pastor.

Church and School\$125

Grace—Herbert F. Randolph, Pastor.

Church, \$942; School, \$846; Special, \$33\$1821

Harrison Street—G. T. Alderson, Pastor.

Church, \$172; School, \$328; Special, \$144\$644

Hillcrest—A. L. White, Pastor.

Church\$ 10

Kingswood—L. M. Broadway, Pastor.

Church and School\$ 70

Madeley—E. H. Collins, Pastor.

Church, \$42; School, \$68\$110

McCabe Memorial—James W. Easley, Pastor.

Church, \$325; School, \$136\$461

Mt. Salem—Thos. R. VanDyke, Pastor.

Mt. Salem Church, \$321; School, \$120; Riddles Memorial School,
\$265\$706

Richardson Park—L. I. McDougale, Pastor.

Church and School\$ 95

St. Paul's—Vaughn S. Collins, Pastor.

Church, \$279; Self Denial Week, \$21; School, \$192; Berean Bible
Class, \$10; Christian Endeavor, \$10\$512

Silverbrook—Elwood W. Jones, Pastor.

School\$100

Union—W. F. Corkran, Pastor.

School, \$400; Church, \$70\$470

SECRETARY'S PAGE.

When elected thereto, I accepted the office of Secretary with a degree of reluctance. I keenly felt my inability to accurately and successfully perform the many and exacting duties of this office, but, commanded by my brethren, I pledge my best efforts in the performance of the task thus assigned.

The reports, etc., as published herein have been printed in detail, without being edited in the least by the Secretary.

The excellent report of the Laymen's Association was prepared by the Secretary, Mr. Clarence A. Short.

The Secretaries and Treasurer appreciate the courtesies of the Officials and Pastor of St. John's Methodist Episcopal Church, and the First National Bank of Seaford, Del.

I hereby acknowledge my appreciation of the helpful assistance rendered me by my predecessor, Rev. W. A. Wise, and the associate Secretaries.

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That I may know your wishes and may better serve you, I solicit a friendly line as to your approval or disapproval of the Journal as a whole, or any part thereof.

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DISSTON W. JACOBS,

Secretary.